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## One-Time

### 1. INTO THE STREETS!

Deadline: Oct 3

Description: Want to get INVOLVED with the Ithaca community?

Want to MEET and SERVE with over 1,000 Cornell students?

Want to VOLUNTEER for just one Saturday?

Want to be a part of Cornell's LARGEST service project?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then come join us on Saturday, October 25, 2008 as Cornell goes INTO THE STREETS to help over 40 local community agencies.

You can also volunteer to help with registration for INTO THE STREETS from 9am to 12pm in Barton Hall OR volunteer for the ROTC blood drive.

Contact: You can sign up as a group, with some friends, or by yourself on [www.psc.cornell.edu](http://www.psc.cornell.edu) and follow the INTO THE STREETS link, or come by the Public Service Center at 200 Barnes Hall, or stop at Carol Tatkon Center. Any questions, email [intothestreets@cornell.edu](mailto:intothestreets@cornell.edu).

### 2. Fall Harvest Festival

Location: P&C Foods on Hancock St.; Sciencenter

Time: Oct 13 @ 1:30-5pm

Description: Help the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County give back to their neighborhood and community during their annual Fall Harvest Festival for Kids The Sciencenter will be contributing a fun fall themed activity to share with the community. A two hour shift anytime from 1:30-5 is available, volunteers would need transportation to the site (P&C Foods on Hancock Street, behind the Sciencenter).

Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or [bjsiasoco@sciencenter.org](mailto:bjsiasoco@sciencenter.org).

### 3. Bookfest

Location: Sciencenter

Time: Nov 8 @ 10am-4pm

Description: Lead an Adventure through reading with the Sciencenter! This year's Bookfest theme is "Adventure by Book" and we'll be reading some great stories and assisting children with fun hands-on activities. There will be 3 shifts (10am-12, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm) and volunteers would need their own transportation to the site.

Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or [bjsiasoco@sciencenter.org](mailto:bjsiasoco@sciencenter.org).

### 4. Spin Opening Weekend

Location: Sciencenter

Time: Oct 10-13

Description: Help welcome our new exhibit Spin! Experience the human centrifuge, create your own mini laser show, and race various objects

along tracks as you explore the fun-and science-of rotation at the Sciencenter's new fall exhibition, "Spin." Special activities include creating beautiful "Spin Art" by dripping paint on a spinning platter, making a mini boomerang, designing spinning tops from recycled materials, and creating a miniature kite that spirals through the air to take advantage of the blustery fall weather.

Contact: For more info regarding time & shifts, please reach BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or [bjciasoco@sciencenter.org](mailto:bjciasoco@sciencenter.org).

5. Spooky Science!

Location: Sciencenter

Time: Oct 23 & 24

Description: Volunteers are needed both the night before (Thursday, October 23) to help "Spookify" the Sciencenter and the evening of (Friday, October 24) to staff the event. This year's Spooky Science is filled with Ghastly Experiments, Creepy Crafts, and all kinds of family fun. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for the setup night (Thursday, October 23, 5pm) or the Event Night (Friday, October 24, 4:45pm-8:30pm).

Contact: For more info, contact BJ R. Siasoco at 607-272-0600 x10 or [bjciasoco@sciencenter.org](mailto:bjciasoco@sciencenter.org).

On-Going

1. Habitat for Humanity

Location: Tompkins-Cortland

Description: Habitat strives to eliminate substandard housing by building simple, decent homes for hardworking families in need. We rely on volunteer labor as well as donations of money and materials from the community to make our work possible. Once complete, our houses are sold to a partner family for a fair price with a no-interest, low-rate mortgage. Families who may not be eligible for a bank mortgage often meet Habitat's requirements for homeownership.

Contact: If you, or someone you know, would be interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity or applying for homeownership, please send an email to: [tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org](mailto:tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org) (or simply reply to this message). Also, feel free to visit [www.tchabitat.com](http://www.tchabitat.com) to see pictures of our current project and learn more about us.

2. Church Relations Committee

Description: We at Tompkins Cortland Habitat for Humanity are looking to expand our Church Relations committee - will you join us? Volunteers on this committee will work to establish ties and regular communication with local religious institutions and their networks. The church relations team also encourages religious institutions to actively collaborate with us, and other faith groups, to support Habitat for Humanity via activities such as fundraisers, volunteering, partner family recruitment and support, etc. Good candidates for this committee will have an interest and willingness

to learn about Habitat and the ability to commit to Habitat's mission. These committee members should also be active in the local religious community. We are open to working with volunteers of any and all faith denominations.

Contact: If interested, please contact Shannon at [tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org](mailto:tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org).

## JOBS

1. Coordinator of Deaf Services  
Location: Regional Center for Independent Living and Center for Disability Rights (Rochester)  
Description: Bachelor degree preferred. Previous management experience desired. Candidate must be fluent in ASL and MSL. Deaf culture knowledge required. Reliable transportation and flexibility a must. Excellent written and communication skills. Supervise all staff that provides deaf services. Ensure that all staff is helping a person learn skills and get the support needed to pursue personal interests.  
Contact: For more info, please visit <http://www.rochestercdr.org/Employment.php>.
2. Deaf Communication Specialist  
Location: Regional Center for Independent Living and Center for Disability Rights (Rochester)  
Description: Develop and implement strategies to improve the participant's activities of daily living. Assist individual with expanding language & communication knowledge base. Assist treatment professionals to facilitate communication and reinforce treatment activities. Provide support for appropriate recreational outlets and activities. Complete paperwork necessary to chart progress of persons served. Assist staff members in communication using sign-language and deaf-related issues. ASL/MSL and minimum 6 months job related experience. Availability must include evenings, weekends, and overnights. Deaf or Hard of hearing preferred. Achieve and maintain SCIP-R certification and First Aid/CPR.  
Contact: For more info, please visit <http://www.rochestercdr.org/Employment.php>.
3. Immigrant Support Program Coordinator  
Deadline: Oct 3  
Description: Temp 3 month appt w/ possibility of renewal / Part-time. Provide day-to-day coordination of immigrant support program, which offers one-to-one support, mentoring and guidance to immigrants and refugees and their families in Tompkins County. Maintain records, provide client reports as required, track and report finances.

Contact: Send resume to Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga at 324 W. Buffalo St, Ithaca, NY 14850.

## INTERNSHIPS

1. Foundation for Sustainable Development

Description: The Foundation for Sustainable Development works directly at the community level to support the empowerment and capacity of grassroots organizations and the individuals they serve. Rather than supporting government and international entities, FSD partners with locally managed, locally founded community-based organizations (CBOs) who understand and represent the voice of their communities. Through building solid relationships and working side-by-side with local community leadership, FSD produces collaborative solutions that offer the greatest chance for sustainable results. In all, FSD works with over 200 CBOs in **Asia, Africa, and Latin America** to supply capacity, training, funding, and human resources for projects addressing **Microenterprise/ Microfinance, Environment, Appropriate Technology, Women's Empowerment, Human Rights, Health, Youth & Education, and Community Development**. FSD offers volunteer and intern abroad programs for university students, professionals, and retirees. Whether you are looking to gain development training and experience or want to share your own expertise, we are happy to speak with you about how FSD's programs can help you reach your goals.

Contact: For more info, visit [www.fsdinternational.org](http://www.fsdinternational.org) or call 415-283-4873 x12 for Andie Anderson.

## SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS (GRANTS)

1. Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program

Deadline: Mon, Nov 3

Description: The Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program, organized by Sustainable Tompkins, benefits small projects that encourage sustainable community initiatives. The program was established with \$5,500 in seed funding through a grant from a local foundation and will be awarding mini-grants quarterly.

Contact: For more info, call 607-275-0249 or email [elan@sustainabletompkins.org](mailto:elan@sustainabletompkins.org). Donations can be sent to Sustainable Tompkins, PO Box 596, Ithaca, NY 14851.

2. Robert S. Smith Award

Deadline: Oct 17

Description: The Robert S. Smith Award supports partnerships between grassroots or emerging community leaders and college or university students to jointly plan and carry out projects that strengthen Tompkins County communities. Working with the Natural Leaders Initiative (NLI), the Smith award solicits proposals from "everyday" or "natural" community leaders and helps to introduce these grassroots leaders to college or university students who want to partner with them to develop and carry out a project. Priority is given to project teams that include team members from local communities of color, immigrant communities, and/or low- and moderate-income communities. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded.

Contact: For more info, contact Margo Hittleman, Coordinator of the Natural Leaders Initiative at [mjh17@cornell.edu](mailto:mjh17@cornell.edu).

## MORE IDEAS!

1. Latino Heritage Month Celebration  
Location: Women's Community Building  
Time: Sat, Oct 4 @ 7-11pm  
Description: The Latino Civic Association of Tompkins County is hosting a dinner and entertainment. It is free entry! Food Provided by La Cocina Latina, RoyJosef Catering, & El Taino Catering: \$3 Adults/\$1 Children. Entertainment provided by Pablo Cohen - Classical Guitar, Juliana Rangel Posado - Guitar & South American Folk Music, Jose Carlos Huguet, Los Soneros - Afro-Cuban Sound. Come join us for this community celebration!  
Contact: For more info, visit [www.latinocivicassociationtc.org](http://www.latinocivicassociationtc.org).
2. Roller skating with Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Location: Cass Park Rink  
Time: Sat, Oct 4 @ 1-3pm  
Description: Purpose is FUN! and to help raise money to match more kids in the Ithaca area with Big Brothers and Sisters. PRICE: \$5.00 Per Person. Family of 4 or more: \$20.00. The price includes roller skate rental and admission. We will also have a raffle! ALL AGES...EVERYONE WELCOME! Bring a friend, family, co-worker, or anyone who wants to have fun.  
Contact: For more info, please contact Molly Bargar at 607-273-8364 x156 or [mbargar@cityofithaca.org](mailto:mbargar@cityofithaca.org).
3. Twist and Shout  
Location: Stewart Park Large Pavilion  
Time: Oct 4 @ 7-9:30pm  
Description: Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Ithaca Youth Bureau at "Dance in the Park" - featuring live music from popular local band Radio London.  
Contact: Radio London plays a wide variety of music popular from decades gone-by. The band says that song requests are welcome, often

attempted, and audience participation is encouraged. Tickets are \$10 per person. Ticket may be purchased at the door, or in advance at the Ithaca Youth Bureau, 1 James L. Gibbs Dr. Ithaca. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Ithaca Youth Bureau.

Contact: For more info, please contact Sandy Kim at [skin@cityofithaca.org](mailto:skin@cityofithaca.org) or 607-273-8364 x137.

4. Bereavement Support Group

Location: Nina K. Miller Hospicare Center, 172 E. King Rd, Ithaca

Time: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 5:30-7pm

Description: These groups offer a warm, supportive and confidential environment in which to meet and share with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. They're open to all people 18 or older regardless of whether or not their deceased loved one had received hospice services. Registration is not required but prompt arrival is encouraged and appreciated.

Contact: For more info, please call 607-272-0212.

5. Sustainable Health Care for All

Location: Unitarian Church Annex, 306 N. Aurora St

Description: Are you concerned about the lack of affordable health care? Do you wonder what local options and resources are available? Can we envision more comprehensive solutions together? Having healthcare options is a concern to most people, especially at a time of diminishing resources and rising medical costs. Join a panel of healthcare activists and experts in a discussion about current choices and those being developed by various groups who aim to have an influence on healthcare policy.

Contact: For more info, email [Bethany@sustainabletomkins.org](mailto:Bethany@sustainabletomkins.org) or visit [www.sustainabletomkins.org](http://www.sustainabletomkins.org) or call at 607-277-1241.