

## Community Service

At Albion College, we believe in the importance of improving our surrounding communities through acts of service. Getting involved in our community service projects allows students to engage in things they're passionate about, while making a positive impact in the lives of others. Service is an important part of the college experience here at Albion, and there are many ways to get involved!



### 5 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Improve your community and be part of a movement that's bigger than you.
2. Meet new people and make new friends.
3. Enhance your resume and expand your professional network.
4. Explore the Albion community and build meaningful relationships.
5. Take pride in knowing that you personally made a difference.

### Annual Projects

#### Adopt-a-Family

The Adopt-a-Family program seeks to bring happiness during the holidays to local families that would not otherwise have the ability to celebrate. Each volunteer group on campus "adopts" one or more families and purchases gifts for the family members. In addition, Albion Interfaith Ministries provides food for the baskets. Throughout the years, we have successfully brought joy to over 500 families.

#### Kids Against Hunger

Every year, students at Albion College gather in the Kellogg Center Stack to package rice, chicken, vegetables, and soy into a nutrient-rich meal for people around the world. One-third of the packaged meals stay in Michigan, one-third of the meals are dispersed throughout the U.S., and the remaining one-third are sent to different countries around the world.

A few examples of other programs we participate in on an annual basis include blood drives, Festival of the Forks, the Holland Park Project, and Albion Public Schools Tutors.

### Student-Led Service Organizations

We have many service groups on campus that are organized by the students, for the students. These groups include:

- Alpha Phi Omega
- Global Medical Brigades
- Habitat for Humanity
- Nwangi Project
- Student Volunteer Bureau

### What People Are Saying

"Much of the heart of our community, our spirit, our drive, and our ability to do physical labor... is aging. If it weren't for the students at Albion College who volunteer their time, we wouldn't be able to pull off some of

our major events like the Cardboard Classic wintertime sled race. The College students make events like this possible." – *Amy DeShon, former President/CEO, Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau*

"Albion College students assisted us with the Barnyard Bonanza at the Festival of the Forks last year, and again at the Halloween event. At the Barnyard Bonanza, we sold more tickets than expected because of the passion and excitement that those Brits created. For Halloween, student volunteers dressed up and passed out candy to the laughing children as they paraded through the gymnasium. Passion is a wonderful gift to have. It's contagious and stirs curiosity in others, resulting in people having the desire to join in. I am incredibly thankful to have the help from our Brits!" – *Brandy Eggleston, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones*

### How To Get Involved

For students looking to make a difference, we will make every effort to pair your particular interests to a specific service project. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Pam Schuler, Assistant Director for Service and Leadership, at 517-629-0433 or [pschuler@albion.edu](mailto:pschuler@albion.edu)

