



# Student-Led Best Practices

## Submitted by Bonner Congress Representatives

### **Name of Best Practice:**

Community Service Day (CSD)

### **College/University Name and Contact Information:**

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### **Background:**

Community Service Day was created to help inform students all over campus of the many opportunities they have for community involvement. Each semester we invite service organizations from all over Jefferson City and the surrounding areas to become involved. The objective of Community Service Day is to create awareness among our peers of community needs and opportunities for service.

### **What Makes This Unique:**

CSD is run totally by the Bonner students. Showcasing service sites involved with our center and campus efforts gives Carson-Newman students an opportunity to see the wide variety of ways they too can make an impact on their community.

### **How it Works:**

The success of CSD at Carson-Newman College has been based solely on the cooperation of the Bonner Scholars. The necessary positions vary semester to semester with the exception of the CSD director. This is one that changes year to year.

Positions and responsibilities are as follows:

**CSD Director:** This position is a must. This Bonner Scholar or Leader student helps in the planning and organization of the day. Pre-planning includes contacting the service organizations and asking for their participation. The CSD director is also responsible for making sure that all of

the respective positions are filled. (All are filled voluntarily).

**Greeters:** Greet students as they enter and explain CSD. Pass out door prize slips. Bonners are to sign up for time slots to rotate this position.

**Door Prizes:** Collecting the door prizes. Suggestions: contact local restaurants, businesses, and school bookstore for possible donated door prize items. (Open to creativity)

**Set-Up Crew:** Help set up tables, decorations (signs...etc) and assist the community reps. settle into their assigned table.

**Take-Down Crew:** Responsible for taking down the tables, decorations, etc.

### **Recommendations:**

Having a CSD every semester has proven to be very effective. Including a variety of service organizations is recommended. Remember your target audience (peers) and the wide variety of interest. Try to accommodate this as much as possible. In addition, the CSD Director position is generally one is selected and approved by the Bonner Director or Coordinator.

### **Supplementary Documents:**

N/A