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Program Name	Description	Population	Days/Times	Transportation/Distance	Contact Information
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<p>Student Ambassadors w/ Collegiate Scholars</p> <p>FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service learners this semester</p>	<p>Give a tour of your campus and engage with youth authentically! Scholars from Commodore John Rodgers El/Middle School are awarded a trip to UMBC for positive community behavior and scholastic achievement monthly! Spanish speakers invited</p>	<p>Pre-K through 8th Grade, 2 scholars per grade and their family members/teachers</p>	<p>Fridays Once a Month Times: 9:15am-12:30pm. Dates: 2/2/24, 3/8/24, 4/12/24, 5/3/24 Includes Lunch at True Grits</p>	<p>On-campus</p>	<p>amitchell@thecjrschool.org Call/Text: 414-732-0310</p> <p>SLCE contact Emily Passera FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service learners this semester</p>
<p>Creative Coders @ Arbutus Middle School 5525 Shelbourne Rd, Baltimore, MD 21227 Staff: Emily Passera</p>	<p>Explore mentorship with 4, 5, 6th graders in Computer Science. Teach scratch, Python, C++ using VEX robotics Kits</p> <p>FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service learners this semester</p>	<p>Middle school-aged young people</p>	<p>Thursday 3:00pm - 4:30pm FULL</p>	<p>Walking In-person</p>	<p>SLCE Contact: Emily Passera</p> <p>Email Student Coordinator Casey Hanks FULL</p>
<p>Arbutus Achievers @ Arbutus Middle School 5525 Shelbourne Rd, Baltimore, MD 21227 Staff: Emily</p>	<p>Tutor middle school students to prepare for high school and college readiness and create and lead activities that encourage leadership development.</p>	<p>Middle school-aged young people</p>	<p>Tuesdays and Thursday 3:00pm - 4:30pm FULL</p>	<p>Walking In-person</p>	<p>SLCE Contact: Emily Passera</p> <p>Email Student Coordinator Fuwaiz Khan FULL</p>

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Passera	FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service learners this semester				
Choice College Night Staff: Alexander Ballard	Engage with youth over dinner, an enrichment and recreational activity. During the dinner and recreational hours, volunteers engage in discussions with youth about the college experience. During the enrichment activity, students facilitate an activity for youth to participate in and learn/practice a skill.	Middle & high school aged students	Mondays, biweekly 5:00-8:00pm	On Campus Seeking 4-6 volunteers!	Meet with Alexander Ballard. Interview required Background Check required
Higher Achievement @ Lakeland Elementary-Middle 2921 Stranden Rd, Baltimore, MD 21230 Staff: Emily Passera	Higher Achievement closes the opportunity gap during the pivotal middle school years. By leveraging the power of communities, Higher Achievement's proven model provides a rigorous learning environment, caring role models, and a culture of high expectations, resulting in college-bound scholars with the character, confidence, and skills to succeed.	Middle school-aged youth *We do have a large Spanish-speaking or ESOL population at Lakeland, so any bilingual Spanish speakers would be amazing!*	Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 6:30pm Seeking 10 volunteers!	In-person Looking for drivers!	SLCE Contact: Emily Passera Onboarding & Clearance Process: Complete this brief application form Baltimore City Background check \$20 but reimbursed. Appointment must be completed by 02/15

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	We work are looking for brilliant, motivated mentors to help guide our scholars in their journey to high school readiness. Mentors dedicate at least one hour per week throughout the school year.				
UMB CURE @ University of Maryland Baltimore SLCE Staff: Alexander Ballard	CURE volunteers will assist our Middle and High School scholars as they engage in Saturday Academy programming. This will include STEM related projects and experiments, college and career readiness activities, math and reading tutoring, and icebreaker activities. Volunteers should aim to come to at least one session per month throughout the programming year so that they can get to know our scholars to serve them best. Our programming takes place on the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) campus at either 620 W Lexington Street or 16 S Poppleton Street.	Middle school and High School Sat: 620 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201 T/Th 16 S Poppleton St.	Saturdays (9:00am - 1:00pm) from October to May in-person Tuesdays or Thursdays 3:45pm - 6:45pm Location- UMB Community Engagement Center (16 S Poppleton St)	In-person Shriver van carpool UMBC Shuttle for T/TH available Driver needed for Tuesdays and/or Thursdays	SLCE Contact: Alexander Ballard Student Coordinator Suen
Walden Circle	At Walden Circle, we attend to the needs and interests of elementary school students in a Woodlawn neighborhood. We	Elementary & Middle School Students	Tuesday, Wednesday FULL, Thursday or Friday	Shriver van carpool provided Transportation	Meet w/ Emily Paul

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<p>2 Walden Cedar Court Gwynn Oak, MD 21207</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Emily Paul</p> <p>In need of volunteers for Tues & Thurs!</p>	<p>assist with homework, plan intellectually-stimulating activities, discuss emotional health, instill skills such as leadership and critical thinking.</p>		<p>3:30pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>available all days.</p>	
<p>Catonsville Elementary School and Relay Elementary School</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Emily Passera</p>	<p>“Elementors!” Mentoring program- Focus on social emotional learning and extra foundational academic skills support</p>	<p>Elementors will be paired with students in grades K-5 and work weekly to develop a relationship between the mentor and mentee. Students can participate in a variety of activities with their mentee including board games, sports, outside playtime, arts and crafts.</p>	<p>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Anyday Relay 11:00am - 2:00pm Anyday Catonsville 11:30am - 2:30pm 8-10 students per school Tutoring in classroom: 9:00-11:00am</p>	<p>Accessible via UMBC Transit and looking for more self-drivers</p> <p>Driver 1) Nate Tues 11:15-2:15 Driver 2) Jack Fridays 11:30am - 2:30pm</p>	<p>Jack Corcoran (jcorcor1@umbc.edu) Catonsville Elementary Questions</p> <p>Nate Cullen (ncullen1@umbc.edu) Relay Questions</p> <p>SLCE Contact: Emily Passera</p>

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<p>Morrell Park Elementary/Middle School https://www.mpems220.org/</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Emily Passera</p>	<p>Volunteers will work with Baltimore City elementary students (grades K-8th) on basic literacy, reading, and math skills.</p> <p>Service-Learning Opportunities: Volunteers will work 1:1 and in small groups with students to assist in basic literacy and math skills in-person.</p>	<p>Elementary and Middle School Youth</p>	<p>During school days Monday through Fridays. More specifics will be given by Ms. Lounsbury. (There is a dire need for weekly volunteers)</p>	<p>In-Person: Must have transportation</p>	<p>Meet w/ Emily Passera Students will contact Ms. Lounsbury and she will let them know where assistance is needed and how to start the process.</p> <p>Time needed to be placed: 2-3 weeks</p> <p>Background Check Req: Yes. Students will not have to pay for them (the school pays). Ms. Lounsbury will explain to students how to get/schedule a background check. In order to come into the building all volunteers must present a vaccination card OR negative covid test as well</p> <p>Orientation/ Training: Before volunteering, Volunteers will have contact with Ms. Lounsbury, and potentially the specific teachers. They will discuss the particular needs that the Volunteers will fill and attend an orientation with other interested tutors.</p>
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<p>Reading Partners</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Emily Paul</p> <p>Students will need to provide their own transportation to this site.</p>	<p>Reading Partners Baltimore is looking for volunteer tutors to help equip students with lifelong literacy skills. No prior teaching experience is needed to tutor, simply a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and one hour of your time each week. Reading Partners provides all the training to successfully tutor through their online tutoring program, either virtually or in-person, and covers the cost of your in-person background check at Baltimore City Public Schools headquarters.</p>	<p>Elementary School Youth in Baltimore City</p>	<p>Monday-Thurs 8am - 3pm, 1-HR weekly tutoring sessions</p>	<p>In-person</p> <p>Transportation not available.</p>	<p>Meet w/ Emily Paul</p> <p>For info about programs: https://readingpartners.org/our-impact/about-our-program/</p> <p>Steps to get started! (After you connect with EP) https://readingpartners.org/volunteer/</p>
<p>STEMCX</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Alex Ballard</p>	<p>https://www.stemcx.org/</p>	<p>Youth Tutoring</p>	<p>After-School/Evening time M-F</p>	<p>Virtual</p>	<p>Meet w/ Alex Ballard Application and Background Check will be required</p>
<p>Creative Coders</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Emily Passera</p>	<p>Calling all coders! The Creative Coders teaches students the basics of computer science through game programming in Scratch and with Robotics Kits.</p>	<p>Middle School Students</p>	<p>Fridays: 3:00pm - 5:00pm at Sisters Academy or</p>	<p>Transportation Provided</p>	<p>If interested, set up initial meeting with Student Coordinator CASEY HANKS chanks1@umbc.edu</p>

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	Robotics Competition and VEX Training included.		Thursdays 3:00pm-4:30pm Arbutus Middle School		SLCE Contact: Emily Passera
Sisters Academy SLCE Staff: Emily Passera FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service learners this semester	Support young women pursuing leadership and skill development in Chess Club (Tuesdays), General Study Skills (Wednesdays), or Speech and Debate (Fridays) or Robotics and Coding (Fridays)	Middle School Students	Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday Pick one day a week Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday 3:00pm - 5:00pm FULL	In-person: Sisters Academy, Transportation provided Wednesdays and Fridays	ghurley@sistersacademy.org Student Coordinator: Nardos Kebede FULL
Healthcare					
Program Name	Description	Population	Days/Times	Transportation/Distance	Contact Information
MS Aquatics at the Catonsville Y SLCE Staff: Alexander Ballard	Provide transfer help, flotation support, and conduct hands-on, one-on-one, passive, active, and resistive range of motion exercises in the water, and facilitate group water activities	Patients with chronic illnesses	Sundays 1:00pm - 3:30pm	In-person, Van Carpool Provided	Meet w/ Shefra Shah (sshah10@umbc.edu)

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<p>Trusted Ride @ Ascension St. Agnes Hospital</p> <p>SLCE Staff: Alex Ballard</p>	<p>The Ascension Saint Agnes Chaperone Program is heading into its second year and the demand for patient chaperoning services has greatly increased. Vulnerable patients are facing challenges to access medical appointments and we need volunteers to escort patients to medical appointments. Chaperones provide in-person and virtual support to older adults and persons with disabilities and gain valuable knowledge on the challenges facing the older population and the barriers to access health care.</p> <p>Students who are pursuing a career in healthcare and are interested in gaining experience with patients and the healthcare system and growing their professional network are</p>	<p>Adults</p>	<p>Flexible between 8:00am - 4:00pm in-person</p>	<p>No transportation provided- accessible via UMBC transit</p>	<p>Meet w/ Alexander Ballard</p>

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	welcomed to our team. We greatly appreciate your consideration; the ASA chaperone program is accepting applications NOW and welcoming students of all majors.				
St Agnes Hospital SLCE Staff: Alexander Ballard	Volunteers provide staff support	Patients	24/7	In Person	Meet w/ Alexander Ballard Complete an application, schedule an interview, go over scheduling, complete health requirements, clear background
University Of Maryland Medical Center SLCE Staff: Alexander Ballard	Volunteers provide staff support and assist with non-invasive functions that may include transporting, stocking, blood lab runs and other responsibilities.	Patients	24/7	In-Person Accessible via Downtown Shuttle	Meet w/ Alexander Ballard Complete an application, schedule an interview, go over scheduling, complete health requirements, clear background screening, complete compliance training and receive ID badge, tour and start date.

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<p>University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopedic Institute</p> <p>Staff: Alexander Ballard</p>	<p>This site has a number of opportunities. Please review this spreadsheet for numerous options:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aCBdieF5R8z8ZXdxlkgPnSYbTP51Mi5Y/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117006070086503059839&rtpUM Rehab & Ortho Program Descriptions.xlsxof=true&sd=true</p>	<p>Patients in a hospital and rehab setting</p>	<p>Numerous days and times: See Spreadsheet for each opportunity.</p>	<p>8 miles from UMBC; no transportation provided.</p>	<p>Meet w/ Alexander Ballard</p> <p>Requirements: Application; Video Interview; Paperwork; Vaccinations: (COVID, Flu, MMR, Varicella); TB test; Health Visit; Orientation</p>
<p>International Populations</p>					
<p>Program Name</p>	<p>Description</p>	<p>Population</p>	<p>Days/Times</p>	<p>Transportation/Distance</p>	<p>Contact Information</p>
<p>Esperanza Center</p> <p>Staff: Emily Paul</p> <p>FULL: This opportunity does not have the capacity for anymore service</p>	<p>We are seeking Volunteer-Teachers to teach ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) in both in-person and online settings for 10-week semesters in Fall, Winter, and Spring semesters in academic year 2024. Commitment by semester is required. Other collaboratively-planned non-teaching opportunities are</p>	<p>Adult English Language Learners</p>	<p>Monday thru Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>In person, transportation is offered Mon & Wed.</p>	<p>Meet w/ Emily Paul</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Casey Jillson</p> <p>SITE FULL - CHECK IN SUMMER 2024</p>

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<p>learners this semester</p>	<p>possible.</p>				
<p>International Rescue Committee</p> <p>Staff: Emily Paul</p> <p>THIS SITE IS PAUSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - check back in FALL 2024</p>	<p>The youth team at the IRC assists newly arrived refugee families with school enrollment and academic support. We are looking for volunteer tutors to assist our clients with homework and English Language Learning. Tutoring is individualized in a 1-1 format over Zoom. Students and tutors meet once a week for 1-2 hours at a time that works best for them.</p>	<p>Newcomer Youth, Youth English Language Learners</p>	<p>Weekly attendance required</p> <p>Tues, Wed or Thursday 4-5:30pm Virtual</p>	<p>In-person or virtual</p> <p>Student Carpool Needed for in-person</p>	<p>Meet w/ Emily Paul</p> <p>Site requires an Application, Background Check (\$30) and Proof of Vaccine.</p>
<p>Social Inclusion and Advocacy</p>					

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Best Buddies Staff: Emily Passera	UMBC female students to form one-on-one friendships to enhance the lives of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities	Adult Women	Saturdays 12:30 - 1:30pm	In-person, Van carpool provided	Meet w/ Emily Passera
VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Tax Preparation training dates: Jan 27 & Feb 3rd	VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free, on-campus tax return assistance to eligible individuals and families each Spring semester. Interest form	Adults & families	Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 4 hours shifts Starts Feb 10th for general volunteers	In-person, Apartment Community Center	Meet w/ Emily Paul Student coordinator: Riaz Chaudry
Animal Rights					
BARCS (Baltimore Animal Care and Rescue Shelter) Staff: Emily Paul	Dog Walkers and Cat Socializers Provide attention, care, and support to animals housed in this Baltimore city animal shelter to increase chances of adoption. Opportunities for laundry and toy enrichment stuffing/making.	Animal residents (dogs, cats, and other), and surrounding Cherry Hill Community Engagement	Self-drivers create own schedule Transportation offered Mondays, 1-3p.m. Fridays 3-5 p.m.	In-person @ shelter, 2-hr volunteering shifts weekly, 8 am - 6:30 p.m. Mon-Sat	Meet w/ Emily Paul Must be 18 or Over Must have Health Insurance Student Coordinator: Maya

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	Additional opportunity: Keeping Pets With Families , economic justice and community outreach initiative.				Maglocci
4H Staff: Emily Passera	NEW Crochet Teacher Wanted! Explore a social justice oriented art curriculum. Read more about 4 H youth leadership and personal development: https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/	Afterschool Program at Landsowne RAC Center	Monday-Friday for self driver Friday Afternoons Driver Available All days 3:45-5:00pm	1 Day of Transportation Provided	Meet w/ Emily Passera Baltimore County Background Check Process: Confirm driving date/time with Vernelle Hawkins
Sustainability/Food Access					
Access Art- FOOD DISTRIBUTION Staff: Emily Passera	Volunteers will help Morrell Park Neighborhood staff set up, distribute food and clean up for the weekly Health and Food Market which serves the Morrell Park community residents to help combat food insecurity in the neighborhood.	Community Members (Adults and youth)	Thursdays from 2:30 pm-5:00 pm	In-Person Transit will be provided One Seat Open!	Meet w/ Emily Passera Application Process: Students will contact Ms. Lounsbury and she will let them know where assistance is needed and how to start the process.

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	<p>Service-Learning Opportunities: Volunteers will attend weekly distributions to assist with the tables/market set up, assistance with organizing food boxes, distribution and clean up depending on the volunteer's schedule.</p>				<p>Time needed to be placed: 1 week</p> <p>Background Check Required: No, volunteers will be supervised by Access Art Community staff</p> <p>Orientation/ Training: Before volunteering, Volunteers will have contact with Ms. Lounsbury, They will discuss the particular needs that the Volunteers will fill and attend an orientation.</p>
<p>Baltimore Community Toolbank</p> <p>Staff: Emily Paul</p>	<p>The Baltimore Community ToolBank offers an inventory of tools—shovels, rakes, drills and so much more—to help nonprofit organizations, religious and educational institutions, community groups and their volunteers increase their impact.</p> <p>Working in community garden or protected land providing upkeep and maintenance, Assisting with tool maintenance, tool orders, and warehouse upkeep</p>	Nonprofit team	<p>Tuesday -Thursday 10 am - 2 pm</p> <p>Students must commit to one service date, but there is some flexibility.</p> <p>Pick no less than a 2 hour time period to serve <u>weekly!</u></p>	<p>IN-PERSON</p> <p>Transportation is not provided</p>	<p>If interested, set up initial meeting with: Emily Paul empaul1@umbc.edu</p>

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Pauls' Place Staff: Emily Paul	Paul's Place relies on volunteers to offer a wide variety of high-quality programs. Volunteers assist with many of our programs including Hot Lunch, Market Place, Nurses' Clinic, and our after-school programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. Volunteers also provide essential support for our fundraising initiatives.	Community members of all ages.	Monday -Friday 8 AM to 1PM Volunteers will attend weekly, same day and shift time.	In-person Currently no transportation is offered.	Staff: Emily Paul

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<p>Retriever Essentials @ UMBC</p> <p>Staff: Emily Paul</p>	<p>The goal of Retriever Essentials is to combat food insecurity at UMBC through providing access to free groceries, toiletries, and resources. As a volunteer, you will be supporting pantry operations, pantry maintenance, food distribution to different places across campus. You also may be asked to help with tabling events, social media, or photography for Retriever Essentials.</p>	<p>UMBC Campus</p>	<p>Sherman pantry: Wed, 11 a.m - 12 p.m. OR Wed, 3 p.m. - 4p.m.</p> <p>Thursdays Free Farmers Market “So What Else” Drop-off 1:45pm - 3:15pm</p> <p>Garden Project:</p>	<p>On-campus In-person</p> <p>-----</p> <p>NEW: Off campus opportunity - no transportation provided 424 S Pulaski St, Baltimore, MD Organize clothing and food donations at warehouse!</p>	<p>Meet w/ Emily Paul empaul1@umbc.edu</p>
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If you are enrolled in GLOBL/POLI 383, the following sites are approved for this course:

- Arbutus Achievers
- Higher Achievement
- Lakeland Elementary/Middle School
- Reading Partners
- Soccer Without Borders

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- Student Ambassadors
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