

Outreach Community Center of Carol Stream Learn-2-Earn Summer Youth Program

345 S. President, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Who We Are

The Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream (OCC) is a community-based program of Outreach Community Ministries. The Center is a multi-purpose, neighborhood resource center serving primarily the 6000 residents in the southern section of Carol Stream. The goal of the Center is to help the neighborhood residents work together to build a stronger community. This goal is achieved through a wide range of community services that assist people in making positive changes in their personal, family and community lives. Services include casework, counseling, summer and after school programs, tutoring, mentoring, and community development.

Outreach Community Ministries is an interdenominational community service organization, striving to put Christian faith into responsible action. The organization has been called into existence by local churches to respond supportively to the needs of young people and their families. The organization is committed to providing excellence in human services and demonstrating compassion for the whole person. Outreach Community Ministries also offers services through Warrenville Youth and Family Services (WYFS) and Wheaton Youth Outreach (WYO).

Learn-2-Earn Youth Program

The Learn-2-Earn Summer Youth Program provides educational support and teaches practical life skills necessary for success for students entering grades 7-9 who live in the South Carol Stream area. The goals of the program include the provision of academic enrichment; training in basic job readiness and social skills; the development of positive character and self-confidence through varied activities and relationships with staff and students; and the modeling and teaching of Christian values and faith.

The educational component of the program includes academic classes in Math, Language Arts, and Science/Social Studies. This component is also supplemented with classes in Christian Education, Life Skills and Cultural Arts. The community service component focuses on serving others in various ways, teaches basic job readiness skills and emphasizes the importance of teamwork. A point system is utilized in which students are awarded points based on their performance and conduct in both of these components. The tally of each student's points will determine the amount of a stipend he/she will receive each week. Other incentives in the program are swimming, fun/educational field trips, and the annual camping trip at Camp Timber-Lee in Wisconsin.

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Intern Responsibilities and Opportunities

The intern will receive learning experiences in the overall working of a Christian, community based social service agency. The intern will gain valuable knowledge of the issues confronting "at risk" youth and will gain experience working with a culturally and ethnically diverse population of youth. Although there is flexibility in designing the internship to fit the intern's academic and personal needs, interns will learn positive and effective discipline techniques, will be challenged in leading both small and large groups and will help with curriculum development and activity planning and implementation. Interns will have the opportunity to research topics such as job readiness for youth or other related topics. Interns will also work closely with staff, implementing goals and working through ideas and problems that may arise. In addition, the intern will also observe the holistic team approach to service which the Community Center practices.

Responsibilities may include:

- Develop and teach lesson plans
- Tutor students as needed
- Supervise, encourage, challenge and evaluate students at community service sites
- Plan and teach a Christian education class and lead morning devotions
- Facilitate team-building activities
- Organize and lead planned special events during the summer
- Actively participate in weekly staff meetings
- Program evaluation

Training and Supervision

The Intern will be supervised by the program staff. He/she will have the opportunity to join the OCC staff meeting to learn more about the many social services offered at the Outreach Community Center and their relationship to the L2E Program.

Hours

The program meets at the Outreach Community Center for nine weeks during June-August, Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. A stipend of up to \$2,000 may be available for the summer internship.

Requirements

Learn-2-Earn internships are available for BA or MA students in the social service, education or Christian education fields. Must have a heart for working with and ministering to students. Some volunteer experience preferred. Applicants must be supportive of the agency's statement of Mission and Faith.

For More Information, or to Apply

To inquire about all internship opportunities at OCM, Inc. or to apply, please contact:

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