**Service Opportunities - Virtual and Other  3/27/20**

The following list provides ideas and links to service opportunities and activities for HSU students, faculty and community partners to continue service in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students: to make any of these activities count for HSU Service Learning and Academic Internship course requirements, please work closely with your faculty first to ensure appropriate service and approved learning sites. For additional ideas specifically for these courses, please see our Remote Service and Internships webpage at [https://ccbl.humboldt.edu/remote-service-and-internships](https://ccbl.humboldt.edu/remote-service-and-internships) Be safe and healthy!

**Honor Cesar Chavez and the Day of Service – Tuesday, March 31:**

Cesar Chavez Day is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday, proclaimed by President Barack Obama in 2014. The Day of Service celebrates the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist Cesar Chavez, who was the founder of the United Farm Workers Union and pioneer in the struggles for fair wages and humane working conditions for farm workers and their families.

- Hold a virtual movie night and **stream the 2014 movie, Cesar Chavez** (Available on Amazon Prime, Hulu, YouTube, iTunes and more). Other movies include:
  - *Cesar’s Last Fast* by Richard Ray Perez and Lorena Parlee
- **Take a virtual tour of museum of the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument**
- **Visit the Cesar Chavez Foundation website**
- **Listen to audio from various events during the farmworker movement at the Farm Worker Movement Documentation Project**
- **Who was Cesar Chavez** has several resources, primarily geared toward K-12 but could be adapted for a college-setting.

**Virtual:**

- [How to Get Involved with Virtual Volunteering](https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/9-places-to-volunteer-online-and-make-a-real-impact) – includes established virtual volunteer programs at organizations like the United Nations and Red Cross, to “Share Your Story” and “Take Online Action.”
- QuarantineChat - Chat by phone with quarantined people around the world. It’s private - use your phone number to sign up for Dialup, but your matches will only ever see your username; all calls are end-to-end encrypted: [https://quarantinechat.com](https://quarantinechat.com) More info: [https://news.artnet.com/art-world/artists-quarantine-chat-1800033?fbclid=IwAR0bmKlKlj3vk7mRfbGGgYWwvdSYbKeFOMkPCPMRkXTan7ZSh5mRDPdg](https://news.artnet.com/art-world/artists-quarantine-chat-1800033?fbclid=IwAR0bmKlKlj3vk7mRfbGGgYWwvdSYbKeFOMkPCPMRkXTan7ZSh5mRDPdg)
- Prisoners now more than ever can use a friend - make a connection and impact someone’s life today by becoming prison Pen Pal. [https://www.blackandpink.org/penpal-sign-up](https://www.blackandpink.org/penpal-sign-up) This website provides excellent guidelines and tools for anxiety-free communication, such as “jmail.” Black and Pink’s mission is to abolish the criminal punishment system and to liberate LGBTQIA2S+ people/people living with HIV who are affected by that system, through advocacy, support, and organizing.
- Make a difference and help someone request their voting ballot by mail today. The impact of COVID-19 can be seen all around, but don't let it interfere with making our voices heard: [https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/)
- Points of Light Foundation lists virtual opportunities: [https://www.pointsoflight.org/virtual-volunteering-opportunities/](https://www.pointsoflight.org/virtual-volunteering-opportunities/)

**Hands-On and other – please observe social distancing and other recommended COVID-19 best practices:**
● Food for People, the Humboldt County Food Bank, recently experienced a sewage crisis and is now operating out of a new facility in Eureka – all of this amidst the pandemic. Check out how you can help, here: http://foodforpeople.org/content/you-can-help

● Redway, CA – Healy Senior Center needs extra volunteer help to ensure seniors are well-fed during the pandemic. If you are under 65 years old and have time to donate to the Healy, please fill out this form and they will reach out to you. https://www.healyseniorcenter.org/

● Walk on a local trail or in a park and pick up trash. Please use gloves and dispose in closed trash bins!


General ideas – as an exercise, or coordinated with a community agency, depending on organizational capacity:

● Conduct project-based or indirect activities to meet community priorities and course requirements

● Design a continuity plan for a nonprofit or business

● Conduct a needs assessment or SWOT analysis for a community partner

● Record and stream performances or workshops to benefit community partner

● Conduct research on organizations or issues in the community and create a video presentation of their research. Students can create informative videos about resources for one another and post to a youtube channel. The HSU Library offers a number of Online SkillShops related to making videos.

● Create digital and other social media content, print program materials, or other methods for information-sharing

● Undertake assessment, evaluation, or feedback via phone or web-based services

● Offer, compile, research, brainstorm strategies for the organization’s volunteers to provide indirect support services as a result of coronavirus

● Conduct virtual or phone-based educational supports for youth and adults

● Create GIS maps for partner info-sharing purposes, websites, presentations, etc.