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**2007-2008 NEW YORK STATE LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA:  
K-12 SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM  
SERVICE LEARNING ROSTER**

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Number of Students 1,400  
Partnering Organization Area Educational, Public Safety, Human/Environmental,  
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**Description:** Over 1,400 students from grades K-12 participate in the **STAR** program (Serving Together Achieving Results), an integrated service learning experience that positively supports and impacts a wide range of needs in Fredonia and Northern Chautauqua County. Service learning activities enhanced by partnerships such as the Shared Care Senior Center, the WCA Home, Boys and Girls Club, Town of Pomfret and local cemeteries, the Audubon Society, Niagara Falls Aquarium, bags for orphans in Russia and peer-tutoring situations support each student's evolving personal and social skills. Web site at <http://www.fredonia.wnyric.org>.

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Number of Students 1,600  
Partnering Organization Area Education

**Description:** High school volunteers perform meaningful community service in this district wide program by helping combat illiteracy, while making a difference in their community. Students tutor at-risk elementary and middle school students, design and edit a peer newsletter, and create peer lesson review processes and best processes plans.

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Number of Students 650

Partnering Organization Area Educational, Public Safety, Human/Environmental

**Description:** Powerful education strategies: mentoring and service learning have been incorporated to increase community involvement, academic motivation, diversity, and career awareness of West Valley Central School students. Students are active in various service projects from the building of intergenerational relationships through activities of senior citizens, mentoring and peer tutoring to recycling and community beautification.

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Number of Students 1,200

Partnering Organization Area Human/Environmental

**Description:** Pioneer/FFA Club students increase their skills in leadership, communication, team building, research, while helping their environment through participation in community and school-based presentations focusing on local environmental issues, such as wildlife and watershed protection, promoting growth of several plant species and community awareness.

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Number of Students 2,000  
Partnering Organization Area Education

**Description:** Students and teachers will form partnerships with various community agencies including the Albion Betterment Committee, Oleans Head start, Albion Police Department, and the First Presbyterian Church Nutrition Program for the Elderly. The results of these partnerships will increase understanding among all participants and help provide students experiences that facilitate skills to become active learners in life. The program has been successful at the middle school level. This year it will expand district wide and begin to develop in the elementary and high school.

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Number of Students 300  
Partnering Organization Area Education

**Description:** The emphasis of the program involves students providing service to the community as trained volunteers at a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Since the District has its own co-generation power plant our middle/high school is the premier location for a county shelter should weather or other destruction force residents from their homes.

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Number of Students 4,000  
Partnering Organization Area Education

**Description:** "Do Something Great" is a school-based program that provides service-learning opportunities to students in grades K-12. The program strives to strengthen the students' character development, underscore literacy and leadership skills, foster civic responsibility, and provide meaningful curriculum-based service learning projects.

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Number of Students 2,000  
Partnering Organization Area Public Safety, Human/Environmental

**Description:** The Community Corps operated at SRA at Beard School in collaboration with the Center for Community Alternatives Inc., involves alternative school students suspended from school for behavioral reasons in positive curriculum-based service learning and community service. Students serve their community through beautification efforts, a school newspaper, feeding the homeless, providing companionship for the elderly and Violence Prevention, as well as HIV/AIDS Peer Education.

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Number of Students 2,000

Partnering Organization Area Educational, Human/Environmental

**Description:** Students participate in literacy-related service projects featuring collaborations between senior citizens and student volunteers as part of their curriculum.

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Number of Students 1,500

Partnering Organization Area Educational, Public Safety, Human/Environmental

**Description:** Students in eight schools are involved in the **Positive Citizens Plus Program** which broadens their knowledge of community needs, increases civic responsibility, and strengthen their learned life skills through collaborations with 19 community-based organizations. Students are engaged in beautification projects, mediation, visiting hospitalized children and elderly adults, etc.

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Number of Students 255  
Partnering Organization Area Human/Environmental

**Description:** Students participate in projects such as the **Youth Gardening Project** while strengthening their own educational growth and enhancing social skills through focused service learning projects such as environmental stewardship; nutrition/health, community improvement, JMetc. Projects include a reading buddy program for pre-k, kindergarten and first graders, and a mentoring program and a mural project in coordination with disabled artist/volunteers from the community.

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Number of Students 400  
Partnering Organization Area Educational, Human/Environmental

**Description:** Students in the curricular areas of Social Studies, English, Arts, Health, Physical Education, Career Development, and Occupational Studies fill-in needs that are currently unmet in the Little Falls area. Through collaboration with YMCA, Little Falls Civic Club and Van Allen's Nursing Home, students will develop/enhance their character, self-esteem, and become better participating residents, while helping their community.

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Number of Students 2,870  
Partnering Organization Area Educational

**Description:** Students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> and junior and senior high school students as well as adult mentors and role models from community organizations volunteer together in service learning projects. They foster a greater understanding of the community and at the same time help organizations in their community help those in need. Projects include tutoring younger students, visiting nursing homes with student made gifts and performances. They also research and interview heroic figures in the community, research and publish facts about Utica, develop community gardens, make and send greeting cards to servicemen, prisoners and shut-ins. The program partners with Utica College, the Youth Bureau, the Business Training Institute and Kids Against Pollution.

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Partnering Organization Area Educational, Human/Environmental

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Number of Students	1,200
Partnering Organization Area	Educational/Human, Environmental

**Description:** Correlating service-learning projects with our Character Education initiatives in the elementary school, providing stimulating service projects in the secondary school (6-12) and integrating special area teachers into our service learning programming provides substantial service learning opportunities for all students. We use a combination of individual class, grade level and cross-curricula service plans, have after-school opportunities for service grades 6-12, and continually develop new partnerships with the community at large. Visit our web site at: <http://www.brittonkill.k12.ny.us/esweb/svclrng/index.htm>

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Number of Students 800  
Partnering Organization Area Environmental

**Description:** The purpose of this project is to expand and implement a program where students of Farnsworth Middle School become agents for the ecological restoration of Karner Blue habitat and enhance community awareness and education about Pine Bush, bio-diversity and ecological restoration.

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Number of Students 600  
Partnering Organization Area Human/Environmental

**Description:** Occupational education students in partnership with community organizations develop and enact service-learning projects that positively impact their community.

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Number of Students 3,300

Partnering Organization Area Educational, Public Safety, Human/Environmental

**Description:** GIVE—Building Community Through Service is a service learning collaboration that includes the city districts of Troy, Albany, Schenectady and the suburban/rural districts of Scotia and Schodack. GIVE brings students together to share reflection and service experiences in agencies that have demonstrated expertise in serving the needs of the disabled, elderly, and poor as well as the need or the environmental well being, physical safety and adequate education of community members. GIVE demands that students connect their academic learning to an expanding awareness of the outside world. The GIVE program integrates all ages, races, cultures ability levels and social strata. Students gain self-respect and a sense of civic responsibility. All students have equal opportunity to succeed.

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Number of Students 5,200

Partnering Organization Area Educational, Human/Environmental

**Description:** Communities As Classrooms Using Conservation Advisory Commissions (CAC)<sup>2</sup> K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in the needs assessments, development and implementation of **Watershed Based** education projects that addresses community and regional-based environmental/health and safety issues. Throughout this project student's partner with community leaders in teams that utilize geographic information systems, conflict resolution, journal keeping, media program production, and basic research techniques to fill unmet needs in the community.

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Partnering Organization Area Educational, Human/Environmental

**Description:** The Yonkers Public School implements a Service Learning Program within its five high schools, one middle school and one elementary school. It provides students with opportunities to learn through application of academic knowledge, to develop a sense of self-worth, and to build a commitment to helping others. The primary program is the Community Wellness Center that stresses the maintenance of health and the prevention disease for all individuals. The Center is a service-learning project for the students in the Medical Magnet who received rigorous training by professional advisory personnel in various health related areas.

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Number of Students: 700  
Partnering Organization Area Human Educational, Environmental

**Description:** The Academy of Urban Planning and the Green School is a new program this year. Activities to be performed in their service learning program include: community park renovation, establishing Bushwick Radio, environmental leadership, food systems assessment, a mural building project, virtual timeline project, project studying immigration project, as well as a project working to improve parts of the city subway.

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Partnering Organization Area Educational

**Description:** Middle school students in home and careers, and computer classes enhance their learning through applying their skills to "real world" situations. Service learning components include 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who develop their entrepreneurial abilities by owning and operating their own temporary service agency to provide services to the school community, while also participating in weekly reflection seminars, and community mediation training.

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Number of Students 2,000  
Partnering Organization Area Educational

**Description: SPARC (School Partnership Collaboration)** is a service-learning network of schools that encompasses a wide range of students (K-12), educational settings and geographic areas. Students from different schools work together in Multi-Community Exchanges which provide student leadership and service opportunities to students that address homelessness, needs of the elderly, special needs individuals, etc. Each school runs their own individual service program.

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Number of Students	2,250
Partnering Organization Area	Human

**Description:** Teachers will receive small grants of \$250- \$500 to develop curriculum based serviced projects with a reflection component that relates to one of the areas of identified needs. These needs include feeding the hungry; reducing bias and discrimination, maintaining the environment, and meeting the needs of the growing senior population.