



# Student Programs

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) knows that today's youth volunteers are tomorrow's adult volunteers and offers programs that encourage, motivate, and inspire youth to make a difference in their communities. The impact of youth volunteerism is significant for the American society:

- Young people volunteered at about twice the rate of adults with 55%, compared to 29% of adults. (About.com)
- 21% of 16-19 year olds volunteer. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008)
- Youth spend an average of 42 hours annually volunteering. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008)



**Volunteer PowerCrew™** provides an avenue for teachers and students to come together through the youth web site at [www.powercrew.org](http://www.powercrew.org), where they can develop and maintain volunteer projects and search for local volunteer opportunities. A bimonthly e-newsletter, Volunteer PowerNews, provides additional volunteer information as well as awards, scholarships, grants and more for youth, educators and parents.



**ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program (CSJP)** introduces college students to the importance of the nonprofit sector in our society. Although the program is nationwide, VCNT has administered the program in Dallas County, since 1991. The eight-week CSJP program gives students an opportunity to learn about community needs and the broad range of services offered by local social, health, and cultural nonprofit organizations.



**ExxonMobil Green Team** provides paid summer internships and a study program for high school students. Launched in 1981, ExxonMobil has invested more than \$6.1 million locally, enabling 60 high school juniors/seniors to participate as Green Team Ambassadors for eight weeks. Teams of students work with local nonprofit organizations to promote environmental awareness or develop environmentally-focused projects. Students also take courses at Southern Methodist University and participate in weekly reflection activities and educational field trips.



**Bank of America's (BoA) Student Leaders Program** cultivates future leaders to support and sustain the growth of vibrant neighborhoods. Five high students in their junior or senior years are selected in each of BOA's 45 markets and to participate in an eight-week paid, summer internship with selected nonprofit organizations where they develop leadership skills through hands-on work experience. Students also participate in a week-long, all expense paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to interact with civic, social, and business leadership through the Close-Up Foundation.

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