Community Partnership Development:
Managing Toward Reciprocity not Revolving Doors

Current Partnership Snapshot

Top Highlights from 2016-2017

- Quarterly Community Partner Advisory Board Meetings
- 8 on campus Community Engagement Fairs across 4 campuses
- 3 speed networking opportunities; 9 customized Service-Learning course conversations with Community Partners
- 8 Community Partnership Development Workshops covering topics such as: OrgSync Support, Outcomes Based Accountability, Risk Management, Volunteer Management, Student Development and Inclusion
- Multiple formal and informal assessments and feedback loops: Service-Learning feedback survey each semester, The Why behind Partnering (49% response rate)
- Semester Customized Activity Status Emails for each partner

109 Official Thayne Center Partners

- Connected with our Engaged Departments, Student Leaders in Civic Engagement, AmeriCorps, America Reads, and more!
- Increased commitment and engagement with Campus, more engaged with Service-Learning Courses
- Access to general volunteers, eligible placement for full time employee Community Engagement Leave, signed MOU on file

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Thayne Center Program Evaluation Findings

Half of the community partners think the Thayne Center helps to expand their Capacity

69% of the respondents are very likely and 25% are likely to continue with the Thayne Center

Volunteer recruitment is the primary motivation for 50% of partners

50% of partners think the Thayne Center has helped with awareness

Networking events are beneficial for 86% of partners

Half of the partners are not getting enough volunteers

Capacity building is “Raising awareness about our organizations and what we do for the larger community”

Requirements for Tier 3 should be changed

What is the value of the requirements or events for the partner?

At the Thayne Center we cultivate capacity-building relationships with community organizations, facilitate service-learning opportunities, and coordinate service leadership programs for students who are out to change the world.

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