PUBLIC SERVICE DAY PROJECTS 2016: Saturday, August 20th*
The Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC)

Each of the 6 projects, described below, has been organized by vibrant student groups at Fordham Law. Projects involve 2 to 6 hours of work. No prior experience needed for any activity.

**Sign up at** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDay2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDay2016)

**Questions?** Contact Leah Horowitz in PIRC at lhorowitz2@law.fordham.edu

**DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION & MEETING TIMES/LOCATIONS** (*All projects take place on Sat., August 20th with the exception of the Consumer Debt Awareness Project which meets on Thurs., August 18th.*) All groups will meet up at the Law School in the PIRC Student Groups Room (LL-101) where there will be coffee and a light breakfast, unless otherwise indicated.

**Arts, Crafts and School Supply Giveaway at a WIN Shelter:** Come join the Housing Advocacy Project (HAP) for a fun afternoon giving out back-to-school supplies and doing arts and crafts projects with children at the WIN shelter in Queens. WIN provides holistic services for homeless women and children, including dedicated shelters, childcare, healthcare, education, job placement and permanent housing. Meet at 11am at the Law School (Room LL-101). We will leave at 11:30am sharp to travel to the Queens shelter. Project will end at 4:30pm. **Sponsored by HAP.**

**Career Development at Dress for Success:** Join the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) for a day of volunteering with Dress for Success, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women attain financial independence through career development services. We will be assisting with their big collection day, taking clothing donations and sorting them appropriately. The group will meet at the Law School (LL-101) at 9:30am. We will leave the law school at 10:00am sharp, travel to the midtown office together and work from 10:30am-4pm. **Sponsored by DVAC.**

**Consumer Debt Awareness Project:** The United States, both the country and its people, carry a significant amount of debt. New York City is no different, but other factors such as the cost of living and the job market are. Many New Yorkers struggle to repay the debts that they have. Moreover, there are many predatory lenders and debt collectors contributing to the mayhem. Join the Consumer Law Advocates to observe the CLARO clinic in action at the Manhattan Civil Courthouse! With the opportunity to hear more from a consumer law expert with a breadth of experience, this is an excellent chance to learn more about the problems facing New Yorkers, and what can be done to help and how you as a law student can contribute. Record your observations, share your thoughts, and contribute to a pool of potential resources and solutions. Our team meets in the Law School cafeteria on **Thursday, Aug. 18th** at 5:00 PM and then travels downtown to the Civil Court together. The CLARO clinic begins at 6:00PM and lasts about two hours. **Sponsored by Consumer Law Advocates (CLA).**

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore Event:** We will spend the day volunteering with Habitat for Humanity NYC at one of their ReStores. Founded in 1984 as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat NYC builds in the five boroughs of New York City, building homes for ownership by families and individuals in need. We will spend the day helping the ReStore employees organize goods for sale and ensure the store is ready for consumers. We recommend wearing clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. We will meet at Fordham Law School (LL-101) at 8am and travel there together. **Sponsored by Fordham Law and NYC Chapters of Habitat for Humanity.**

**Health Clinic Escort:** Many women in NYC get their medical care (whether pre-natal, STI prevention, check-up, family planning, or, sometimes, abortive services) from various clinics. To receive this care, women sometimes have to walk through a gauntlet of abortion protesters who attempt to intimidate, physically block, and shame patients. After a short training, volunteers will provide a bright face to escort patients past protesters to the clinic, and report any illegal activity to the ACLU. We will meet at the Law School (LL-101) at 6am and travel together to the **Choices Women's Medical Center 147-32 Jamaica Ave, Jamaica, NY.** Volunteers who live closer to the clinic can meet us there (after coordinating by email). Project will end at 11am. **Sponsored by If/When/How Lawyering For Reproductive Justice.**

**Resilience Advocacy Project (RAP): Youth Advocacy Training:** Are you interested in Youth law and advocacy? Race relations? Sexual health and rights? Education Law? Do you have a background in education or social work? If so, come learn more about RAP and its mission by participating in a youth advocacy training! This fun, interactive training provides you with the background you need to volunteer as a group facilitator through RAP's many youth advocacy workshops. RAPs workshops run throughout the semester and address contemporary legal issues of critical importance to young people in NYC, ranging from stop and frisk to sexual health justice. The workshops also provide teens the opportunity to design and implement Community Impact Projects that serve as tools to educate their peers about the issues they have studied. This Service Day training session which will give you the background you need to serve as a volunteer youth facilitator for RAP's innovative youth programs. While attendance at this training makes you eligible to participate in RAP's workshops throughout the semester, participation in RAP programming is not required beyond the 4 hour service day training. Food will be provided. 11am-3pm in Batemen (2nd Fl of the Law School, meet there). **Sponsored by Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights (ASHR).**