

**Agency Updates/Information from Community Forum, March 2 2005  
Community Service Learning Program**

This is a partial listing of local agencies and needs that were identified at a March, 2005 Community Forum in Acton. This was a brainstorming session to identify ways that students and classroom projects might address some agency needs.

**Natural Resources**, Acton. Director, Tom Tidman, 264-9631, email:  
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Help is needed in following areas: self guided tour for the Arboretum; help with NARA Park, Land Stewards and Bluebird Recovery Program. Over 1500 acres of conservation land. Wildlife enhancement.

**Council on Aging**, Carol Steiner, Acton. 264-9643. email:  
[csteiner@town.acton.ma.us](mailto:csteiner@town.acton.ma.us)

Project idea - classroom grand parenting. Center organizes "Friendly visitors" for 1 hour per week, handyman services, bilingual programs. Center has a craft fair in the spring, students could make crafts to be sold to benefit senior center. Barbara Winders organizes volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program in Acton and hopes that a school/grade/class will again become involved with meal delivery. She would be happy to discuss the program needs as well as how the curriculum might include it as a more broad community service learning project involving nutrition, visiting, socialization, responsibility and service to home bound seniors. Barbara is available M-F 8-1:30 to speak with interested people as well.

**Science Discovery Museum**, Denise LeBlanc, 264-4200, email:  
[dleblanc@discoverymuseums.org](mailto:dleblanc@discoverymuseums.org)

Design and present program to younger children; build prototypes for science; animal garden guide needed.

**Inn at Robbins Brook Assisted Living**. Lori Kalinoski, 978-264-4666. email:  
[lkalinoski@robbinsbrook.com](mailto:lkalinoski@robbinsbrook.com)

Assisted living facility, not a nursing home - still very active population, but not independently active. Generally not interested in writing letters. Can handle large groups of visitors; Douglas school, 6 weeks go to the Inn. Many retired professors, lots of people resources; they have a van that can transport 12 adults to visit a school.

**Acton Life Care Center**, Stephanie Burton, Stephanie Burton or volunteer coordinator, 978-263-9101.

Van available to take 12 residents out. Record histories. Large art mural needed.

**LTC Dad: Support for Soldiers and Iraqi Schoolchildren**. Beth Petr, Phone 263-7208, email: [bpetr@worldnet.att.net](mailto:bpetr@worldnet.att.net)

900 school bags sent with supplies; notes, cards, letters to soldiers. Drop off point on her porch. Willing to work with classroom, teachers. Has large display of letters from soldiers and photographs from Iraq.

**Acton Food Pantry**, Lisa Robb, 264-4246, email: [lisa.rob主@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.rob主@verizon.net)  
Food Pantry and Community Supper, Serves Acton and abutting towns. 75-80% of clients from Acton and Boxborough. Gently used clothing closet. 130-135 pick up food supplies on a weekly basis, serves 250-300 clients total. Community Supper- generally older clientele, 50-60 attend per week. Bags of goodies, placements, etc. for supper, nutrition lists for Pantry.

**Acton Water Department**, Jane Ceraso, 263-9107. email: [jceraso@actonh2o.com](mailto:jceraso@actonh2o.com)  
Environmental manager, school education and outreach program coordinator. Will work with any school groups on water related units, where from, quality, quantity and conservation. Packaged lessons, open to new projects. Special events – science fairs, Merriam Theme Days, science hydrology project, Earth Day. Participates in job shadowing program at high school, water dept has student interns. PIP project Math in a Bag, co-sponsor “Water Conservation in a Bag.

**Household Goods and Recycling Ministry**, Ira and Barbara Smith, 263-5929. email [irasmith@hgrm.org](mailto:irasmith@hgrm.org)  
HGRM provides furniture and household goods to needy residents in a large targeted area. Students can organize a targeted drive, such as for gently used towels or pots and pans. Students can then shelve their donations and help organize and take a tour of the HGRM facility.

**Bluebird Recovery Program**, Gigi Hopkins, 369-8720. email [dottyrogers@netscape.net](mailto:dottyrogers@netscape.net)  
Works with Tom Tidman in Acton Conservation and Boxborough to increase the native bluebird population. Bluebird boxes needed. Education, awareness of native vs. non-native species.