Students from the California State University, Chico College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management and a Board of Community Advisors, invites community organizations to submit community service projects.

**Background**

California State University, Chico students have established a Winter Break tradition of giving. Students spend months organizing and preparing for a week of service to the community during the last week of Winter Break leading into their Spring Semester. Winter Break community service projects in 2006, 2007 and 2008 were dedicated to the clearing of debris and rebuilding of homes in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. During 2008’s pilgrimage to New Orleans, 117 students re-built 14 homes. In 2009, student’s brought New Orleans home to Chico and responded to the needs of the fire survivors in the community of Concow devastated by firestorms during the summer of 2008. Winter Breaks in 2010 and 2011 galvanized the Chico community as students constructed four transitional houses for Catalyst who serves victims of domestic violence. Two houses were constructed in nine days respectively during each Winter Break. Winter Break 2012 slipped to Spring Break to accommodate weather concerns as 87 students responded to the needs of the City of Joplin, Missouri where an EF5 tornado destroyed 8,500 structures and claimed 163 lives in May of 2011. Students constructed four homes during their eight days on the ground in Joplin. This year students constructed two transitional houses in eight day during their Spring Break for Salvation Army at 8th and Salem Streets in Chico. We are soliciting community service projects within our region for a Blitz Build.

**Guidelines**

1. Eligible not-for-profit organizations are those classified as charitable, educational or cultural.
2. Funding for tools, equipment, materials and project supportive services can be included in the applicant’s project request. Fund raising requirements for project needs may be a deterrent to project selection depending on the magnitude of requested funding.
3. All requests will be considered.
4. Applicants must complete the attached CSU Chico ECC Application for Community Service Projects form. Be clear and specific in the application. Incomplete or vague applications will generate questions, which will only delay a decision.
5. Applications will be reviewed in August.
6. **E-mail the completed form to dshirah@csuchico.edu.**
7. Please allow additional time to visit sites and/or provide for additional review if necessary.

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