

CATEGORIES OF SERVICE AT WARNER PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

COMPASSION SUPPORT

The Compassion Support service category at Warner Pacific refers to service that is done for the benefit of those less fortunate and in need of assistance. This type of service is directly connected to organizations that value transforming lives, imparting hope, dignity, and compassion towards others; in addition to strengthening the community. Compassion support provides an opportunity to foster the development of empathy and responsibility.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
P:ear	I helped prepare meals for homeless and fed them as well. I actually began to make positive relationships with some of the homeless that were there.

ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

The Ecological Justice service category at Warner Pacific refers to service working toward health of the natural world with an understanding that environmental and ecological degradation is not just an issue for non-human life, but also most poorly affects the human communities already experiencing social disadvantage and life constraints based on other unequal social constructs and structures (e.g., race, sex, gender, nationality, income level, and dis/ability). Eco-Justice work is concerned for the “environment” in ways that also connect with struggles for social justice for human and non-human neighbors.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Friends of Trees	Our planting project worked to partner with a large restoration project to help 65 acres of Oregon's land. This is tangible effort in helping the environment.

ECONOMIC EQUITY

The Economic Equity service category at Warner Pacific refers to service which addresses institutional and structural economic disadvantage, and/or meets the immediate needs directly resulting from such disadvantage. This service is rooted in an understanding that the intersectionality of race, sex, class, culture, gender, nationality, ability, etc. significantly affects those who have been historically under-resourced economically, and works toward economic equity in these areas.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Northeast Emergency Food Program	We unpacked and stocked foods for the food service program. We also helped organize and fold the clothing available to people in need.

GENDER EQUITY

The Gender Equity service category at Warner Pacific refers to service which addresses institutional and structural sexism, and/ or meets the immediate needs directly resulting from gender-based discrimination and social disparity. This service is rooted in an understanding that people of particular gender-related identities are disproportionately affected by inequitable social, interpersonal, institutional, and systemic oppression, and actively works toward gender-related equity in these areas.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Sexual Assault Resource Center	I volunteered as a sexual assault advocate. I was asked to respond for a survivor who was doing an initial interview with the police. I accompanied the survivor to the interview and provided support.

INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP

The Interfaith Relationship service category at Warner Pacific refers to intentional engagement and service with people of faith communities different than one's own. This service values knowing, learning, and serving with neighbors of different faiths toward a common good in a shared world: this could include a wide range of particular issues of concern and areas of service, as well as working to address faith-based hate and discrimination.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Free Listening Project	Went downtown with the Free Listening Project to give the opportunity for people to be genuinely heard. I had the opportunity engage with people who are a part of different faith communities and it helped bring clarity on some misconceptions.

RACIAL/ETHNIC EQUITY

The Racial/Ethnic Equity service category at Warner Pacific refers to service which addresses institutional and structural racism, and/or meets the immediate needs directly resulting from racial discrimination and social disparity. This service is rooted in an understanding that people of particular racial/ethnic backgrounds are disproportionately affected by inequitable social, interpersonal, institutional, and systemic oppression, and actively works toward racial/ethnic equity in these areas.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
The Art of Tough Talks	Worked with a social justice theatre company that creates safe spaces to foster discussion on racial inequity and white supremacy culture. I also helped people perform publically for the first time and shepherded them through that process.

SUPPORT FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED

The Support for the Elderly & Disabled service category at Warner Pacific refers to service that is done for the benefit of our elderly neighbors, those who are ill, and/or those who are experiencing an emotional, mental, or physical, disability. This service is rooted in the understanding that those who are elderly, disabled, and/or ill have been disproportionately marginalized, often experience a lack of necessary resources, and are particularly vulnerable in society.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Cherrywood Village Retirement Community	I went to Cherrywood Village Retirement Community and helped the residents decorate pumpkins. I also assisted residents with other Halloween activities.

YOUTH & CHILD SUPPORT

The Youth & Child Support service category at Warner Pacific refers to service contributing to the physical, social, economic, emotional, cultural, spiritual, and/or mental wellness and support of youth and children. This service is rooted in the understanding that youth and children are particularly vulnerable, often grow up in the midst of unjust circumstances, and that one's adolescent years are formative in determining the trajectory of one's life.

Service Example

Partnering Organization	Description of Project
Portland Futsal	Coached refugee kids and mentioned to them the importance of having support systems and relating it both on and off the field. For soccer, you need your friends to score and win games. In real life, you need friends that will help you with life situations.