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Report

2022-2023



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Our center is committed to the growth and development of civil society through research, community engagement and training the next generation of community leaders.

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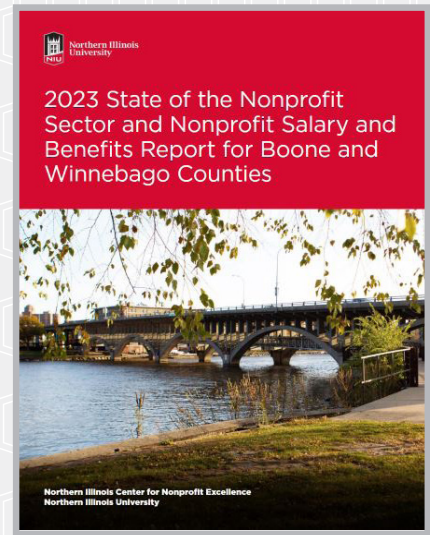
CONNECT:



Huskie Closet

Our Huskie Closet is a student-initiated/led service, supported by NNGO, that provides free career and casual clothing for students.

- Two NNGO-funded interns to run the Closet.
- Over 2,300 items of clothing distributed.
- 684 shopping transactions.
- 306 discreet students served during year.
- 2,000 pounds of clothing kept out of landfills.



Internship Program '22-'23

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INTERNSHIPS*

Our NNGO internship program represents 2,520 hours of learning and support to nonprofit organizations in the region.

*15 Internships generously funded by:



“My internship has been one of the best experiences of my life where I have been able to learn more about the ways I can directly impact my community in a positive way, and how to use the tools I have to make sure I am able to successfully achieve the most I can to better service my community. I am so grateful for this experience, and I cannot wait to continue to pursue my career in public service.”

Rosa Rodriguez, intern with
DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform



2022-2023 Facts and Figures:

- Completed Projects: 14.
- Paid Student Consultants: 8.
- Hours Worked: 841.
- Represents total investment of \$6,435 in undergraduate student wages and scholarships.
- What our clients had to say:
“Overall, a fabulous experience and wonderful resource for the community.”

Center News



2022–2023 Facts and Figures:

- Public Webinars: 10 with 906 registrations.
- Scholarship Assistance: \$3,500 in emergency assistance to students.

Community Engagement House:

- Since 2021, our center manages a special interest community, Community Engagement House, a floor in Grant Hall for students who are interested in making a difference through service and leadership opportunities.
- During this academic year, 31 students lived on the floor and participated in volunteer and professional development experiences.



High-achieving Scholars



Ally Mikos, spring 2023 graduate, first place in interdisciplinary studies, capstone project, "Thrifting Your Way to the Bank: How Student Consumption of Recycled Clothing Impacts Financial Stability."

Award Winners:

- Carol Lattimore-Hutton and Isabella Raymundo named Undergraduate Diversity Scholars by the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action to attend its 2022 annual conference and NNGO provided \$500 in additional funding to support their travel.
- Rachel Schreiber, spring 2023 graduate, Dean's Award.
- Emma Hazen, spring 2023 graduate, Outstanding Women and Gender Advocacy Student Award.

NIU Conference on Undergraduate Research and Engagement held April 18, 2023:

- Jessica Linley, spring 2023 graduate, third place in business and entrepreneurship, capstone project, "B The Change: Why and How B-Corporations are Entering Our Economy."

Alumni Spotlights:

- Brooklynn Gosnell (2020 alumna) became the house manager at the Egyptian Theatre where she also interned as a student.
- Flor Reyes (2022 alumna) is a Bilingual case manager/PAIP facilitator with Safe Passage in DeKalb.

Engaged Learning

- Fourteen students (plus staff) took a field trip to Chicago, visiting five different nonprofit organizations including two visits hosted by NNGO alumni.
- NNGO Ambassadors raised funds for Give DeKalb County Bonus Pool.
- Two networking events with students, alums and community members in collaboration with the DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership.
- NNGO 301 Philanthropy and Fundraising class awarded \$2,500 to Neighbors' House (pictured above) and \$500 to Camp Kesem.
- NNGO 302 Research Methods class created nonprofit annual reports for Barb Food Mart, Opportunity DeKalb and NAMI. They also analyzed data for the DeKalb Citizen's Environmental Commission.
- NNGO 351 Boards and Governance class served as junior board members for four nonprofit organizations and did a board evaluation survey for their boards.
- NNGO 352 Program Development and Evaluation class worked with three organizations on a program design and assessment project.
- NNGO 492 Grant Proposal Development Seminar class worked with four nonprofit organizations on grant research and proposal development.
- NNGO 493 Nonprofits and Community Engagement class worked with Opportunity DeKalb, Children's Home and Aid, DeKalb County History Center, Barb Food Mart, Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the city of DeKalb.



Staff:

- Alicia Schatteman, director
- Julie Ann O'Connell, assistant director
- Stephanie Kummerer, academic advisor
- Kevin Wright, office manager
- Marcus Brooks, graduate assistant
- Tyson Odoo Juma, graduate assistant
- Madeleine Stucky, graduate assistant

Advisory Committee:

- Dalila Alegria, INC Mental Health Alliance
- Chenaire Barmore,* Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Cameron Barnes,* Taproot Foundation
- Victoria Diemer-Maples,* Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Marc Hooks,* DeKalb County Community Foundation
- Marty Miller,* Ottawa State Community Bank
- Maalik Phipps,* Cre8tivity Lab
- Lizbeth Roman,* Fontbonne University
- David Roth, DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform
- Greta Sanders,* J.L. Clark
- Jessica Sandlund, CASA DeKalb County

*Denotes NNGO alumni.

Joint Faculty:

- Laura Heideman, Sociology
- Alicia Schatteman, Public Administration
- Mark Schuller, Anthropology

Instructors:

- Deanna Cada
- Julie Ann O'Connell
- Anna Mary L. Walker

For full listing of staff and faculty associates, please visit:

go.niu.edu/nngoassociates



Some of our Spring 2023 NNGO graduates (left to right, top row then bottom row):
Emma Hazen, Rosa Rodriguez, Professor Schatteman, Kaylynn Havens, Montez Soliz,
Isabella Ramirez, Rachel Schreiber, Madison Mathews, Jessica Linley, Stephanie Corona,
Amber Godinsky, Isabel Raymundo, Karyn Holmes.



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