You have to ACT to make an IMPACT!

It doesn’t take much to change the world. You can make an impact with ten minutes, a few hours, or a summer.

Ten Minutes
1) Join one of Amnesty’s campaigns! From arms control or promoting fairer trade. Visit www.amnesty.org
2) Start or participate in one of Change.org’s petitions. Support one of the many petitions or start your own.
3) Support Waltham youth! Stop in More than Words café and bookstore for a cup of Joe and help this nonprofit aimed at empowering the youth to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business.” Visit http://mtwyouth.org
4) Support the Harry Potter Alliance! Founded by Brandeis alum Andrew Slack, the HPA has many social justice–centered online campaigns that you can sign onto to make a difference. Check out www.thehpalliance.org to learn more.

One Hour
1) Teach English. The Brandeis ESL Learning Initiative provides free English language tutoring to all interested Brandeis employees. Check out the Waltham Group website for more information!
2) Sound off to your political representatives. Let them know your views on the issues that most concern you. Visit http://www.house.gov/writerep/.
3) Be a mentor. Get involved in the Waltham Group’s Big Brother/Big Sister program. By spending just a few hours a month with a local child, you could have a tremendous impact on his or her life. To get involved, contact the Waltham Group (walthamgroup@brandeis.edu), or Community Service Director Lucas Malo (lmalo@brandeis.edu).
4) Join a club. Check out the student clubs sponsoring one of the talks during DEIS Impact Week and get involved!
5) Take a new class! Brandeis is full of majors and minors that relate to social justice, and has many professors who have devoted their careers to the pursuit of social justice in their fields. Shop a class that you may not have thought about before!
6) Buy local! Instead of spending your local grocery shopping trip at a chain grocer, consider visiting a farmers market and picking up some REAL food.

One Day
1) Build a house for an impoverished family. Habitat for Humanity helps to provide poor families with places to live. To get involved, visit the Boston Area’s Habitat for Humanity website at http://www.habitat.org/.
2) Volunteer at a Boston area food bank. Spend a few hours or a few days volunteering with the Greater Boston Food Bank. For information, visit the food bank at www.gbfb.org, or contact the Waltham Group or Hillel.

One Summer
1) Intern at THRIVE Gulu. THRIVE Gulu is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a center for community gathering and trauma healing in Gulu, Uganda. THRIVE Gulu offers internships for both undergraduates & graduate students in a variety of areas including women’s empowerment, literacy and computer instruction, & arts and filmmaking. http://www.thrivégulu.org/
2) Be a Sorensen Fellow with the Brandeis University Ethics Center. “We give you $4000, you put social justice into action.” Every summer, the Ethics Center supports some students to do summer internships anywhere in the world related to ethics. Visit brandeis.edu/ethics/atrbrandeis/sorensenfellowship
3) Fund your internship through World of Work Fellowship! The World of Work (WOW) fellowship through the Hiatt Career Center offers Brandeis students financial assistance to complement the unpaid internship. For additional information, contact Jackie Blesso at blesso@brandeis.edu.
4) Enroll in a Justice Brandeis Semester focusing on Health, Law and Justice, or Social Media for Social Movements, or Storytelling for Social Practice! Give back to the community while learning and applying new communications and analytical skills. For more information, visit http://www.brandeis.edu/jbs/
5) Spend your summer in The Hague! Brandeis’s Summer in The Hague study abroad program brings students to The Hague for 10 weeks to learn about international law at the International Criminal Court. Join your Brandeis peers in exploring the law from an international perspective, and thinking about where you may fit into social justice work at the legal level. http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad/brandeisprograms/hague/
6) Gain legal experience and fight for immigrant rights. Volunteer at Somerville’s Centro Presente assisting the legal department in the provision of services for Latino immigrants. This is a great opportunity to learn about immigration law and the current challenges the Latino immigrant community is facing. Check out www.cpresente.org to learn more!
7) Volunteer at the Prospect Hill Community Center, WATCH, or the Waltham Family School! Help underserved Waltham populations learn English and/or access needed resources.
8) Teach English Overseas Global Routes, an international service organization, has a variety of programs that enable college students to teach a variety of subjects to children in many different countries. Visit www.globalroutes.org

This list is far from exhaustive, but hopefully it has given you some ideas!

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