2018 Winter Program Spotlights

Community Connections

Community Connections is a Waltham Group program that creates one-time events during the semester in the Waltham and Boston area. We primarily aim to work with clubs and students who cannot commit to a weekly volunteer group. This past semester, we implemented our first Mini Day of Service. The Mini Days of Service are held on weekends, so more students can get the opportunity to participate. For the first Mini Day of Service, we went to Land’s Sake, NuDay Syria and The Samfund with over 40 students! Next semester, we will be having three more Mini Days of Service and are excited to continue to let this program grow!

Language Empowering Action Program (LEAP)

LEAP (Language Empowering Action Project) is a community service group focused on English language skills. We recognize the power of language and its ability to change people’s lives. LEAP provides opportunities to tutor non-English speaking adults in the Waltham community, either one-on-one or in group settings. In addition to English classes, tutors give the opportunity for learners to experience American culture and become comfortable with common cultural gestures. This semester, we launched a new initiative which provided free English classes to adults in the Waltham Community on the Brandeis campus. We partnered with English at Large to create small classroom settings in which our volunteers can engage with learners as a group. This new program has been successful and we are proud to see it come to fruition. We look forward to continue to expand our program both in numbers of learners and tutoring volunteers!