

## Impact of Learn and Serve America

Learn and Serve America impacts both the service participants and the communities they serve. Performance reviews, research, and policy analysis help develop and cultivate knowledge that enhances the overall effectiveness of Learn and Serve America and service-learning. A number of independent studies evaluating Learn and Serve America and assessing the program's impact on the participant have been undertaken over the years. All have come to the same conclusion—Learn and Serve America has a positive impact on participants' civic attitudes and involvement in volunteer service.

### **PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Please encourage and support Service Learning in the Farrell/Wheatland communities. Last year students participated in the CPR Anytime Program that taught the CPR and then required each 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade health class students to provide training to 5 members of their families/friends. Our community collaborators the Pennsylvania Department of Health and UPMC required this documentation. Future suggested projects in which students could participate are recycling, outdoor classroom, business etiquette, and local foundations for further information call **Tracy Hood at 724.509.1220 or Kim Kladitis at 724.509.1280.**

**The Service-Learning Lab is located in room 214 in the high school under the supervision of Kim Kladitis and currently consists of 10-12 Service-Learning students.**

### **Other Community Partners**

**Thiel College will provide technical assistance for Service learning and encourage life-long learning.**

**Southwest Regional Police Department provides training and implementation of Applebee Pond Program ATOD prevention. High School students create a puppet show for grades K-3—students teaching students coordinated by the School Resource Officer.**

**Community Foundation offers technical assistance in fundraising for the Farrell/Wheatland Communities along with public relations—Children for Charity.**

**21<sup>st</sup> CCLC offers tutors and service learning projects in the elementary and middle/high school building.**

**Urban League of the Shenango Valley will assist service learning student in the awareness of voter registration and its timelines.**

### **Applications for Service Learning Mini-grants**