

Board Meeting  
November 9, 2006

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING  
WING OF LINCOLN RESIDENCE HALL, SPRINGFIELD

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois honors and recognizes the dedicated commitment of students in the Volunteer and Service Learning Wing of Lincoln Residence Hall in support of local community agencies and their volunteer needs.

The “Living Learning” volunteer and service lifestyle wing was established in August of 2005 as the second lifestyle wing in Lincoln Residence Hall. Students who share a commitment to service, volunteerism, leadership, and civic engagement are given the option of living together and participating as members of a service community.

This wing organized the first “Campus Relay for Life,” provided 500 hours of tutoring and assistance to students at Washington Middle School, helped the local United Way complete the area’s first comprehensive community needs assessment, and made two trips to Slidell, Louisiana, to provide assistance after Hurricane Katrina.

Under the direction of the Resident Assistant/Coordinator, these students also encourage their peers and the campus community to participate in service projects such as the Springfield Overflow Shelter meals for the homeless, aid to daycare, support for environmental issues, social empowerment, and civic engagement.

All of this is part of the Springfield campus' partnership with more than 100 community agencies and organizations in Springfield. In the 2005-2006 academic year Springfield campus volunteers contributed more than 14,400 hours of service.

The Volunteer and Service Learning Wing experience is designed to make an impact that will stay with these students long after they graduate. The leadership skills and social values that the students learn should become tools to assist in life-long efforts, goals, and contributions to making a difference in the world.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the Volunteer and Service Living Learning Wing in Lincoln Residence Hall for its outstanding example of student volunteerism which contributes to the fabric of student life at Springfield and benefits the community.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to the Volunteer and Service Learning Wing as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which it is held.