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Student Volunteer Connections: Partnerships Fostering the Capacity of University of Guelph Students through Volunteerism.

As Canada's first & only incorporated student volunteer centre, Student Volunteer Connections (SVC) works to ignite, educate, & foster University of Guelph students through the world of volunteerism. After many successes and failures, SVC has become highly successful in creating engaged student citizens by focusing on the individual. SVC has worked with various community-benefit groups in Guelph-Wellington County to bring about smaller, more intimate, group-based volunteer opportunities lead by SVC through 'HELP: Guelph'. This is a network involving social action initiatives that provide community exploration through volunteerism. Recently we have partnered with the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada. By focusing and aiming for smaller groups of students, the experience and mindset has helped to create a greater sense of community and appreciation. Help: Guelph main goal is to introduce various opportunities in the community through a comfortable group setting in small doses.