



What is Samford Gives Back?

Samford Gives Back (SGB) offers an opportunity for Samford students to meet an expressed community need off-campus. Samford Gives Back provides an entry point for Samford students to be exposed to the greater Birmingham community, meet a specific need of a community agency or entity and initiate relationships beyond Samford's campus. A student-led Leadership Team organizes and plans the event with supervision from the Director of Community Engagement.

Students who participate receive a free Samford Gives Back t-shirt and a Chick-fil-a breakfast. They also earn four convocation credits.

When is Samford Gives Back?

Samford Gives Back usually takes place in April. SGB 2017 will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 8:00am-1:00pm.

How is Samford Gives Back organized leading up to the event?

Students form their own groups. Any existing student group, meaning anything from Greek organizations to RUF to the Pre-Pharmacy Club, can form a Samford Gives Back group. In addition, students may come together to form an informal, temporary group, such as a freshman hall or a recreational Frisbee team, to register for the event. Individuals without a group can sign up and will be given options about where to serve with an already appointed student leader.

Each group will have one leader who is the point person between the individuals in the group, the Mann Center, and the community partner site where the group will serve.

Groups find their own community partner to serve with. It is usually best to work with a community partner with whom the group has worked previously so that a relationship that already exists is strengthened. The Mann Center is always available to help groups find a partner if a group cannot find an organization to pair with.

How is Samford Gives Back organized on the day of the event?

All participants meet in the football stadium to pick up their t-shirts and breakfast and to swipe their student ID for convo credit. After the opening ceremony, groups leave and head to their sites. Groups are responsible for their own transportation. After 1:00pm, participants are free to go. There is no closing ceremony.

What is the Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership?

The Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership is an academic center that facilitates the understanding of Christian character, servant leadership and moral integrity in Samford students through practice. It is located in Brooks 227.

Each year the Mann Center provides faculty support, coordinates community based learning opportunities and implements various other programs including Partners Acting in the Community Today (PACT), Service Cadres, Samford Gives Back, and Mann Center Service Immersion Trips. Through these opportunities, Samford students put their faith into practice through relationships with international, national and local community partners.