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Parker Chappin
Literacy Action Center Program Director

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John Whison
Literacy Action Center Program Director

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Service-Learning Scholars graduated.

student volunteers completed

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volunteer hours in student-directed service programs in the community.

hours at the Band-in-the-River.

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Volunteers served for

hours of service to the community through the many programs at the Bennion Center.

For more information on the 2011-2012 year, please view our more detailed report online. www.bennioncenter.org/pdf/AnnualReport_2012.pdf
These on-going programs take place every semester and offer various opportunities for students to participate in service. Each program integrates learning into the community through student-directed projects.

Each program allows students to elect to receive an educational award for their service.

AmeriCorps
This federally-funded program allows program places tutors into local Title I elementary schools.

America Reads
This program places tutors into local elementary schools.

High Roads for Human Rights
This program works to eradicate human trafficking.

Costa Rica Service Program
This program allows students to work in Costa Rica.

TRAILS
This program works with local homeless shelters.

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