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Ramapo Student Volunteers Help Women and Children in Need at Oasis

(MAHWAH, NJ) – A group of Ramapo College student volunteers have spent nearly every Wednesday this semester at Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, NJ, a non-profit community-based organization that offers disadvantaged women and children a GED program, work readiness classes, after-school child care, food and clothing pantries as well as lunch and dinner meals.

Senior Lauren MacDonald, of Hoboken, NJ, a student coordinator in the College's Community Service Center (CSC), initiated the volunteerism after she saw that Oasis needed math and science tutors for its GED program and additional volunteers for the after-school child care program.

Volunteers for this semester include Nicole Alvarado of Pompton Lakes, NJ, Jenna Crincoli of Glen Gardner, NJ, Rebecca Gokberk of Neptune City, NJ, Sarah Kenyon of Ridgewood, NJ, Tiffany Liang of Montville, NJ, Alexandra Marin of Hackensack, NJ, Candace Mitchell from Hammonton, NJ, and Emily Schnier of North Brunswick, NJ.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.