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### **B.L.A.Z.E. Mentoring Program Offers Community Service Events**

*Community Service Hours can be used for BLAZE Scholarship Program and Tennessee Promise Requirements*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (October 7, 2021) The Breaking Limitations Accepting Zero Excuses (BLAZE) Mentoring Program is offering multiple opportunities for students to give back to the community while earning community service hours needed to fulfill requirements for the BLAZE Scholarship and the Tennessee Promise Scholarship.

BLAZE Mentoring Program brings NFD Personnel together with MNPS youth to help inspire them to reach for their goals. MNPS students who participate have the chance to win a \$1,000 college scholarship for their participation.

The program has gone virtual and features Facebook and Instagram, Live sessions for students that cover topics including local resources at the public library, an introduction to banking/budgeting, dining etiquette, and health and wellness.

Anyone needing Community Service Hours are more than welcome to attend the following events:

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Metro Animal Care and Control Center  
Service Event  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm  
5125 Harding Place  
Nashville, TN 37211

Community Service Event with Community Resource Center  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am – 12pm  
Nashville Fire Headquarters  
63 Hermitage Ave  
Nashville, TN 37210

BLAZE is also hosting a special event for students during Fall Break. This event is open to all students.

BLAZE Skate Party  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm – 9pm  
Rivergate Skate Center  
\$7 with Student ID (First 50 students enter free)  
\*\*A pair of Apple AirPods will be raffled off and awarded to a student that night\*\*

To sign up to participate in either service event contact:

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***About BLAZE Mentoring Program:***

*BLAZE Mentoring Program is the product of an initiative started within the Nashville Fire Department. BLAZE represents Breaking Limitations, Accepting Zero Excuses and targets students that attend the Academies of Nashville in Metro Nashville Public Schools. BLAZE volunteers aim to reduce any limits that students have relating to their future and push students to be their best.*

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, October 23rd

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NASHVILLE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

63 Hermitage Ave  
Nashville, TN 37210

10:00am - 12:00pm

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER  
WILL PROVIDE MOBILE KITS TO BE  
ASSEMBLED!

This event is open to the public and will be outdoors!

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, October 13th



## METRO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CENTER

5125 Harding Place  
Nashville, TN 37211

11:00am - 1:00pm



No registration required! Just meet us there. Waivers must be signed to enter.

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**Join us for a SKATE Night during Fall Break!**

**Where:** Rivergate Skate Center  
**When:** Thursday, October 14th  
**Time:** 5:30pm - 9:00pm  
**Cost:** \$7 admission with student ID  
**First 50 students get in FREE!**  
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