The Healthy Parkland Initiative builds capacity with Trinity Lutheran Church’s feeding ministry and Emergency Food Network by engaging faculty and students in projects that enhance the food bank, community garden and community meal programs.

- **Increase Capacity**
  - Recruit & train volunteers
  - Food Drives
  - Fund Development

- **Develop Resources**
  - Faculty-led evaluations
  - Training videos & manuals
  - Volunteer Management mechanisms

- **Heighten Awareness**
  - Advocacy
  - Education
  - Video productions
  - Bi-Annual Food Symposium

The Parkland Education Initiative includes 7 programs housed in 5 local schools in the Franklin Pierce School District. Each program involves children selected by teachers and counselors to help them succeed academically and socially, while promoting a college-going culture.

- **Elementary + Middle School + Adult Learning**

The Community & Economic Development Initiative drives pilot projects and programs that model signs of hope for a thriving community. Projects range from small community-based events that strengthen the identity of the community to large-scale economic development projects that support Parkland’s long-term health.

- **Parkland Community Mural**
  - With input from over 600 Parkland residents, 140 painters, and $10,000 donated from individuals and local grants, The Parkland Mural (completed in Aug. 2014) located on Garfield and C Street represents the past and present story of Parkland.

- **Winterfest**
  - For 24 years, Winterfest has inspired hope by connecting low-income families with gifts and resources during the holiday season. On average, Winterfest supports 250 families (900+ children) through the mobilization of 30 local organizations and 300 volunteers.

- **More:**
  - The Woods at Golden Given
  - Habitat for Humanity Community
  - Parkland Pilgrimage
  - Garfield Street Redevelopment
PLU’s CCES links thoughtful, talented, and engaged members of PLU with strong organizations and projects to increase their impact in our community. We accomplish this by mobilizing PLU’s 4,000 students, staff and faculty to volunteer over 60,000 hours in the community each year, and leading three initiatives in the Parkland community that focus on K-12 education, healthy food access and community development. We work collaboratively with strategic community partners that are committed to educating youth, relieving the pressure of those living in poverty and leading projects that promote positive community and economic development.

Center for Community Engagement & Service

Steeped in our Lutheran heritage, Pacific Lutheran University’s Center for Community Engagement and Service (CCES) mobilizes students and faculty to participate in service-learning, community service and community-based research to make Parkland a more healthy, safe and sustainable place to live.

Why PLACE matters

Parkland is the place where service, inquiry, leadership and care come together...with our neighbors.

PLU has been a central part of the Parkland, Washington community since its founding in 1890.

Today, nearly 4,000 current PLU students, staff and faculty see Parkland as an integral part of their lives.

Nearly 50,000 PLU alumni have called Parkland home during their lifetime.

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