Earth Ethics Institute
Miami Dade College

Crochet for Change
(Kendall Campus Only)

5-10 Hours Service Learning Opportunity

This project is meant to tackle two pressing issues in our local community at once: plastic pollution and homelessness. Plastic bags, specifically, are very harmful to wildlife when they end up in our canals, oceans, local waters, and streets. The material itself can accidentally be ingested and mistaken for food by some animals. Students will learn how to create balls of yarn from strips of up-cycled plastic bags, and be asked to bring in their own bags from home to donate. They will also have the chance to learn some crochet techniques and ultimately help make sleeping mats for homeless folks. The mat design is very simple, and the technique can be picked up very quickly. Completed projects will then be donated to local homeless shelters for distribution.

Check out this YouTube video of a similar project in Texas:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU3uBCgMaNA

Crochet meetings will occur 1-2x per month, and students will be trained on how to make the mats. Zero skill level is required, and anyone can join in at any time in the semester. If you're especially passionate about the project and would like to put in more hours beyond the meetings, you can arrange separately to come in and work on your own time.

If you would like to start this project on your own campus, or for more information please contact Stephanie Victoria - (305) 237-2602 - svictori@mdc.edu to coordinate, or stop by the EEI office at Kendall (Rm. 8201-4), Wolfson (Rm. 3506-12), IAC (Rm. 3210-F), or North (Rm. 1256).

*Tentative Schedule of Meetings:

Show up when you can!

1:00 - 4:00pm, Thursday, Jan 26th

1:00 - 4:00pm, Monday, Feb 6th

1:00 - 4:00pm, Thursday, Feb 23rd

1:00 - 4:00pm, Thursday, Mar 9th

1:00 - 4:00pm, Monday, Mar 13th

1:00 - 4:00pm, Thursday, Mar 30th

*All dates and times are subject to unforeseen changes and cancellations