

WINTER 2016 TRIPS

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: BIRMINGHAM

Habitat for Humanity-Birmingham builds quality, affordable housing and revitalizes existing houses to encourage family stability and promote self-sufficiency, educational achievement, and responsible citizenship. The Habitat for Humanity organization receives more than 3,200 requests for housing assistance each year for low income families or families facing housing challenges after natural disasters occur. Habitat Birmingham completes a minimum of 40-45 new houses each year; to date they have completed more than 350 homes. Habitat Birmingham has also sponsored close to 100 families internationally through their tithe program. Volunteers do not need to have any construction experience to make a meaningful impact on a family's life. Volunteer responsibilities could include installing drywall, cabinets, siding, insulation, painting, framing, etc.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Birmingham, AL

Housing: On-Site Volunteer Center

Price: \$250

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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FOREST ANIMAL RESCUE

For those whose hearts have a little bit of a wild side, Forest Animal Rescue is a lifetime care sanctuary for non-releasable wild animals who have narrowly survived lives of abuse or neglect. The animals have been confiscated by authorities, used in research, abandoned to starve or have been attempted pets that failed because of their wild nature. At Forest Animal Rescue these animals are given the best veterinary care, a healthy diet and playmates of their own kind as appropriate. They regain confidence as their bodies gain strength, and they learn to appreciate the humans who have come to their aid. The animals in their care range from big cats to bears, wolves, primates, bats and more. Students will not be directly interacting with the animals but will work on the construction of the sanctuary and help manage the acres by building animal enclosures, clearing forest for enclosures, and assisting in any repairs needed. *As a true sanctuary, the animals at Forest Animal Rescue are never bred, sold or exploited in any way. *



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Silver Springs, FL

Housing: Camp Lodge

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus and rental vehicles
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Environment, Animals

Physicality Level: 3

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GIVE KIDS THE WORLD

This trip is in collaboration with the student organization, Wishmakers on Campus (Make-A-Wish at Ohio State) whose mission is to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. This service experience is an incredible opportunity to directly interact with kids and their families who are currently facing life-threatening illnesses. Give Kids the World is a 79-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Families are provided fully furnished villas, transportation, tickets to theme parks, meals, daily entertainment, and much more. As volunteers, you will be inspiring hope and creating priceless memories through roles as ride attendants, pizza/ice cream servers, cart drivers, craft leaders, dress up pirates/princesses, and much more!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Orlando, FL

Housing: TBD

Price: \$375

Trip Price includes:

- Some Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a rental vans to the destination. The vans will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Terminal Illnesses, Children

Physicality Level: 1

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: LAKE SUMTER

Habitat for Humanity of Lake County was founded in October of 1989. Their first home was completed in March of 1990, and by the end of that year they had built 2 houses. In October of 2007, Habitat for Humanity of Lake County merged with Habitat for Humanity of Sumter County to form Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter. To date, Habitat Lake-Sumter has provided affordable housing for over 300 families. In addition, this particular Habitat for Humanity has strived to accommodate the 45,000 veterans in the Lake-Sumter county areas through a new Veterans Housing Initiative. Through this program- as well as others- Lake-Sumter HFH has shown their dedication to eliminating substandard housing through constructing, rehabilitation and preserving homes. Their mission is to seek to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Students on these trips will work on the construction of houses in each of the local communities which could include house painting, insulation, framing, siding and dry-walling. Volunteers do not need to have any construction knowledge.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Eustis, FL

Housing: On-Site Volunteer Center

Price: \$375

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Rental vans will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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GUADALUPE CENTER

Located in Immokalee, Florida in a community where over 40% of the population lives below the poverty level and 97% of school aged students are economically needy, the Guadalupe Center began in 1982 as a soup kitchen to meet the immediate needs of impoverished families living in Immokalee. An after-school tutoring program serving just 30 children began in the soup kitchen which later became the Guadalupe Center. Today, the Guadalupe Center includes a soup kitchen, clothing center, college preparatory center and a shower center for those in need. Most of the children at the Guadalupe Center come from homes where Spanish is their native language and many families in the community are migrant workers in the tomato fields. While in Immokalee, some group will have the chance to work with The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is an organization that focuses their efforts on bettering the lives of migrant workers in the area. Groups may meet with the Coalition to learn more about the issues migrants face and the culture of the local community.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Immokalee, FL

Housing: Retreat House

Price: \$380

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation (Flight)
- Participants will fly to the destination and a rental van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Children, Poverty, Migrant Workers

Physicality Level: 1

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: PENSACOLA

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing, through constructing, rehabilitation and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies, and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat Pensacola was established in 1981 and is dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing. Habitat Pensacola provides opportunities for home ownership to low income families in Pensacola, Milton and Gulf Breeze by building simple, homes with family partners. Students on these trips will work on the construction of houses in each of the local communities. Volunteers do not need construction knowledge. Service can include painting, siding framing, insulation, etc. Have fun engaging in service while also enjoying the many attractions of the Pensacola Bay Area!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Pensacola, FL

Housing: Church

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus and rental vehicles.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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PINELLAS COUNTY SEA GRANT

Participants will learn in the classroom and outdoors about the intricate coastal and marine ecosystems of the Southern Florida areas. Highlights include a coastal cleanup canoe paddle, environmental restoration and exotic plant removal, oyster dome building to provide habitats for marine life, and hosting a marine education program for young members of the local community. Weather permitting, camping overnight on one of the islands is one of the highlights of this trip. Environmental stewardship, marine wildlife and community outreach are the themes for this hands on, outdoor experience!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$400

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation (FLIGHT)
- Participants will travel by a flight and rental vans will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental, Preservation

Physicality Level: 2

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MEDICI PROJECT: ATLANTA

Medici Project serves to educate and expose individuals to the realities of poverty for Atlanta's inner city youth and what is being done to fight against that poverty. While in Atlanta, your primary job is to build relationships with at-risk urban youth through personal interaction. You will do hands-on service with the Medici Project and other organizations who are seeking to make an impact in the lives of at-risk children and youth. The 30318 zip code, where Medici Project serves all throughout the year, is one of the neediest areas in the country. 50% of the youth in this area will not finish high school. The average household income is just under \$11,000 a year, less than 1/3 of the national average. In one community, 60% of the residents are HIV positive. A staff member expert will accompany your group and provide education and guidance as you work with the at-risk urban youth of Atlanta. Participants on this trip will work at various sites throughout the week.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. A rental vehicle will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Hunger, Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

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CITY OF REFUGE

The City of Refuge is a non-profit organization dedicated to community development efforts that lead to the stability and sustainability of the local community. The community the organization serves is a community in crisis but also a community with hope and resilience. Although the City of Refuge is located just west of the new Atlanta Falcons Stadium, it is one of the poorest and most crime-ridden areas in the nation. With almost 40% of the residents living below the Federal Poverty Level, the neighborhoods face high crime rates, high unemployment, poverty, and homelessness. The mission of City of Refuge is to serve as a bring light and a place of hope and transformation to Atlanta's last, lost and least. City of Refuge provides services such as a food bank, internships for the unemployed, and early childhood/ youth programming. Students volunteering with the City of Refuge. City of Refuge is located in downtown Atlanta where there are many historical sites that the participants will have the opportunity to visit while on this weeklong trip.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$375

This trip price is discounted by \$100 to the final price of \$375, thanks to an additional Student Activity Fee allocation to help keep trips more affordable.

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. A rental car will be used around Atlanta.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Women, Homelessness

Physicality Level: 1

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PARTNERS FOR CARE

Partners for Care exists to serve, equip, empower and encourage the Kenyan staff and partnering organizations in East Africa; with the goal of eliminating needless suffering and death caused by preventable diseases – including malaria, HIV/AIDS, waterborne illnesses and malnutrition. Partners for Care was founded in 2007 by Connie Cheren, whose heart was broken by the conditions affecting children she observed during her first trip to Kenya in June 2007. Since inception, Partners for Care has grown in the number and types of programs it supports, but has remain focused on maximizing the impact of programs on the ground, while minimizing the funds expended on operations in the US. In support of these philosophies, Partners for Care (PFC) operations in the United States raise funds to support PFC Kenya, a non-government organization (NGO) registered in Kenya. PFC employs 40 Kenyan staff members to serve in their native country. Volunteers will assist the U.S. team and work with founder, Connie Cheren, in Atlanta to organize operations, prepare program logistics, and assist in other administrative tasks while learning about the mission of the organization, Kenyan culture and issues facing Kenya.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Private Home

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. A rental van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Poverty, International Service, Health

Physicality Level: 1

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MISERICORDIA

Misericordia serves families who want the best for family members that have mild to profound developmental disabilities, and often physical disabilities, yet cannot provide it at home by offering a vast community of care. Some primary goals of Misericordia are to meet each resident's diverse needs and also allow each resident to live as independently as possible with the highest level of community integration feasible. By serving society's most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia offers both independent and assisted living, education, employment, recreation, and more to over 600 individuals from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds each day on its 31-acre campus just outside of downtown Chicago. Volunteers will be assisting residents with daily tasks, preparing meals, helping with laundry services, visiting with clients, and working in the on-site bakery.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Chicago, IL

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Adults with Disabilities

Physicality Level: 1

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COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS: BATON ROUGE

Community Collaborations International (CCI) focuses on disaster relief and completing environmental and human service projects in disaster stricken areas of the country. Since 1994, CCI has provided technical assistance and program development support to conservation and educational organizations. Catastrophic flooding hit Southern Louisiana in August of this year, displacing thousands of residents. Our disaster relief project this year will focus on helping the people of Louisiana recover in the wake of these historic floods. CCI International takes a holistic approach to community recovery. In addition to homes directly impacted by the weather, local community organizations, such as food banks and after school programs, struggle to meet the increased needs of their clients and constituents. Many of these organizations and their staff members have suffered direct impact from the flood. Volunteers will work to help these organizations serve their constituents and get back on their feet.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Baton Rouge, LA

Housing: On-Site Cabins

- Bunk Beds-bring your own bedding
- Shower/Bath Facilities outside of cabins

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- 3 Meals/Day
- Transportation-Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Poverty, Flood Relief/Natural Disaster

Physicality Level: 2

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: LAFAYETTE

Come visit this Habitat affiliate in southern Louisiana where there is always something to do and delicious food to eat! Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Students on these trips will work on the construction of homes in the local community including working on the home's frames, drywall, insulation and painting. All volunteers are welcome with different skill levels, no construction experience is needed.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Lafayette, LA

Housing: On-Site Volunteer House

Price: \$340

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus and rental vehicles.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & ANIMAL RESCUE

Part of the trip will be spent with Habitat for Humanity New Orleans, tackling issues of homelessness and poverty. Habitat for Humanity works with low-income families in New Orleans to build and finance new, safe, and affordable homes. While part of the trip will be spent helping create a family's home, the other half will be spent helping make families whole with four-legged animal friends. Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO) is a non-profit organization created to help rescue thousands of animals after Hurricane Katrina, and they continue their work today. ARNO helps provide medical care, food, water and socialization for abandoned animals, hoping to be adopted or reunited with their families. Habitat for Humanity and Animal Rescue New Orleans are two organizations that are not only helping to rebuild and create sustainability throughout the city, but also capture the vivacious culture and hope that is New Orleans. If you enjoy different types of service and want to interact with both people and animals this is great trip option for you!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Natural Disaster Restoration,
Poverty, Animals

Physicality Level: 2

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PROJECT LAZARUS

Project Lazarus provides transitional housing to people living with HIV/AIDS who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. The agency has two large 'houses' used to provide shelter and services to clients. The area has the 5th highest incidence of AIDS in the United States, and the population of Project Lazarus is reflective of the AIDS epidemic locally. The average length of stay for a resident is 12 months, and the population is generally 70% minority and 30% white. Over the past year, a shift in demographics has been noted in that women now comprise over 30% of our residents, which increases every year. The average age is over 40 years and all our residents fall below 80% of the federal poverty guidelines. Project Lazarus encourages maximum independence of their residents, but provides minimum to total care based on individual needs. Project Lazarus is open to both, men and women in various stages of health. Residents' needs are evaluated at least weekly, and care plans are adjusted as necessary. To date, more than 1000 men and women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS have called Lazarus their home. Volunteers will stay on-site, in private housing on the Project Lazarus campus, and they will be working closely with the residents of Project Lazarus to create a fun filled week of activities for residents.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Rental vehicles will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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LOWER NINE

Lower Nine is an organization that works with residents of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans to help rebuild the area after it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. To date, lowernine.org has fully rebuilt seventy-five homes, and has completed smaller repair and renovation projects on hundreds more, bringing home more Lower Ninth Ward families than any other organization. However, as of 2014, population return is only 34% – lagging far behind the rest of the City of New Orleans, whose population return is nearly 90%. Because the Lower Ninth Ward was an area hit hardest by the hurricanes, Lower Nine takes a holistic approach to healing the community; volunteers will be rebuilding/constructing houses, working in urban community gardens, providing social and emotional support as well as community outreach to the New Orleans community. Lower Nine is committed to sustainable economic solutions. We provide all necessary project training and tools, so even if you've never swung a hammer – YOU can help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricanes.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$360

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination and use a rental vehicle around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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ST. FRANCIS CENTER & THE DAILY TABLE

Volunteers on this trip to historic Boston will have the opportunity to work with two incredible organizations, The St. Francis House and the Daily Table. The St. Francis House provides nutritious meals, clothing, access to medical care, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and housing to men and women experiencing homelessness. In the past year, St. Francis House has provided more than 300,000 meals and 56 units of permanent housing. The Daily Table focuses on hunger and believes that delicious, wholesome and affordable food should be available to all. Daily Table helps communities make great choices around food by making it easy for them to choose tasty, healthy, convenient and truly affordable meals and groceries. Volunteers will spend time at St. Francis House assisting with meals, kitchen operations, clothing distribution, and mock job interviews. Volunteers at the Daily Table will assist in food labeling, packaging, stocking, sorting, light kitchen prep, managing the tasting station, and administrative assignments. If you are interested in learning about service from multiple organizations and seeing Boston from a diversity of perspectives, this would be a great trip for you!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Boston, MA

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Hunger, Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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ONE HEARTLAND

Located in Willow River, Minnesota, One Heartland creates community, offers respite, and builds lifelong skills by providing an accepting environment for youth and their families who are facing social isolation to support healthy and fulfilling lives. The children being served by the camp include children who identify as LGBTQ, who are affected by HIV/AIDS, have diabetes, and/or who live in transitional housing. It is important to note that during the trip, the children will not be present but the service is meant to prepare the camp for the children's arrival later in the summer months. Past groups have carved signs, painted, built outdoor furniture, and worked to improve the grounds for the camp. The camp has left powerful impacts on several students who have returned to Minnesota during the summer to serve as camp counselors.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Willow River, MN

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination.
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Poverty, HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH

Operation Breakthrough is a community center located in the heart of Kansas City, serving children from 8 months to 18 years old as well as their parents. Daycare, a food pantry, “dress for success” program and the Christmas Warehouse are just a few of the wonderful programs that are put on in a relentless effort to improve the lives of impoverished local families. Volunteers will spend most of their time with the children and teachers in the morning and then help maintain the center in the afternoon while students are napping. Please be prepared that as part of this trip you are required to have a tetanus shot and a doctor signature confirming your health. Be prepared for your heart to “breakthrough” with love for the people at the center!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Kansas City, MO

Housing: Church

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Children, Poverty, Education

Physicality Level: 1

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NEW YORK ASIAN WOMENS CENTER

The New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC) is located in Lower Manhattan in New York City. The Mission of NYWAC is to help women and their children overcome domestic violence and other forms of abuse by empowering them to govern their own lives. The Center provides a safe haven through multi-lingual support programs and shelter services. In addition, the Center works to raise public awareness about violence against women, advocates for the rights of survivors, and acts as an agent of social change. The center offers a hotline and events for women in over a dozen languages. A group of 10 volunteers will travel to New York City to help NYWAC with revitalization projects and improvements in the physical structure of the facilities. Service will include painting murals and walls in the building and organization of resources and materials.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New York City, NY

Housing: Church

Price: \$280

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Public transportation will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Women's Rights, Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking

Physicality Level: 2

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GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER

God's Love We Deliver is a non-sectarian organization that delivers meals to those living with severe illnesses in all five boroughs of New York City. With the help of a small dedicated staff and the critical efforts of 10,000 volunteers annually, they prepare 5,500 meals each weekday and provide all their services free of charge to clients, their children and to the senior caregivers of senior clients, without regard to income. God's Love We Deliver's signature achievement is their dedication to high-quality meals and nutrition education. They employ a team of registered dietitians who individually tailor meals to each client's medical requirements. From the development of their therapeutic menus, to nutrition counseling and the safe delivery of their client meals, they see the power of good as medicine and understand the significance of proper nutrition. Volunteers will be assisting in the preparation and delivery of meals across the city to clients as well as interacting with clients.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New York, NY

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Public transportation will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Hunger, HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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PROJECT HOSPITALITY

Project Hospitality is a private, not-for-profit organization with a 30 year history serving the needs of the impoverished, food-insecure, and homeless residents of Staten Island, New York. Many of their clients are living with multiple diagnoses such as HIV, substance abuse, and/or mental illness. Project Hospitality's comprehensive care provides food, clothing, and shelter enhanced by health and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, HIV prevention care, domestic violence education and services, immigrant services, vocational training, and many more. Their services help address immediate needs but also help achieve their self-sufficiency. Project Hospitality serves more than 26,000 impoverished and marginalized individuals annually. Volunteers will be preparing meals, assisting in the daily operations of the center and interacting with clients.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New York, NY

Housing: On-Site Apartment Style

Price: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Public transportation will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Hunger, HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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MEDICI PROJECT: NEW YORK

The Medici Project serves to educate and expose students and youth groups to the realities of poverty in America. A volunteering experience strategically located in the urban context of New York City, the Medici Project challenges students to consider their role in social justice issues and the implications service has for their personal development. Students will be guided throughout the week by a staff member, who will provide education and guidance as they work in various sites throughout the week. Sites include homeless shelters, soup kitchens, meal preparations, Boys and Girls clubs, meal deliveries, community cleanups, maintenance projects, and others. If you enjoy a variety of service experiences and learning about multiple social issues, this is a great trip for you!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: New York, NY

Housing: Church/Hostel

Price: \$350

This trip price is discounted by \$100 to the final price of \$350, thanks to an additional Student Activity Fee allocation to help keep trips more affordable.

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination. Public transportation will be used in city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Homelessness, Hunger, Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

Participants: 20

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: CLEVELAND COUNTY

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing through constructing, rehabilitation and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies and providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter. To date, Cleveland County habitat has built 53 new homes. All of the homes were built by volunteers. Students will work on the construction of the homes and do not need to have construction experience. Volunteer responsibilities will include installing drywall, cabinets, siding, insulation, painting, framing, etc.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Cleveland County, OK

Housing: Church **Price:** \$300

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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CHEROKEE NATION

The Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized tribe of the United States. Originally from the Southeast, the Cherokee people were relocated through the Trail of Tears. Participants of this 10 person trip will head to Vian, Oklahoma to help with the revitalization and preservation of the Vian Peace Center by building a ramp for the disabled and elderly as well as painting the insides of the building. Volunteers will also be helping the local community by painting homes and assisting in other projects as needed. Participants will learn about Cherokee culture, the Cherokee people as well as Native American history and preservation while serving throughout the week.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Vian, OK

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$260

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Native American Culture, History, Preservation

Physicality Level: 2

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: BERKELEY COUNTY, SC

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SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Moncks Corner, SC

Housing: Church

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston is a state of the art facility dedicated to improving the well-being of our nation's veterans. The Veterans Health Administration's primary mission is to provide medical care and services to America's military Veterans. Its namesake comes in honor of U.S. marine Ralph H. Johnson who saw battle in the Republic of Vietnam. On March 5, 1968, Johnson fell on top of an incoming grenade in order to save his fellow marines. In working with our beloved troops at the VA Medical Center, students will hear similar stories from servicemen and women both past and present demonstrating their selflessness and patriotism. More specifically, students on this trip will work in transporting patients throughout the medical center, delivering patient meals, spending valuable time with our nation's veterans, and completing any other necessary tasks that is asked of our students by the faculty. Volunteers do not need to have any experience in patient care or with the military.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Charleston, SC

Housing: Church

Price: \$200

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Veterans, Health

Physicality Level: 1

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN APPALACHIA

Located across the river from Chota, the original capital of the Overhill Cherokee Nation, is the Once Upon A Time Wilderness Retreat. This trip will give participants an inside perspective on Native American Cherokee culture, local history, and nature education from the surrounding mountain areas. The trip will take place between the idyllic Great Smokey Mountains National Park and Cherokee National Forest in East Tennessee. Participants will get a chance to work with invasive plants at the Nature Preserve, assist in camp up-keep and revitalization, hike in the nearby mountains and enjoy Cherokee music and cultural customs. Come join the hospitable hosts, Ed and Arlene, and see what it feels like to be a part of their family; this is a trip you will not forget!



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Maryville, TN

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$380

Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- Housing
- Program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Native American and Environmental Issues

Physicality Level: 2

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FOOD & FRIENDS AND MARTHAS TABLE

Participants on this trip to Washington D.C. will serve at two locations including Food and Friends and Martha's Table. The Food & Friends staff of professional chefs and community dietitians design meals that meet the special dietary needs of persons living with a broad range of illnesses including HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-challenging illnesses across the DC metro area. Food and Friends also provides nutrition counseling and friendship to clients and community members facing poverty and homelessness. The Martha's Table mission is to create a safe space for children to eat and read after school, as well as manage food and clothing programs and provide educational and family support services. Trip participants will package and deliver meals to Food and Friends clients around Washington, D.C. each morning and then serve with the Capital Area Food Bank in the afternoons.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Washington D.C.

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$335

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. Public transportation will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:

Hunger, Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

Participants: 10

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FATHER MCKENNA CENTER

The Father McKenna Center in Washington D.C. acts as a triage center for men struggling with homelessness in the surrounding community. The center helps to determine what clients need and helps to refer them to other community resource providers who do direct programming including alcohol/drug rehabilitation, job training and career placement. Services available to clients include meals, showers, laundry, phone, mail, transportation, computers, and clothing. Participants will stay on site in the center and have the opportunity to prepare and serve meals and interact directly with the homeless population at the Father McKenna Center.

Participants may also assist with the on-site Food Pantry and Hypothermia Program, which is a small shelter serving 33 men by providing a job, shelter, and alcohol/drug treatment programs.



SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Washington D.C.

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$250

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. Public transportation will be used around the city.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness, Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

*This year's Buckeye Book Club selection, *The Other Wes Moore*, will be used for reflection and group discussion on this trip. Participants should plan to read this book during the fall semester. The trip is open to all students.*

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