

## Spring 2017 TRIPS

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## SUMMER TRIP May 8-21, 2017

### Cape Town: SOUTH AFRICA



This trip requires completion of this Buck-I-SERV application AND a supplemental application available at [/payitforward2013.wufoo.com/forms/m8ry0kn0ylbmwp/](http://payitforward2013.wufoo.com/forms/m8ry0kn0ylbmwp/). Applicants must complete both steps in order to be considered for this trip.

This trip is an opportunity for students to deepen their academic and intercultural understanding as leaders through community engagement. The trip will focus on the themes of education, service, HIV/AIDS/health awareness and the relevancy of these international issues to students at The Ohio State University. Service work centers primarily around a community organization called Sakhulwazi, located in Philippi township, Cape Town. Accommodations are planned to be at The Backpack, a hostel in Cape Town.

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$2,500

**Trip Price includes:**

- Most Meals
- Transportation to and from country
- Transportation in country
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**

International Development, Poverty, Health

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## SUMMER TRIP May 8-21, 2017 Akumanyi Foundation: SENYA, GHANA

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This trip is in collaboration with The Akumanyi Foundation, a non-profit organization that works in Ghana to improve the lives and the living conditions of vulnerable youth and women through building collaborative relationships that inspire economic development initiatives and cultivate global citizenship with the goal of achieving self-sustainability for the individuals they serve. This trip will be a two-week trip in Senya, Ghana, where participants will serve at Becky's Children's Home. Becky's Children's Home cares for over 50 orphaned and vulnerable youth. Additionally, the founders of the home, Seth and Vivian Aseidu also run a primary and middle school that serves 400 students from the surrounding villages. Your service will consist of full days filled with assisting with various daily tasks at the children's home, teaching alongside local teachers, playing with the kids, tutoring the children, and resting in the evenings. In addition to serving at the program, participants will travel on a weekend cultural excursion trip to Cape Coast. Cape Coast will provide the trip participants an opportunity to tour a slave castle, explore cultural markets, and hike Kakum national park on a canopy walk. Cape Coast will contribute to the immersive and holistic experience of Ghana's culture. Participants will also get to visit other TAF projects, such as their Seamstress Apprenticeship Program, which empowers young women from rural villages through vocational training. At this project site, you will have the opportunity to get clothes and souvenirs made by the program enrollees to take home! \*\*This trip is recommended for STEP students\*\*



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Senya, Ghana

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$2,500

**\*NOTE\*** This trip is available for STEP Students

### Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation to and from country
- Transportation in country
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

### Social Justice Issue:

International Development, Poverty, Children, Education, Women

**Physicality Level:** 3

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## Habitat for Humanity: MOBILE, AL

Habitat South Alabama was founded in 1988 and has built over 200 homes. Habitat Southwest Alabama is dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing by providing home ownership opportunities to low income families in the southwest Alabama area. 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. They seek to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Currently, there are over 1,700 Habitat affiliates in the United States. Students on these trips will work on the construction of houses in each of the local communities; they welcome all volunteers with different skill levels.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Mobile, AL

**Housing:** Church

**Price:** \$335

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Homelessness/Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## Grand Canyon: ARIZONA

### In partnership with Rec Sports

In collaboration with Recreational Sports' Outdoor Adventure Center, this trip provides a transformational blend of service and outdoor adventure in the Grand Canyon of Arizona. The trip begins with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona and a quick one hour drive to the beautiful Red Rock region of Sedona. Once there, students will be dedicating significant service time to the Palatki Heritage Site in the Coconino National Forest, a site visited by thousands each year. Restoration work and manual labor will ensure access for many years to come. After our work, interpretive guides will share the story of Native Americans who used these cliff dwellings hundreds of years ago and the importance of keeping these heritage sites for future generations. Following this work, students will continue north and begin a challenging, bucket-list backpack into the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Over 2.5 days, the group will be backpacking 15-20 miles, camping below the rim for two nights. Finally, the trip concludes with two days of whitewater rafting at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, complete with travertine waterfalls and river side camping. Impromptu service projects in the Canyon will arise based on group ability and direction from Park Rangers. Adventure activities include backpacking, cave exploration, rafting, and lots of hiking between activities. Housing during the trip will consist of 1-2 nights in a hostel and camping in backcountry remote settings in a tent. Tents, sleeping bags, mats, backpacks, and rafting equipment are provided. Physical fitness is required both for the service project and the Grand Canyon backpacking portion of the trip.

Participants should expect to take their own spending money for any additional personal purchases (souvenirs), and \$40 total for meals while in airports. This trip will be filled through an application review and interview process, and applicants will be contacted throughout that process.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Grand Canyon, Arizona

**Housing:** Hostel and Camping

**Price:** \$1,900

### Trip Price includes:

- Most Meals
- Transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Outdoor Adventure Activities
- Tools/supplies needed for service
- Camping, Hiking Gear

### Social Justice Issue:

Environment, Sustainability, Restoration

**Physicality Level:** 3

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## Florida's Aquatic Preserves: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Much of Florida's distinctive character lies in the beauty of its coastline. The best of the coastal landscapes have been set aside for protection as aquatic preserves. This natural beauty has always been one of Florida's major attractions for both tourists and residents. Ironically, the very features that have drawn people to Florida are potentially endangered by the increased population pressures. Aquatic preserves protect the living waters of Florida to ensure that they will always be home for bird rookeries and fish nurseries ... freshwater springs and salt marshes ... sea grass meadows and mangrove forests. The week is busy, but students go home with many valuable experiences to pass on to their own communities. Here, students have the ability to engage in community service activities while enjoying Florida's wonderful weather and coast, the best of both worlds. You will get a chance to work with invasive exotic plants, such as the Brazilian pepper, and to remove debris from spoil islands.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** St. Petersburg, FL

**Housing:** Cabins

**Price:** \$325

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by charter bus and utilize a 10 person van throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Environmental

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## Forest Animal Rescue: SILVER SPRINGS, FL

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 be helping with the construction of the sanctuary and assisting with the regular maintenance of the acres. \*\*As a true sanctuary, the animals at Forest Animal Rescue are never bred, sold or exploited in any way. Founded in 1998, Forest Animal Rescue is highly respected and internationally recognized.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Silver Springs, FL

**Housing:** Camp Lodge

**Price:** \$400

**Trip Price includes:**

- 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:**  
Environmental/Animal Rights

**Physicality Level:** 3

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## Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center: FLORIDA

Are you a business major? Then this trip is for you! This trip is sponsored in partnership with the Fisher College of Business and FisherCARES. Participants will serve with the Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center in Sarasota, FL. The center is home to over 18 non-profit health and human services agencies serving the community's adults, children and families experiencing poverty. Participants will be serve the center with building maintenance, visiting with clients, administrative tasks, and learning about the services the center offers.

Participants on this trip are issued a scholarship for the trip cost through the Fisher College of Business. More information will be provided to the participants upon selection. ***\*\*This trip is in partnership with the Fisher College of Business and is available only to students within the FCOB.\*\****



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Sarasota, FL

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$0

*\*This trip is paid for by a scholarship that is provided by Fisher College of Business for all students selected on this trip.*

### Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the destination. Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation throughout the week
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:** Poverty, Hunger, Education

**Physicality Level:** 1

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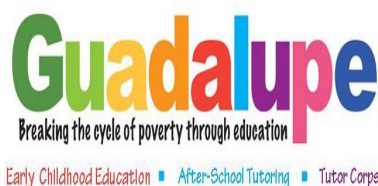
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## GUADALUPE CENTER: IMMOKALEE, FL

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:** \$400

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by charter bus and use a rental van 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: 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:** \$400

**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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## Habitat for Humanity: PUNTA GORDA, FL

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. Currently, there are over 1,700 Habitat affiliates in the United States. Students on these trips will work on the construction of houses in each of the local communities. Volunteers do not need to have any construction knowledge. Since 1987, Habitat Charlotte County (Punta Gorda, FL) has helped over 275 Charlotte County families achieve the dream of homeownership and this year we plan to help an additional 25. Habitat Charlotte County homeowner program success rate is 96%, and they continue to reinvest 91 cents of every donated dollar into their programs.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Punta Gorda, FL

**Housing:** Church

**Price:** \$375

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the destination. Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation throughout the week.
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Homelessness/Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## Pinellas County Sea Grant: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

University of Florida IFAS Extension, Florida Sea Grant works to increase awareness and build environmental stewardship through Environmental Education Programs in Pinellas County, Florida. For the first-time ever, the Florida Sea Grant Buck-I SERV program will allow OSU students the chance to design and implement a 3-day Spring Break Marine Science Camp for students ages 7-11. During the first 2 days of the trip, participants will become familiar with Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center and Preserve. Group Leader, Sea Grant Agent Libby Carnahan, will teach OSU student volunteers about the wildlife and coastal ecosystems of Tampa Bay. She will also teach students how to design fun and engaging lesson plans and provide them with materials and resources to do so. Marine Science Camp activities can include a canoe paddle, saltwater seining, fishing from the pier, boardwalk hikes, and more! Youth development, marine wildlife and community outreach are the themes for this hands on, outdoor education experience! No teaching experience is necessary, all areas of study are welcome. Must bring your sense of adventure and desire to inspire young minds.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** St. Petersburg, FL

**Housing:** Cabins

**Price:** \$340

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by charter bus and utilize a 10 person van throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**

Environmental, Education, Youth, Science

**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:** \$375

**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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# ILLINOIS

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## Association House of CHICAGO, IL

Association House is a vital resource to under-served, multicultural communities, providing collaborative programs in English and Spanish. The Association House promotes health and wellness, educational advancement, and economic empowerment, which impact the lives of nearly 20,000 children, and also families each year in the neighborhoods of Humboldt Park, West Town, Logan Square, Avondale, and Hermosa. They both address immediate needs and plan for long-term goals with services such as: child welfare to provide prevention and intervention, and finds loving homes for children through guardianship and adoption. Behavioral Health programs offer prevention, treatment and education for children, youth and adults facing emotional and mental health issues. Prevention & Educational Development programs address the persistent physical, social, and emotional well-being needs in the community. Students on this trip will work on a range of activities ranging from tutoring to working in a food pantry.



 Association  
House of Chicago

OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Chicago, IL

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$340

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Education

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## MISERICORDIA: CHICAGO, IL

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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## E7<sup>th</sup> Kids Cafe: LEXINGTON, KY

The E7th Kids Cafe is a community center located in downtown Lexington, KY. E7th Center provides a free, hot meal to youth 18 and under Monday through Friday. The center also offers homework help; science, art, and literacy activities; field trips; and the Our World in Pictures photography program. Volunteers are needed to assist in tutoring and homework help; planning and implementing science, art and other educational activities; and helping with the cleaning and renovation of the building and working within the food pantry.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Lexington, KY

**Housing:** Church

**Price:** \$260

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**

Hunger/Education

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## Break a Difference: NEW ORLEANS, LA

Over the last decade, as New Orleans has rebuilt after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, an array of initiatives have developed not only to replace what was lost, but to build some of the supports that didn't exist prior. This trip with Break a Difference (United Way) will have a total of 72 participants. Participants will break into smaller groups to prepare for the trip and to then do service throughout New Orleans. Service type will vary throughout the week; last year's participants rotated through projects such as construction projects at individual homes, bead sorting/gardening/clean-up work for Arc of Greater New Orleans, painting and coordinating a large event at a city football stadium, and projects at New Orleans City Park. Participants also had opportunities to learn about New Orleans recent history with visits to Hurricane Katrina museums, a tour with a resident of the city's Ninth Ward and some free time at a New Orleans St. Patrick's Day parade.

# BREAK A DIFFERENCE

## #LEADERSWITHGRIT

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** New Orleans, LA

**Housing:** Camp Restore

**Price:** \$400

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a motor coach to the destination. Upon arrival the group will pick up rental cars for local transportation throughout the week
- Housing
- Most Meals
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Multiple

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: LAFAYETTE, LA

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:** \$320

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Homelessness, Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## LOWER NINE: NEW ORLEANS , LA

**NOTE: This trip is a Group Trip for TOPS Students Only**

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:** \$370

**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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## Community Collaborations: Baton Rouge, LA

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 2016, displacing thousands of residents. This disaster relief project will focus on helping the people of Louisiana recover in the wake of these historic floods. Homes directly impacted by weather and local community organizations such as food banks and after school programs are struggling to meet the increased needs of the community. Many of these organizations and their staff have suffered directly from the floods. Volunteers will work to help these organizations serve the community and get back on their feet.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Baton Rouge, LA

**Housing:** Cabins

- Bring your own Bedding

**Price:** \$350

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a 50 passenger coach. Rental Vans will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- Housing
- Most Meals
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Homelessness/Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## Arc of Baltimore: MARYLAND

Arc of Baltimore is dedicated to bringing advocacy and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides services to over 6,000 men, women, and children. Programs are provided for both adults and children in areas such as employment, behavior, community integration, supportive family programs, high school transition programs, and resource awareness. Students will be learning about what advocacy looks like and assisting with their programs and other projects they need completed in order to reach more people. Participants also typically assist the staff with a popular annual talent show.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$305

**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:**  
Disabilities

**Physicality Level:** 1

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# MICHIGAN

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## Focus Hope: DETROIT, MI

This trip to Detroit Michigan will work with Focus Hope. In 1968, Father William Cunningham (1930–1997) and Eleanor Josaitis (1931-2011) co-founded Focus: HOPE, an organization dedicated to intelligent and practical solutions to the problems of hunger, economic disparity, inadequate education, and racial divisiveness. The organization has become a nationally renowned civil and human rights organization diligently working to bridge the racial divide in southeast Michigan through their food program, career training programs, and their HOPE Village Initiative. Participants on this trip will work with the food program and with the adult education program.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Detroit, MI

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$330

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**

Multiple

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## ONE HEARTLAND: Willow River, MN

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:** \$330

**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, Children

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## Break a Difference: NEWARK, NJ

Through its program initiatives and vision councils, the United Way moves beyond the surface of critical community problems to tackle their underlying causes. While in Newark, your primary job is to build relationships with the Newark community through personal interaction. You will do hands-on service projects with the United Way of Essex and West Hudson and other organizations who are seeking to make an impact on the lives of at-risk families, children and youth. The group will serve and be housed at the Boys and Girls Club of Newark.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Newark, NJ

**Housing:** Onsite (Participants must bring bedding)

**Price:** \$400

### Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a van to and from destination
- Housing
- Most Meals
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Education, Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 1

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# NEW YORK

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## Gay Men's Health Crisis: NEW YORK, NY

Students will participate in an orientation to learn more about HIV and AIDS on both a national and local level. Participants will have the opportunity to assist GMHC employees serve meals to the organization's clients, complete phone calls and paperwork for fundraising initiatives as well as create safe sex kits for GMHC's community outreach projects. Students will interact with individuals from the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** New York City, NY

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$375

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van and will use public transportation throughout the week
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
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:** \$375

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a van 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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## North Carolina Coastal: NORTH CAROLINA

Located in Newport, North Carolina near the Outer Banks and for more than 30 years, the North Carolina Coastal Federation has worked with people to safeguard the coastal rivers, creeks, sounds and beaches of North Carolina. The N.C. Coastal Federation has been able to preserve more than 10,000 acres of threatened coastal land since its establishment and has received multiple prestigious Pelican Awards that honor groups that exhibit exemplary performance in improving environmental quality on the N.C. coast. Service will consist of mostly environmental work, including wetland restoration, oyster habitat restoration, clean up, and other project maintenance. There will also be an opportunity to partner and serve with Hammocks Beach State Park in additional environmental work.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Newport, NC

**Housing:** Cabins

**Price:** \$375

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Environmental

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## CHEROKEE NATION: Vian, OK

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:** \$275

**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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## Greenville Humane Society: SOUTH CAROLINA

The Greenville Humane Society is the largest no-kill facility in South Carolina and North Carolina. The “Playpen” (puppy/kitten room) is one of the major attractions for visitors and thus it is essential that it maintains a clean, neat appearance at all times. In addition, it requires a lot of dishwashing, laundry and opening newspapers to keep the puppies and kittens in the healthy environment necessary for their care. Students on this trip will work to maintain the “Playpen” and act as Puppy Patrol Volunteers - to assist the adoption staff in performing the tasks to ensure the health of all pets. And when there’s no other work to be done you’ll have the opportunity to walk a dog!



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Greenville, SC

**Housing:** Local College on campus housing

**Price:** \$265

### Trip Price includes:

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Animal Rights

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## ONCE UPON A TIME IN APPALACHIA: Maryville, TN

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:** \$400

### 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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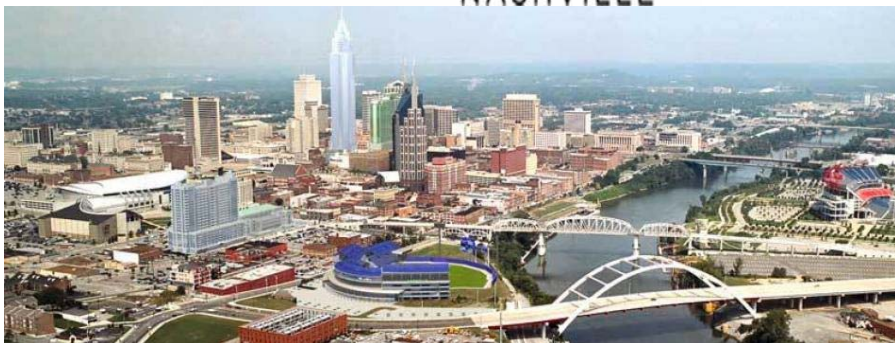
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## World Relief Nashville: TN

World Relief Nashville: Situated just outside the vibrant downtown area of Nashville, World Relief Nashville has the mission to embrace refugees who have been forced to leave their country, culture, friends, and families for safety. They actively resettle refugees from various war torn areas from over 24 different ethnic backgrounds. World Relief seeks to empower volunteers to help meet their physical, relational, and spiritual needs. As a participant on this trip, one will have an opportunity to work with their Journey Afterschool Youth Program. Additionally, participants will be able to engage in educational trainings on refugees, cultures, and religions.



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NASHVILLE



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Nashville, TN

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$370

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by rental cars to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**

Refugees

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## Meeman Shelby Forest State Park: TENNESSEE

Bordering on the mighty Mississippi River, 13 miles north of Memphis, two-thirds of this 13,467-acre park are bottomland hardwood forests of large oak, cypress and tupelo. The park contains two lakes and many miles of hiking trails as well as one of the largest disc-golf courses in the Southeast. Deer, turkey, beaver, fox, otter and bobcat are plentiful. Over 200 species of songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and birds of prey, including the American Bald Eagle can be seen. Meeman Shelby provides a variety of outdoor activities to its visitors and campers in Tennessee.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Millington, TN

**Housing:** Cabins

**Price:** \$250

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Environmental

**Physicality Level:** 3

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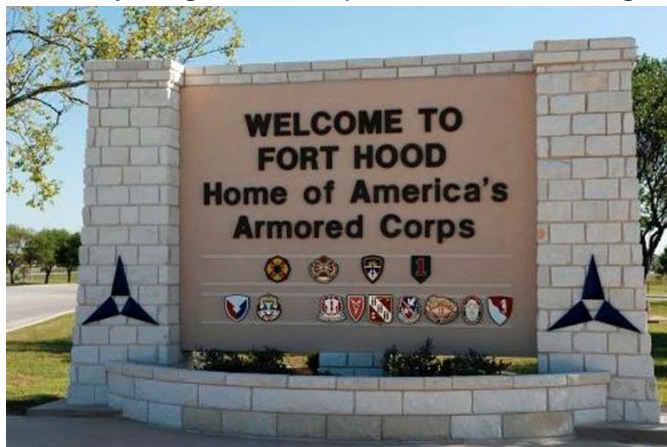
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## Break a Difference: FORT HOOD, TX

Break A Difference (B•A•D) programs are offered in a variety of cities across the nation. The world's largest military base, Fort Hood, is the core of this Central Texas community. This trip will focus not only on providing direct services to military-connected children, but also to increasing volunteers' understanding of the challenges and benefits military service provides to families. Fort Hood is the largest and most populous active duty armored post in the United States Armed Services. The Fort covers 214,000 acres of land and has over 45,000 active duty enlisted soldiers. The trip will focus on three social justice issues. #1 Children and youth: helping them with homework and youth programs #2 Veteran and military families: supporting local food banks for military families, and military programs around the city #3 Environment: cleaning up military neighborhood parks, urban farming.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Fort Hood, TX

**Housing:** Onsite (Participants must bring bedding)

**Price:** \$400

### Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van to and from destination
- Housing
- Most Meals
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

### Social Justice Issue:

Military Families, Children, Poverty, Environment

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## North Texas Food Bank: DALLAS, TX

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a Dallas nonprofit hunger relief organization that distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of more than 250 Partner Agencies in 13 counties. As a member of Feeding America, NTFB support the nutritional needs of children, families and seniors through education, advocacy and strategic partnerships. In a place famous for abundant and luscious home-cooked meals, hunger is rampant. NTFB provides access to nearly 175,000 nutritious meals every day; and 62 million nutritious meals last year. The North Texas Food Bank provides access to food at more than 1,100 feeding locations and educational programs throughout their service area. Students will be helping prepare and deliver meals around the Greater Dallas area.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Dallas, TX

**Housing:** Host Family

**Price:** \$275

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by a van to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**

Hunger, Poverty

**Physicality Level:** 1

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## American Hiking Society, Douthat State Park: VIRGINIA

The American Hiking Society is the nation's leading hiking organization dedicated to maintaining and improving foot trails and their surrounding natural areas. Through their conservation work, AHS strives to promote healthy living and a greater appreciation for nature. Participants on this Buck-I-SERV trip will be staying in a lodge at Douthat State Park in Virginia, one of the most beautiful mountainous parks the region has to offer. Volunteers will conduct trail maintenance activities on the 43 miles of existing trails at Douthat State Park. The highest priority task will be replacing old signage, placing metal blazes to define the trail, rerouting trails, and repairing bridges for safer access. Volunteers can expect to hike up to 6 miles each working day to complete these tasks. Weather conditions may dictate changes in the work plan. Douthat generally gets snow in March in which case, volunteers will be doing other projects in the park. Be aware that the work site is a 1 mile hike to and from the lodge and participants are expected to make this trek each day.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Williamsburg, VA

**Housing:** Lodge

**Price:** \$275

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Environmental

**Physicality Level:** 3

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## American Hiking Society, James River State Park: VIRGINIA

The American Hiking Society is the nation's leading hiking organization dedicated to maintaining and improving foot trails and their surrounding natural areas. Through their conservation work, AHS strives to promote healthy living and a greater appreciation for nature. Participants on this Buck-I-SERV trip will be staying in a lodge/cabin at James River State Park in Virginia, located in the rolling hills of Buckingham County, Virginia along the James River. Potential projects include implementing two trail reroutes, building two new trails (both are short, but provide access to exceptional views), and performing trail restoration on approximately 7 miles of trail. Volunteers can expect to hike up to 4 miles each working day to complete these projects. Volunteers groups will have access to activities such as archery, wagon rides, guided "night owl hike", and other park programs.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Wingina, Virginia

**Housing:** Lodge

**Price:** \$315

**Trip Price includes:**

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

**Social Justice Issue:**  
Environmental

**Physicality Level:** 2

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## Natural Tunnel State Park: DUFFIELD, VIRGINIA

More than 850 feet long and as tall as a 10-story building, Natural Tunnel was naturally carved through a limestone ridge over thousands of years. Volunteers help with a variety of projects including group nature programs, wildlife rehabilitation, trail maintenance, and nature displays. Activities may be physical and vary from month to month.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Duffield, VA

**Housing:** On-Site

**Price:** \$200

**Trip Price includes:**

- Transportation
- Participants will travel by van to and from destination
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Social Justice Issue:**  
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**Physicality Level:** 3

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## FOOD & FRIENDS AND MARTHAS TABLE: Washington, DC

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.



*Delivering hope, one meal at a time*



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Washington D.C.

**Housing:** Hostel

**Price:** \$340

**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

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