Overview: 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.

Day-to-day: Volunteers will be assisting residents with daily tasks, preparing meals, helping with laundry services, visiting with clients, and working in the on-site bakery.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Participants will stay in a hostel and will be provided with sheets. Meals are not provided by the housing or service sites but the group will be given a small grocery budget to purchase food and make meals throughout the week. Participants should expect to spend additional funds on some meals.