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****Physicality Level Ratings:**

1 = no more than casual daily activity level

2 = more than daily activity, you'll sleep well at night!

3 = you will come back with muscles you didn't know you had!



Association House of Chicago

Location: Chicago, IL

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$340

Trip Price Includes

- **Lodging and all program fees**
- **Tools/supplies needed for service**
- **Transportation**
 - **Participants will travel by van to the destination and use that vehicle for local travel throughout the week**

Social Justice Issue:
Education

Physicality Level: 1

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.

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Location: Williamsburg, VA

Housing: Lodge

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - **participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination, this vehicle will be used throughout the week for local transportation**
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

American Hiking Society: James River State Park

This trip will be a group trip, and use the group trip selection process. 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.

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Habitat for Humanity: Southwest Alabama

Location: Mobile, AL

Housing: Church

Price: \$365

Trip Price Includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel on a 50 person coach to the area with other Buck-I-SERV trips
 - Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local travel
- **Lodging**
- **Program Fees**
- **Tools/Supplies for service**

Social Justice Issues:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

This trip will be a group trip and use the group trip selection process. 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. Volunteers do not need to have any construction knowledge.



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Arc of Baltimore

Location: Baltimore, MD

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination, this vehicle will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Disabilities

Physicality Level: 1

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.

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Boston Urban Outreach

Location: Boston, MA

Housing: Church

- Limited shower and bathroom facilities, so expect quick showers
- Air mattresses and bedding will also be needed

Price: \$365

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
 - The group will travel by a ten person van to the region
 - upon arrival the group will use local transportation
 - subway passes included in trip price
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Hunger

Founded in 1816, City Mission Society of Boston is the oldest multi-service social justice agency in New England. Their services reach over 35,000 people each year, both directly and through other volunteer efforts. The City Mission's purpose is to meet the educational, economic, social, and advocacy needs of impoverished residents in the Boston neighborhoods. Boston Urban Outreach brings together groups of youth and adults from all over the country to perform service projects and learn first-hand about social justice issues. Community Events such as the Christmas Shop, Martin Luther King Day of Service and Learning and others bring together participants from all over Greater Boston to meet and work with our neighbors. This trip of 50 participants will break into smaller groups and rotate through different service sites each day.



Location: Biloxi, MS

Housing: Cabins

- Bring your own bedding
- Shower/bath facilities outside the sleeping cabins

Price: \$315

Trip Price Includes

- Lodging and all program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service
- Transportation
 - Participants will travel to the location on a 50 passenger coach, which will be used throughout the week for travel

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

Community Collaborations: Biloxi, MS

Community Collaborations 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. Students will participate in a variety of projects; including but not limited to, eco restoration - clearing invasive species from the ecosystem, volunteers may also choose to work in a variety of other community based projects addressing child welfare, poverty, homelessness, immigration, and education by working in a local YMCA, demolishing homes/ buildings, working with Hunger and Homeless programs and centers providing direct service to the homeless in Louisiana, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast area and/or working with Head Start and Early Head Start centers providing direct service to pre-school children and support for the overall program.



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Recreational Sports International Trip

Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

Housing: Homestays and
Camping

Price: \$2300

Trip Price includes:

- **transportation within the country**
 - **airfare is included in the trip price**
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Physicality Level: 3

Explore lush and warm Costa Rica with Ohio State's Rec Sports department and BUCK-I-SERV! Combining outdoor adventure into service, this trip will truly immerse you in the bold beauty of the Costa Rican culture as you hike through rainforests, rappel-off and sleep under waterfalls, learn to surf in the Pacific ocean, swim alongside dolphins and whales, and sea kayak through caves. You'll roll-up your sleeves as you improve local community centers and work directly with Costa Rican schools, experiencing life through an entirely different lens than most of us here in the United States. This is your chance to serve side by side with Costa Ricans, contributing to their way of life and enriching your global perspective and adventurous spirit all at once! Participants must apply through BUCK-I-SERV and go through an interview process before being selected to join this expedition.

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American Hiking Society: Douthat State Park

Location: Williamsburg, VA

Housing: Lodge

- Fully furnished, providing full kitchens with refrigerator, stove, oven, cooking gear, and utensils, bathrooms, and linens. Volunteers should bring their personal clothing/toiletries.

Price: \$315

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van that will be used throughout the week for local travel
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 3

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.

Volunteers will have plenty of recreational opportunities to choose from during their free time. They will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful counties of Bath and Allegheny, home of the Dominion Back Creek Recreation Area and the Jackson River Scenic Trail. The park is close to the Greenbrier (bunker tour), historic Lexington, VA, Natural Bridge (opening as a Virginia State Park in June 2016, and a very interesting train museum in Clifton Forge which is about 15 minutes from the park.

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East 7th Street Center & God's Food Pantry

Location: Lexington, KY

Housing: Church

Price: \$220

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the region
 - upon arrival the group will pick up rental cars to use throughout the week for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Hunger/ Education

Physicality Level: 1

The East 7thStreet Center & God's Food Pantry is a community center located in downtown Lexington, KY. East 7th Street 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 need 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.

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Location: St. Louis, MO

Housing: Hotel

Price: \$210

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van that will be used throughout the week for local travel
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

Buckeyes ‘Bridging’ For East St. Louis

Partnership with Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection (Department for Social Change): This civic engagement adventure uses the best of the Buckeyes to be the beginning of social change in East St. Louis. For the week, OSU students will spend time investing in historic East St. Louis, mentoring youth at the Trinity Outreach Center. Students will also cross the Bridge to explore St. Louis and learn about the social justice history of the city and its many surrounding municipalities. When OSU students leave they have an understanding of the history hardships of the residents in the area. Furthermore, they are given the chance to make an impact in the East St. Louis community.

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Location: Washington, D.C.

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$275

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Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - This group will travel to their location by a 10 person van, which will be used throughout the week for local transportation.
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue: Hunger

Physicality Level: 1

Food & Friends and Capital Area Food Bank

Participants on this trip to Washington D.C. will serve at two locations. **Food and Friends** provides and delivers specialized meals and groceries to its members in the D.C. area. 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, and they provide nutrition counseling and friendship to people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-challenging illnesses. **The Capital Area Food Bank** mission is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington metro area by acquiring food and distributing it through its network of partner agencies.

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.



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Florida's Aquatic Preserves

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the general area
 - The group will then pick up a van and a car to be used for local travel during the week
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

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 (including but not limited to cutting down trees).

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Focus Hope

Location: Detroit, MI

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$335

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van that will be used throughout the week for local travel
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Multiple

Physicality Level: 1

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.

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Gay Men's Health Crisis

Location: New York City, NY

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$340

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Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel by a 50 passenger motor-coach along with other Buck-I-SERV trips headed to this region.
 - Once you arrive at your site, the group will use public transportation to travel throughout the city.
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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.

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Greenville Humane Society



Location: Greenville, SC

Housing: Local College on campus housing

Price: \$265

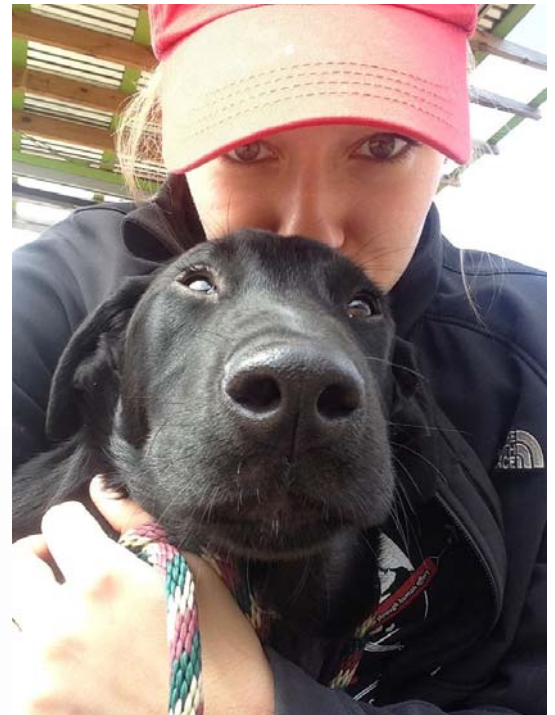
Trip Price Includes:

- **Transportation**
 - This trip will travel to their destination by a 10 person van, which will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue: Animal Rights

Physicality Level: 1

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!



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Location: Sarasota, FL

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$670

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the general area
 - Upon arrival the group will rent vehicles that will be used throughout the week for local travel
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Multiple

Physicality Level: 1

Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center

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 that help low income and at risk adults, children and families achieve and maintain productive lives as participating, contributing members of our community. Participants will be helping around the headquarters with maintenance as well as other projects at the satellite non-profits in the Sarasota area.

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Location: Immokalee, FL

Housing: Church

Price: \$280

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Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - upon arrival the group will rent a van for public transportation
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Poverty/Immigration/Children

Physicality Level: 1

Guadalupe Center

Located in Immokalee, Florida in a community where over 40 percent of the population lives below the poverty level, the Guadalupe Center is dedicated to serving the poor of Immokalee. Your group will be working with the children of migrant workers in the Early Childhood Programs at the Guadalupe Center. The center has been running for more than 25 years, and it also includes a soup kitchen, clothing center, college prep center and a shower center for those in need. Most of the children at the Guadalupe Center come from homes where Spanish is their home language. 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. Your group will meet with the Coalition to learn more about the issues migrants face, as well as taking a tour of Immokalee. This will better educate you on what families go through on a day to day basis and give you a better understanding of those you will be serving.

Guadalupe
Breaking the cycle of poverty through education

Early Childhood Education ■ After-School Tutoring ■ Tutor Corps

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Location: Antigua, Guatemala

Housing: Home stays

Price: \$2000

The trip price includes:

- most food
- transportation including airfare
- lodging and all program fees
 - (Participants should expect to take their own spending money for any additional food and personal purchases, airport exit fees, baggage fees, and meals while in airports)

Physicality Level: 3

****International trip applicants should have a valid passport at the time of application with an expiration date of six months later than travel**

Guatemala

Buck-I-SERV is working with HANDS to offer this trip to Guatemala. Our group will work with Constru Casa, a non-profit organization that aims to improve the housing and living conditions of families in Guatemala. Participants will break into smaller groups to build houses with concrete blocks, a resistive roof, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom (for some families it will be the first bathroom). No special volunteer qualifications are needed and the labor will be divided according to the physical strength of each volunteer, under the supervision of a skilled local mason and his helper. Work mainly consists of digging foundations, carrying materials, mixing concrete, laying blocks, etc.

This trip to Guatemala is available first for STEP participants who are using a Buck-I-SERV trip as part of their approved projects. If additional spots are available, other Buck-I-SERV applicants will be considered through an application review and interview process.



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Habitat for Humanity Lafayette

Location: Lafayette LA

Housing: On site volunteer house

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- **transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

Come visit this 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. 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. Volunteers do not need to have any construction knowledge.



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Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter

Location: Eustis, FL

Housing: On Site Volunteer
Center

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- **transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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 200 families and 157 families in Mexico through their international tithe program. HFH 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. 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.



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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 Hurricane Rita. 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 and 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 providing sustainable economic solutions.



Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site Housing

Price: \$345

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - upon arrival the group will rent a van for public transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/ Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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Medici Project

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$350

Trip Price Includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel on a 50 person coach to the area with other Buck-I-SERV trips
 - Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local travel
- **Lodging**
- **Any Medici Project program fees**
- **Tools/Supplies for service**

Social Justice Issues:

Homelessness/Hunger/Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

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.



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Location: Millington, TN

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$250

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the region
 - Upon arrival the group will pick up rental cars to use throughout the week
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 3

Meeman Shelby Forest State Park

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.

Volunteers help with a variety of projects including group nature programs, wildlife rehabilitation, trail maintenance, and nature displays. Activities are physical and vary from month to month. Prior groups have cleared trails, constructed hiking trail bridges, built a walkway around a live raptor exhibit, and cleared tree limbs from public areas. There is also a significant learning portion to this trip. Participants learn about the park and the environment through hiking tours, canoeing, and supervised interaction with native wildlife.



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Medici Project



Location: New York, NY

Housing: Church/ Hostel

Price: \$350

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Trip Price Includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the area
 - Subway passes included in trip price
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issues:

Homelessness/Hunger/Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

Medici Project serves to educate and expose individuals to the realities of poverty in America and what is being done to fight against that poverty. While on this trip, 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 families, children and youth. A staff member expert will accompany your group and provide education and guidance as you work with the at-risk urban youth. Participants on this trip will work at various sites throughout the week.

Individuals who join us for serving in NYC will engage in various service opportunities that may include homeless shelters, soup kitchens, meal preparations, Boys and Girls clubs, meal deliveries, community cleanups, maintenance project, and others.



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North Carolina Coastal Federation

Location: Newport, NC

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$340

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination, this vehicle will be used throughout the week for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

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.

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Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: Camp Restore

Price: \$400

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by motor coach to the destination
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **Meals at housing site**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Multiple

Physicality Level: 1

United Way Community Development: New Orleans

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.

Trip leader information: This trip offers a special opportunity for leaders; In addition to the usual trip leader role, you will be designated as a Team Leader at the Break A Difference site. The group will include 12 leaders who will need to be available for a day of training offered by Break A Difference on Jan. 24, 2016 (scheduled prior to that evening's Buck-I-SERV leader training #1). These leaders may also need to arrive a day early to participate in additional on-site preparation, so they may fly from Columbus to NOLA on Friday, March 11, 2016. The leaders will return to campus by bus with the rest of the group on March 18-19, 2016.

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Location: Dallas, TX

Housing: Host Family

Price: \$250

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - **Participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to Nashville with other Buck-I-SERV trips**
 - **The group will pick up rental cars to complete their trip and use during the week at their location**
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue: Hunger

Physicality Level: 1

North Texas Food Bank

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.



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Natural Tunnel State Park

Location: Richmond, VA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$200

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the region with other Buck-I-SERV trips
 - upon arrival the group will rent cars for local travel during the week
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:

Environmental/ Animal Rights

Physicality Level: 3

Richmond, 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.

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Location: New York City, NY

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$385

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Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel by a 50 passenger motor-coach along with other Buck-I-SERV trips headed to this region.
 - Once you arrive at your site, the group will use public transportation to travel throughout the city.
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

Youth Service Opportunities Project

Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others. YSOP volunteers prepare and serve meals at soup kitchens; they provide recreational activities and companionship to young, formerly homeless children; they distribute food and supplies at food pantries; they socialize and bring snacks to people in drop-in centers. Occasionally they join in special projects, such as painting a new shelter with residents or distributing clothing at a clothing bank.

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Location: Willow River, MN

Housing: On-Site Camp

Price: \$330

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel in a 10 person van to their destination and use that vehicle for local travel
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty and
HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

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 facing social isolation so that they may lead healthier and more fulfilling lives. These include children who identify as LGBTQ, those who are affected by HIV/AIDS, those who have diabetes, and those who live in transitional housing. Past groups have carved signs, painted, built outdoor furniture, and done projects to improve the grounds for the children before the summer. This trip has consistently received incredible feedback about the staff and the knowledge gained in regards to the communities served. Many participants go back to the camp during the summer as counselors because their experience is so impactful. There are no children present while volunteering.



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Location: Kansas City, MO

Housing: Church

Price: \$265

Trip Price Includes

- **Lodging and all program fees**
- **Tools/supplies needed for service**
- **Transportation**
 - **Participants will travel by van to the destination and use that vehicle for local travel throughout the week**

Social Justice Issue:
Children

Physicality Level: 1

Operation Breakthrough

This trip will be a group trip and use the group trip selection process. Operation Breakthrough is a community center located in the heart of Kansas City, serving children from 8 months to 18 years as well as their parents. Daycare, a food pantry, “dress for success,” and music therapy are just a few of the wonderful programs that are put on in a relentless effort to improve the lives of impoverished local families. The volunteers 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!

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Peace River Refuge



Location: Silver Springs, FL

Housing: Camp Lodge

Price: \$370

Trip price includes:

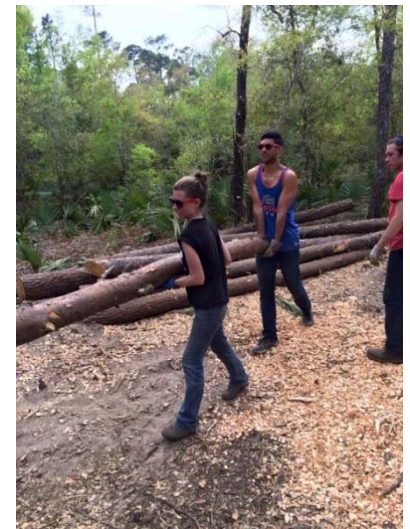
- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the area
 - pick up rental cars upon arrival for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:

Environmental/Animal Rights

Physicality Level: 3

For those whose hearts have a little bit of a wild side, Peace River Refuge & Ranch 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 Peace River Refuge & Ranch 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 Peace River Refuge & Ranch are never bred, sold or exploited in any way. Founded in 1998, Peace River Refuge & Ranch is highly respected and internationally recognized.



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Community Collaborations: Charleston, SC

Location: Charleston, SC

Housing: Campsite

Price: \$275

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van that will be used throughout the week for local travel
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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. Students will participate in flood relief cleanup efforts in the Charleston, SC area, the result of historic flooding in fall 2015. Participants will stay in a volunteer camp, and food at the camp is included in the price of the trip.

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United Way Community Development: New Jersey

Location: Newark, NJ

Housing: On Site

- Participants must bring bedding

Price: \$365

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
 - participants will travel by motor coach to the destination
- lodging and all program fees
- Meals at the housing location
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Education

Physicality Level: 1

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.

Trip leader information: This trip offers a special opportunity for leaders; In addition to the usual trip leader role, you will be designated as a Team Leader at the Break A Difference site. The group will include 8 leaders who will need to be available for a day of training offered by Break A Difference on Jan. 24, 2016 (scheduled prior to that evening's Buck-I-SERV leader training #1). These leaders may also need to arrive a day early to participate in additional on-site preparation, so they may take a van from Columbus to Newark on Friday, March 11, 2016. The leaders will return to campus by bus with the rest of the group on March 19, 2016.

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World Relief Nashville

Location: Nashville, TN

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$325

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Trip Price Includes

- Lodging and all program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service
- Transportation
 - Participants will travel by a 50 person motor coach to the region with other Buck-I-SERV trips
 - Upon arrival the group will pick up rental cars for local transportation

Social Justice Issue: Refugees

Physicality Level: 1

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.

