Overview: 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 in need. The Guadalupe Center began in 1982 as a soup kitchen to meet the immediate needs of impoverished families living in Immokalee. 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. This trip will also visit The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is an organization that focuses their efforts on bettering the lives of migrant workers in the area.

Day-to-Day: Participants will serve with the Guadalupe Center in the mornings as aids in the preschool classrooms. In the afternoons, participants will tutor high school students, visit the CIW and meet with OSU Alumni.

The Nitty Gritty Details: Group members will stay in bunk rooms at the retreat house. Lunch is provided each day at the Guadalupe Center and two meals are provided by OSU Alumni. The group will be given a small grocery budget to cook and pack additional meals but participants should plan to spend additional meal funds.

Location: Immokalee, FL
Price: $380
Price includes:
- Transportation
- Housing
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Transportation: Participants will travel by charter bus to Atlanta and rental vans will be used to travel the remainder of the way and throughout the week for local transportation

Housing: Retreat House
Meals: Some Meals Included

Social Justice Issue: Children, Education, Poverty, Migrant Workers, Farmer Rights

Physicality Level: Low