Overview: Constru Casa aims to improve the quality of life among Guatemalans living in extreme poverty through the provision of basic housing. According to the CIA World Factbook, 59.3% of Guatemala’s population is living below the poverty line. Guatemala’s poverty is rooted in many social, economic and political factors, manifested by high illiteracy, poor health and extremely inadequate housing.

Day-to-Day: Participants will work with local masons and home owners to construct homes with concrete blocks. The group will volunteer from approximately 8:00am – 5:00pm each day. The daily routine is physically demanding and may consist of digging foundations, carrying materials, mixing concrete, laying concrete blocks, painting and more.

The Nitty Gritty Details: The group will lodge and eat at a private home in Antigua. Although most meals are included, participants should plan to have about $200 additional funds to pay for some food and activities throughout the week. This is a 12 person trip. Applicant should have passport in hand or be prepared to have a passport application expedited.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS REQUIRED. SEE BUCK-I-SERV WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS.