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Winter Trips 2015

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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!



Habitat for Humanity Birmingham

Location: Birmingham, AL

Housing: On-Site volunteer center

Price: \$250

Trip Price includes:

- most food
- transportation
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the destination and it will be used for local transportation
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

Habitat for Humanity International listed Habitat Birmingham as 4th ranked out of over 1,700 other affiliates in the US. Habitat Birmingham builds quality, affordable housing and revitalizes existing houses that encourages family stability and promotes self-sufficiency, educational achievement, and responsible citizenship. This organization receives more than 3,200 requests for housing assistance each year. This particular Habitat Birmingham completes a minimum of 40-45 new houses each year; to date they have completed more than 350 homes. They have also sponsored almost 100 families internationally through their tithe program. Volunteers do not need to have any construction experience to make a meaningful impact on a family's life.



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Habitat for Humanity Gulfport



Location: Gulfport, MS

Housing: Church

Price: \$340

The trip price includes:

- most food
- 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:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

Volunteers will work on the rehab of homes in Harrison and Jackson & Stone counties. Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing, through constructing, rehabilitation and preserving homes. Habitat for Humanity advocates for fair and just housing policies, and provides 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. Volunteers do not need to have any construction knowledge.



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Habitat for Humanity Pensacola



Location: Pensacola, FL

Housing: Church

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

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 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the destination
 - 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

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Habitat for Humanity Pinellas County

Location: Pinellas County, FL

Housing: On-Site volunteer center

Price: \$335

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
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

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Habitat for Humanity Cleveland County

**Location: Cleveland County,
OK**

Housing: Church

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- **transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van, which will also be used for local transportation upon arrival
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

**Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty**

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Habitat for Humanity South Carolina

Location: Moncks Corner, SC

Housing: Church

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- **transportation**
 - Participants will travel by a 10 person van to their destination. They will use the van throughout the week for local transportation.
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Homelessness/Poverty

Physicality Level: 2

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Habitat for Humanity Punta Gorda

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Housing: Church

Price: \$430

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

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Habitat for Humanity New Orleans

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: Church

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

New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (NOAHH) was incorporated in 1983 as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since its inception, NOAHH has been working in partnership with hard working, low-income families in New Orleans to build and finance new, safe, affordable homes. New Orleans continues to rebuild housing that was destroyed by the devastating flooding of Hurricane Katrina. NOAHH has become a beacon of hope in this rebuilding process by recruiting and deploying tens of thousands of volunteers to construct new homes in damaged, blighted neighborhoods. NOAHH's homebuilding capacity has increased annually since 2005. New Orleans is a city with historically low rates of homeownership and high levels of poverty, yet it is a place of resiliency, hope, and cultural vibrancy so enjoy your time in the city of jazz.



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Habitat for Humanity Bay St. Louis

Location:Hancock County, MS

Housing: Local School

Price: \$345

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

Hancock County, on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi was one of the hardest hit areas by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. More than 19,000 people living in areas that received significant damage. About **70%** of all housing in the county was either damaged or destroyed. The debris removed from Hancock County could have filled 150 football fields 50 feet high. Initially, the Bay-Waveland office operated as a disaster recovery project of the Jackson, Mississippi affiliate, Habitat Metro Jackson. In January 2008, they became an independent affiliate. Partnering with more than 10,000 volunteers, this affiliate has built 200 new homes in Hancock County and rehabbed and weatherized over 450 homes in Hancock and Pearl River Counties. Volunteers do not need to have any construction experience to make a meaningful impact



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Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter

Location: Eustis, FL

Housing: On Site Volunteer
Center

Price: \$375

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 title 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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Habitat for Humanity Lafayette

Location: Lafayette LA

Housing: On site volunteer house

Price: \$315

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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Location: Chicago, IL

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$250

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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
- Lodging and all program fees
- Tools/supplies for service

Social Justice Issue: Disabilities

Physicality Level: 1

Misericordia

Misericordia offers a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. By serving society's most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia also serves the families who want the best for them, yet cannot provide it at home. Through a spectrum of residential options on its 31-acre Chicago campus and in the community, and with a wide variety of programs, Misericordia currently serves more than 600 children and adults from diverse racial, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Twenty percent of Illinois's residents come from impoverished families or have no families and are wards of the State.



"The residents are beautiful inside and out, and their positivity rubs off on all of us."
–Buck-I-SERV participant to Misericordia



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One Heartland

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

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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North Texas Food Bank

Location: Dallas, TX

Housing: Host Family

Price: \$235

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
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Hunger

Physicality Level: 1

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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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: \$325

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - 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

Physicality Level: 1

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.



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Food & Friends and Capital Area Food Bank

Location: Washington, D.C.

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$335

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

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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Location: New York, NY

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$300

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Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach
 - upon arrival the group will use public transportation (subway passes included in trip price)
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Hunger and HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

God's Love We Deliver

God's Love We Deliver provides nutritious, individually-tailored meals to people who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves. God's Love We Deliver cooks 4,600 meals each weekday, delivering them to clients living with life-altering illnesses in all five boroughs of New York City, Newark and Hudson County, New Jersey. All of their services are provided free of charge to clients, their children and to the senior caregivers of senior clients, without regard to income. The mission of God's Love We Deliver is to improve the health and well-being of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other serious illnesses by alleviating hunger and malnutrition. Volunteers prepare and deliver nutritious, high-quality meals to people who, because of their illnesses, are unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves.



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Project Hospitality



Location: New York, NY

Lodging: Apartment style housing with bunk beds

Price: \$300

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Trip Price Includes:

- Most meals
- Transportation
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the area
 - pick up rental cars upon arrival for local transportation
 - Subway passes are not needed for service related travel, yet can be purchased for free time travel (price not included in trip cost)
- Lodging and all program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Hunger and HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

Project Hospitality is a private, not-for-profit organization based in Staten Island, New York. It provides comprehensive services for hungry, homeless and inadequately housed people, especially those who are living with multiple diagnoses such as HIV, substance use, and/or mental illness. As the only comprehensive homeless service provider in the borough of Staten Island, Project Hospitality serves more than 5,000 Staten Island residents each year. Project Hospitality has a long history of serving the community.



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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
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Native American Issues/
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

Once Upon a Time in Appalachia

This trip is available to members of the sorority and fraternity community. Volunteers work to assist both the Cherokee people and the environment while challenging themselves mentally and physically. This amazing trip will give participants an inside perspective on Native American Cherokee culture in the area. The trip will take place between the idyllic Great Smokey Mountains National Park and Cherokee National Forest in East Tennessee. You will get a chance to work with invasive plants at the Nature Preserve. Students will have the chance to go hiking in the nearby mountain and enjoy the beautiful sights, all around them. Come join Ed and Arlene and see what it feels like to be a part of their family; this is a trip you will not forget!



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Lower Nine

Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site Housing

Price: \$335

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

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.



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Location: New Orleans, LA

Housing: On-Site Housing

Price: \$300

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - Participants will travel in a 50 person coach to the region
 - Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: HIV/AIDS

Physicality Level: 1

Project Lazarus

Project Lazarus provides transitional housing to people living with HIV/AIDS who have no other place to live. The agency has two large buildings with each separated into two 'houses'. Project Lazarus encourages maximum independence of their residents, but provides minimum to total care based on individual needs. Project Lazarus is open to both, men and women in various stages of health. Residents' needs are evaluated at least weekly, and care plans are adjusted as necessary. To date, more than 1000 men and women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS have called Lazarus their home, and many have died at Lazarus. Volunteers will stay in on-site, private housing on the Project Lazarus campus, and they will be working closely with the residents of Project Lazarus to create a fun filled week of activities.



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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: 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

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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Pinellas County Sea Grant

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Housing: Cabins

Price: \$340

Trip Price includes:

- **Transportation**
 - **Participants will travel in a 50 person coach to the region**
 - **Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation**
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

Social Justice Issue:
Environmental

Physicality Level: 2

Students will learn in the classroom and in the outdoors about coastal and marine ecosystems of Florida, responsible environmental stewardship, and hands on Fishing Skills. In turn, students will help with environmental restoration projects and community outreach, and they will help to teach a fishing clinic to local underprivileged children! No experience is necessary. All training will be provided. Much of the work will be outdoors in Florida. Students will use hand tools to remove exotic plants and canoes to perform a coastal cleanup. Depending on weather, students will take a boat to one of the Pinellas County island preserves to work on exotic plant removal and trash pickup. There is also an option to camp overnight on the island, weather depending.

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Medici Project

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Hostel

Price: \$320

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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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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Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: Private Home

Price: \$350

Trip Price includes:

- Transportation
 - Participants will travel in a 50 person coach to the region
 - Upon arrival the group will rent a van for local transportation
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Poverty

Physicality Level: 1

Partner's for Care

Partner's For Care has a mission to decrease the number of children dying from preventable diseases (such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, waterborne illnesses, and malnutrition) by supporting Kenyan nationals as they engage in this prevention work. Based in Georgia, Partner's for Care embraces the philosophy of building capacity in Kenya in sustainable ways. The organization implements a variety of programs including education programs, sustainability programs, medical clinics and more. Participants will have the unique opportunity to work closely throughout the week with the Founder and President of the organization, Connie Cheren.



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City of Refuge

Location: Atlanta, GA

Housing: On-Site

Price: \$275

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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: Women and Homelessness

Physicality Level: 1

The City of Refuge is a non-profit organization dedicated to community development efforts that lead to the stability and sustainability of the local community. The community the organization serves in is a community in crisis but also a community with hope and resilience. The mission of City of Refuge is to bring light, hope and transformation to Atlanta's last, lost and least. For volunteers, it is place to know firsthand the challenges of the "last, lost and least." For any who pass through the gates of City of Refuge, it is a community that provides shelter from the storm, warmth from the cold, an oasis from the desert. City of Refuge provides services such as a food bank, internships, and early childhood/ youth programming. Students will embark on a "spiritual retreat" volunteering with the City of Refuge. City of Refuge is located in downtown Atlanta where there are many historical sites that the participants will have the opportunity to visit while on this weeklong trip.



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Greenville Humane Society



Location: Greenville, SC

Housing: Local College on campus housing

Price: \$325

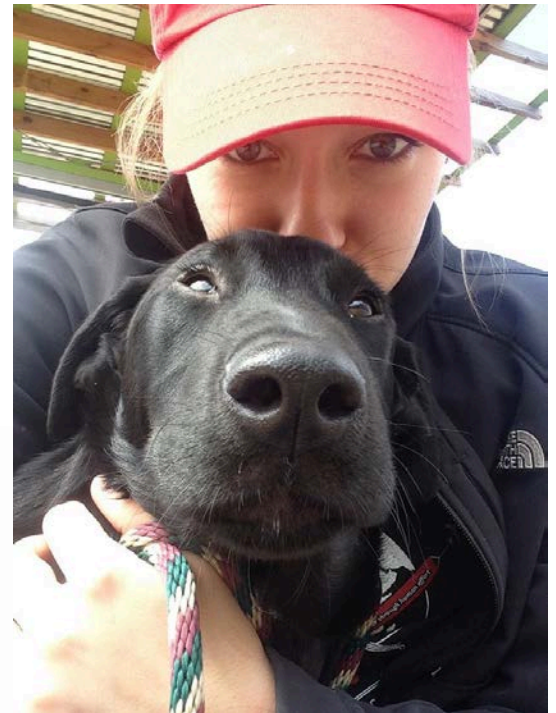
Trip Price Includes:

- **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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Peace River Refuge

Location: Silver Springs, FL

Housing: Camp Lodge

Price: \$350

Trip price includes:

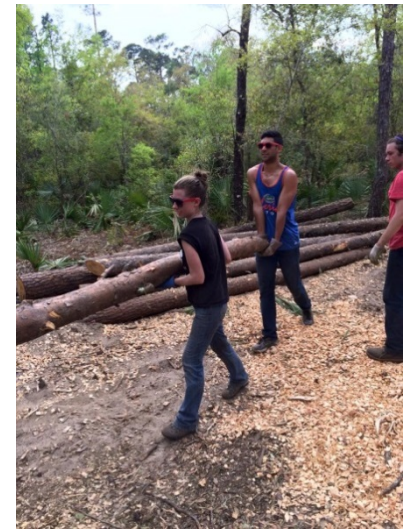
- **Transportation**
 - participants will travel by a 50 person coach to the area
 - pick up rental cars upon arrival for local transportation
- **lodging and all program fees**
- **tools/supplies needed for service**

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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Greeks Go Global

Location: Costa Rica

Housing: Bunkhouse

Price: \$2510

Trip Price Includes:

- Most meals
- 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 airport.

Physicality Level: 2

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

This trip is available to any members of the Fraternity and Sorority community. The Costa Rican Maleku Indigenous Immersion is in partnership with Rustic Pathways. The Rustic Pathways mission statement is, “We empower students through innovative and responsible travel experiences to positively impact lives and communities around the world.” Students will spend the week with one of the seven remaining indigenous tribes of Costa Rica. Service will consist of building community buildings, planting gardens, helping dig irrigation systems and spending time with people of the Maleku tribe. Along with service, students will learn about and participate in Maleku ceremonies and learn about medicinal plants of the rainforest.





Guatemala

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**

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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Recreational Sports International Trip

Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

**Housing: Homestays and
Camping**

Price: \$2500

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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Honduras: Crimson Cup

Location: El Socorro, Honduras

Housing: TBD

Price: \$700

Required Qualifications:

- Student must agree not to consume any alcoholic beverage or other substance during the trip.
- Student must agree to not diverge from the itinerary and locations of the trip.
- Student must have knowledge or ability on one of the following areas:
 - Speak Spanish
 - Health or nutrition
 - Supply chain management or process/production improvement
 - Social work/development
 - Public Administration/Non-Profit Organizations
 - Comfortable with Public Speaking

Physicality Level: 2

This service-learning trip will allow students to experience the lifecycle and sourcing of coffee from farm to cup. They will work directly with local coffee farmers to learn how coffee is grown, harvested, processed, procured and shipped. The group will participate in the evaluation of coffee to be purchased and served on the OSU campus. Students will experience firsthand the economic impact of coffee growing in the community of El Socorro, Honduras while learning the economic realities of the entire supply chain. Issues of smallholder subsistence farmers and current approaches to poverty alleviation, community transformation, impact measurement, traceability and environmental impact mitigation will be addressed throughout the visit. An equally important consideration is the consumer's ability to cast an economic vote via responsible purchasing; this too will be a theme of the trip.

Students will also have the opportunity to engage local elementary students by participating in creating lesson plans, teaching English, and other activities. The group will attend a meeting to learn about the concerns and goals of the community regarding the school. Service activities benefiting general health and health education will be conducted as well.

The focus and long term objectives of the service-learning program:

- Education
- Business
- Health care

A total of 6 students will be chosen. This trip will travel in May of 2016, the participants will be chosen early, and the group will meet once a month during the winter/spring semesters for pre departure meetings.



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Growing Power

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Housing: TBD

Price: \$200

Trip Price includes:

- transportation
 - participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination and it will be used for local transportation
- lodging and all program fees
- tools/supplies needed for service

Social Justice Issue: Urban Farming and Hunger

Physicality Level: 2

Partnership with First Year Experience Buckeye Book Community: This trip is offered in partnership with the First Year Experience Buckeye Book Community. Participants will engage in service and activities related to themes in *The Good Food Revolution* by Will Allen. Growing Power Incorporated transforms communities by supporting people from diverse backgrounds through the development of Community Food Systems. Their mission is to develop living systems that are economically feasible for all people to have sustainable protein and vegetables year round.



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