Overview: For the first three days of the trip, the group will be working with Misericordia. This organization serves families who want the best for family members that have mild to profound developmental disabilities, and often physical disabilities, yet cannot provide it at home by offering a vast community of care. Some primary goals of Misericordia are to meet each resident’s diverse needs and also allow each resident to live as independently as possible with the highest level of community integration feasible. By serving society’s most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia offers both independent and assisted living, education, employment, recreation, and more to over 600 individuals from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds each day on its 31-acre campus just outside downtown Chicago. The last two days of the trip, the group will be working with another community organization centered on urban poverty and accessibility of housing.

Day-to-day: At Misericordia, volunteers will be assisting residents with daily tasks, preparing meals, helping with laundry services, visiting with clients, assisting in art classrooms, and working in the on-site bakery. Work at the other community organization may be a variety of things including serving food, organizing donations, or maintenance work.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Students will stay in a hostel and will be provided bedding. Breakfast is served at the hostel and the group will be given a small budget for groceries to use for meals throughout the week. Participants should plan to have additional funds for some meals.

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Chicago, IL
Price: $430
Trip Price includes:
- Transportation
- Housing
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Transportation: Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the site. The van will be used for local transportation.

Housing: Hostel
Meals: Some meals provided

Social Justice Issue:

Physicality Level: Low

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