

QUITO WORK PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	CASA REFUGIO MATILDE
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Gender/Youth
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Casa Refugio Matilde provides integral attention to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and must leave their home. Their refuge provides food, shelter, education and psychological, medical and legal support.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The refuge provides food, shelter, education and psychological, medical and legal support. The shelter can house up to 35 people (mix of mothers and their children). There are also workshops concerning domestic violence, self-esteem, family relationship, sexuality, working in groups etc. Their main purpose is support the empowerment and autonomy of the women who seek help.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	In Ecuador, domestic violence is often thought of as "normal" and therefore ignored. However, it is a physical and mental health problem that considerably affects the lives of all family members. The shelter is located in the south of Quito, a strategic location so that the victims' aggressors can not find them.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	It is indispensable that the volunteers share visions of solidarity, are committed, do not have prejudices, and are creative and proactive. They should have basic Spanish skills. An added benefit is that they can lead arts or music activities.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	The volunteer can participate in a variety of tasks at the shelter, depending on experience and interests. These are: teaching the children while their mothers are at visits and workshops, helping with the administration and

	events, assisting the social worker.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	WORKING BOYS CENTER
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Youth
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Working Boys Center (Centro Muchacho Trabajador) provides education and technical training to working street children and their families.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Basic education (high school degree) for all members of the family, but while allowing the children to maintain their jobs on the street (selling gum, shining shoes, etc). Then, once they get the high school diploma, they can specialize in a variety of subjects from mechanics to sewing to carpentry.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	This organization was founded by retired Catholic priests over 40 years ago. It is extremely well structured with great staff. The center has served over 3,000 families and is one of the most well known organizations in Latin America.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	If want to help teach in technical area, should have background and experience with that area.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Teach various subjects/ages depending on interest (day care, English, computation, adult education, etc), help in one of the technical areas (carpentry, mechanics, sewing), play sports, help in communal areas such as the library.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family or private room in project dormitory where other volunteers and staff live as well.

NAME OF THE PROJECT	BACA ORTIZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Health
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Baca Ortiz is the only public children's hospital in Ecuador, providing low cost health care for people from all over Ecuador.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The volunteer will be working with the group "Mothers of Baca Ortiz". This group of Ecuadorian mothers dedicates their time to spending time with the children and their families, doing educational chats and providing supplies for the patients.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	This hospital is very crowded, as people travel from all regions to be cared for. Since it is government run, it does not have enough resources, which is why the "Mothers of Baca Ortiz" come to help with fundraising events and donations for the patients and their families.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Love children, be cheerful, like to help other people
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Handout diapers, books and games to patients and families. Read and play games with patients.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	HERMANOS MIGUEL
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Disabled
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Hermanos Miguel is a rehabilitation center for disabled children and adults. They aim to provide medical care and rehabilitation services to the disadvantaged.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	They provide all types of services, such as general medical care and therapy, to occupational therapy and speech therapy.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT	This is a very structured center that has been running for over 25 years. It is part of a network in Quito to improve the services available for disabled people.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	There are no requirements to work here, although volunteers with a background/specialty in certain areas (such as occupational/speech therapy) will be more involved in those specific areas.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>Volunteers without experience: serve as ushers and help for the patients in tasks such as mobilization, Center guides, research, patient exercises (with guide of therapists), elaborate didactic and informative material, and logistical and administrative help.</p> <p>Volunteers with experience/specialty: Direct intervention with patients, while coordinating with local doctors. Can use the machines such as laser therapy, electrical therapy, Jacuzzi ,etc.</p>
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	INSTITUTO MARIANA DE JESUS
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Disabled
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	To provide equal education for deaf and blind children.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Classes in Math, Science, English, History, Art and Sports for deaf and blind children.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	This is one of the few schools in Quito for handicapped students.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Creative, like to teach, perseverance. Helps if they know sign language.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Assist teachers in various subjects such as Math, Science, English, History, Art and Sports. Correct exams. Form mentor relationship with students.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	FUNDACION INTEGRAR
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Disabled
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Fundacion Integrar provides education and social activities for disabled children.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	This center is open for 6 hours per day in which the students participate in a variety of programs—basic education, speech therapy and special activities such as swimming and horse back riding.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The Ecuadorian government does not prioritize education for disabled children. Therefore this center needs as much help as it can get.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Love children, patience, outgoing, desire to work with disabled children, ability to swim
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Help teach various subjects (basic math, reading, etc), help the kids swim, assist with horse therapy, and individual attention for the children.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	INSTITUTO SUIZO CARLOS ALVARO MINO
LOCATION	Carapungo, about 20 minutes to the north of Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	To provide education for over 300 students from 3-12 years of age.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The center has a day care and a school where the children are taught subjects such as Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music and Computation.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The community is located in Carapungo, an urban area in the north of Quito. Its climate is quite dry, which makes it less suitable for agriculture than in other sectors.

VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	The volunteer must have basic English skills, be organized and motivated, and the ability to play an instrument is a plus.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	The volunteer takes part in our organization as a teaching assistant. The volunteer will have the opportunity to help in the subjects and with the ages that s/he wants to, however the focus will be on English, Physical Education, Arts, Music and Computation.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	INSTITUTO SUIZO WILLIAM TELL
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	To provide education for over 150 students from 3-12 years of age.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The center has a day care and a school where the children are taught subjects such as Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music and Computation.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The project is located in Colinas del Norte, an urban outlying area in the north-west of Quito about 3000 meters above sea level. The population is quite poor and the majority of adults work as domestic servants in nearby upper class communities.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	The volunteer must have basic English skills, be organized and motivated, and the ability to play an instrument is a plus.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	The volunteer takes part in our organization as a teaching assistant. The volunteer will have the opportunity to help in the subjects and with the ages that s/he wants to, however the focus will be on English, Physical Education, Arts, Music and Computation.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	CAMP HOPE
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Disabled/Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	To provide education to over 120 students, half of which are disabled, to assist the integration of disabled students into the regular education system, and to provide special therapy for the disabled children.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The project focuses on education and rehabilitation, but also provides work in the following areas: Medical services, family therapy, occupational workshops.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Camp Hope is located in the north of Quito. Our participants come from low income and/or dysfunctional households.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Volunteer should have basic Spanish knowledge, have a strong passion to help those in need, and respect the Christian beliefs (although do not have to be Christian).
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	The volunteer can choose which areas they want to work in based on their interest and skills. They will have the opportunity to work as an assistant teacher, therapist, or workshop leader. They will also help with special events such as visits to the zoo, pool, park and museums.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	CHICOS DE LA CALLE—“Children of the Street” Don Bosco
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Children/Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	To provide education for over 100 children (aged 6-17 years old) who work on the street.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The center has a school where the children are taught subjects such as Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Music.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The project is run by the Salesians and is

	located in the center Don Bosco, at the entrance to the Historic Center of Quito.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	The volunteer must have basic English skills, be organized, motivated, and dedicated. S/he should have love of children.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	The volunteer will serve as a teaching assistant. The volunteer will have the opportunity to help in the subjects and with the ages that s/he is interested in. Besides helping in the classroom, the volunteer serves an important role as a mentor for the children, most often playing and hugging them.
HOSTING SITUATION	The volunteer will live in the project in a shared dormitory with other volunteers. All of the meals are shared with the staff and children.

NAME OF THE PROJECT	FUNDACION VASE-ICYE ECUADOR
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Administrative, Youth
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Fundacion VASE-ICYE Ecuador is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving the social situation in Ecuador through volunteering.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Coordination of incoming and outgoing short and long term volunteers, including seminars and cultural trips. Planning of conferences. Fundraising.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The office is located in downtown Quito.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Need to: have a good command of English and basic knowledge of Spanish. PC literacy (Word, Excel, Access) be diligent and reliable in your work, be willing to work overtime in peak seasons, showing the flexibility to travel abroad when needed, creativity and interest in international work – your ideas will always be welcome!
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	There is a lot of flexibility based on the volunteer's desires and interests. Will most likely work with the short-term program and seminars for long term volunteers (orientation,

	mid term, final camp).
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family or shared apartment, depending on interest

NAME OF THE PROJECT	SHELTER FUNDACIÓN FUDIS
LOCATION	Quito
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Health
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	FUDIS provides integral attention for people suffering from cancer who come from other provinces to Quito to receive treatments at the nearby cancer hospital. The people who stay at FUDIS come from disadvantaged economic background and cannot afford to stay in a hotel in Quito.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	FUDIS provides housing, three daily meals, beds, hot showers, communal areas, occupational therapy, and different workshops (wellbeing, self esteem, nutrition, preventative medicine, psychology, arts) for 80 people (40 patients and a companion for each).
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Currently, the cancer hospital in Quito treats over 88,000 patients per year. Since many people who come to get treatment cannot afford to stay in a hotel each night while receiving therapy, FUDIS is able to provide a few of them with housing and a holistic approach to their treatment.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Basic Spanish, positive attitude, and an open heart.

VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteer's tasks vary depending on interest and experience. For those interested in social work, they can help with Admission. For those interested in psychology, they can work with the full time psychologist in individual and group meetings with the patients. For those interested in education and have a wide variety of knowledge, help is necessary in the implementation of the different workshops (nutrition, ceramics, etc). Also, help with the maintenance of the shelter and planning fundraising events (sales, teas, raffles).
HOSTING SITUATION	The volunteer will have his or her private room in the project.

COLLAQUI PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	Escuela 24 de Julio
LOCATION	COLLAQUI, a small town 45 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Elementary Education for 350 students from ages 6 to 12
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Basic education for primary school kids in the following subjects: Math, English, Computation, Science, Sports
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Collaqui, a town of about 80 families is located in a more rural section of metropolitan Quito. Community mothers help the school with its development
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Patience, love for children, interest in education, and some Spanish skills.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers help teachers in the academic area of their preference, Math, Languages, Sciences, Manual arts, and Sports.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	Day Care Stacey Guzman
LOCATION	COLLAQUI, a small town 45 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Preschool Education for 40 students from ages 1 to 5 years old
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Preschool education in the following subjects: Math, English, Arts and Crafts.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Collaqui, a town of about 80 families is located in a more rural section of metropolitan Quito. Community mothers help the school with its development
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Patience, love for children, interest in education, social sciences and some Spanish skills.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers help teachers in the academic area of their preference. Logic, Languages, Arts, and Music.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

TUMBACO WORK PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	GUARDERIA TOLA CHICA
LOCATION	TUMBACO, 50 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education/Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Provide preschool education and for 40 children aged 1 to 6 years old.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Give the children a basic education to allow integration into primary school.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tumbaco is a fairly large town that is separated into many smaller villages. This daycare center is in the North of Tumbaco and most parents of the children are agricultural or service workers.

VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Patience, flexibility, creativity and lots of love for small children and infants.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Help the teachers with their duties, play with the children, and give them different learning opportunities such as foreign languages (mainly English) and music.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	MISIONEROS DE SAN JOSE-ELDERLY HOME AND CHILD CARE CENTER
LOCATION	TUMBACO, 50 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Elderly/Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Provide food and shelter for elderly women who, without this project, would be living on the street. Misionarios de San Jose gives the "abuelitas" a home where they are surrounded by love and warmth.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	The center cares for sick and abandoned elderly women. They provide three daily meals, housing and activities such as knitting or singing for the women.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tumbaco is a fairly large town that is separated into many smaller villages. This center is centrally located near the downtown area of Tumbaco. Foundations such as Misionarios de San Jose are special because the elderly are often ignored in Ecuador.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Patience, love for elderly people, open mind, initiative, creativity and basic Spanish skills.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Feed, talk to, and accompany elderly women. If a volunteer has a special skill (plays a musical instrument, dance, etc.) the volunteer can start his or her own activities with the women.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	AMEN
LOCATION	TUMBACO, 50 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Disabled
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Stimulate disabled children through horse therapy.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Helping disabled children ride and care for horses. Special psychology workshops and rehabilitation.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tumbaco is a fairly large town, however, the project is located about a 20-minute walk from the bus stop. The center is large, well maintained and in nature.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Special interest in work with disabled children and a love for horses. If you wish to participate in the psychology and rehabilitation workshops, you must have previous work experience in this field.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Help disabled children ride horses, maintenance of horses and welcoming of participants.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	Escuela Fiscal Benito Juarez
LOCATION	TUMBACO, 50 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education/Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Elementary Education for 720 students, all of which come from families with low economic resources, from ages 6 to 12. Open in the afternoons from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Basic education for primary school kids in the following subjects: Math, English, Computation, Science, Sports.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tumbaco is a fairly large town that is separated into many smaller villages. This school is located near the central park of Tumbaco.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Dedication, love for children, interest in education, and basic Spanish skills.

VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers help teachers in the academic area of their preference, with a focus on English and Sports.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

NAME OF THE PROJECT	JOSE ANTONIO VELASCO
LOCATION	TUMBACO, 50 minutes outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education/Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Provide elementary education for 35 children from ages 4 to 8.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Basic education for primary school kids in the following subjects: Math, English, Computation, Science, Sports. The policy of the school is love, arts and games. This is a small school with a very personalized atmosphere.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Tumbaco is a fairly large town that is separated into many smaller villages. It is situated in the valley, has a warmer climate than Quito and lots of fruit trees. This school is in the North of Tumbaco, the neighborhood is medium rural and most parents of the children are middle class.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	First of all a great interest in working with children. Lots of patience, flexibility, a huge heart and love for the children. Overall a creative mind. To be ready to commit to the children and to the project.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Assistant teach English to all the children in the school. Also assist the other teachers in their classes and play with the children.
HOSTING SITUATION	Private room in project where the family of the Director also lives. Eat meals/spend time with them.

YARUQUI WORK PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	YARUQUI HOSPITAL
LOCATION	YARUQUI, 1.5 hours outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Health
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Provide low-cost healthcare to more than 1000 residents
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Healthcare, including a general check-ups, surgeries, and baby deliveries
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	Yaruqui is a poor, rural town; most of its residents are agricultural or service workers.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Background in the sciences, desire to be involved in healthcare or public health. Basic knowledge of Spanish.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Will start with administrative and nurses' duties such as getting patient information, taking vital signs and assisting the doctor.
HOSTING SITUATION	Host Family

TABACUNDO WORK PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	FBU--ORGANIC FARM
LOCATION	TABACUNDO, 1.5 hours outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Ecology
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Manage an organic farm that serves as a model for others in the region.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Clearing of land, preparation of soil, planting and harvesting crops, educate other farmers regarding organic farming and help them implement it on their own farms.
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The farm is located about 1.5 hours from Quito. The farm of 20 hectares boasts panoramic views of the Andes. The farm is a small community of 6 families, and is located

	just above the main community of around 40 families. It is well connected with frequent buses to Quito, Otavalo or the main town for supplies and internet.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	A volunteer's key characteristic should be enthusiasm. Additionally, volunteer should be open minded, like to manual work outdoors and have a strong desire to learn.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Feeding the chickens and harvesting their eggs, Milking the cows, Weeding the beds, Making new beds for new plants including soil management, Harvesting vegetables, Cleaning stables and creating compost, Work in the tree nursery, Cleaning different living and work areas, reforestation.
HOSTING SITUATION	Living in the volunteer house on the property. Household duties, including cooking, are shared. Most food comes directly from the farm. In your free time you can enjoy amazing hikes to the nearby lakes, waterfalls, and paramo.

NAME OF THE PROJECT	FBU--RURAL TEACHING
LOCATION	TABACUNDO, 1.5 hours outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Education/Children
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Provide basic education for the children of rural farm workers.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	Basic education for children aged 4-11 in the following subjects: Math, English, Science, Sports
COMMUNITY CONTEXT	While the volunteer will teach in local rural communities, they are based on the organic farm (see above project) which is located about 1.5 hours from Quito. The farm of 20 hectares boasts panoramic views of the Andes. The farm is a small community of 6 families, and is located just above the main community of around 40 families. It is well connected with frequent buses to Quito,

	Otavalo or the main town for supplies and internet.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	Enthusiasm and a desire to help young children. Basic Spanish language is required, but for greater impact intermediate Spanish is recommended. Additionally, any skills such as music, dance, theatre, or art are very welcome in order to enhance the experience for the volunteer and the children.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteers will teach different subjects to children according to their skills and Spanish abilities; intermediate Spanish speakers take older children in a variety of subjects while minimal Spanish speakers teach younger kids in areas such as motor skills and basic reading/writing.
HOSTING SITUATION	Living in the volunteer house on the organic farm property. Household duties, including cooking, are shared. Most food comes directly from the farm. In your free time you can enjoy amazing hikes to the nearby lakes, waterfalls, and paramo.

AMBATO WORK PROJECTS

NAME OF THE PROJECT	CHICOS DE LA CALLE—“Children of the Street” Granja Don Bosco de Ambato
LOCATION	AMBATO, 3 hours outside of Quito.
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Disadvantaged/Education
AIMS OF THE PROJECT	Services to children and adolescents who live and work on the street and are in a situation of risk. We give them an education, food and shelter to improve their condition of life and reintegrate them into their families.
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES	In the morning the boys go to school in the local community and in the afternoons they return to participate in agriculture, farming and livestock projects. The boys have all of their meals at the project.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT	The center is located in the outskirts of Ambato which is about 3 hours outside of Quito. The center is in a rural setting. Ambato is a fairly large city in Ecuador, with about 4000,000 inhabitants, and is very tranquil. The center is in a rural setting.
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	The volunteer should have a desire to work with troubled children, be proactive, caring, have basic Spanish skills, and like living in a rural environment.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	Volunteer will be a leader that helps in the execution of all the proposed activities, such as teaching, helping cook, helping in the agricultural workshops. Also s/he will share the responsibility to take care of the facilities and also contribute in making decisions to improve the activities. S/he will also take on a mentor role for the children.
HOSTING SITUATION	Living in the center with the staff. All of the meals are shared with the staff and children.