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## VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #1

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>Franciscan Outreach Association</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	Chicago
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Danielle Simonetti
<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	Direct Service to the Homeless
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	Learn and grow through loving service and concern for others
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<p><b>Soup Kitchen</b> Volunteers serve a nutritious meal to an average of 138 men, women, and children every night of the year. Although we call ourselves a soup kitchen, we rarely serve soup. Meals consist of a main dish, one or two side dishes, milk, coffee, bread, and a dessert if one has been donated. Shower and laundry services are also offered twice weekly on site, along with daily case management services.</p> <p><b>Emergency overnight shelter</b> Franciscan House of Mary &amp; Joseph is an emergency overnight shelter. Every night of the year, we are able to accommodate 215 men and 35 women. Case Management, meals, shower and laundry services available at the Shelter.</p> <p>Shifts are assigned by supervisor, volunteer can request days off.</p>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	The Marquard Center is located in Wicker Park/West town neighborhood in the north western part of Chicago. The Franciscan House of Mary and Joseph Emergency Shelter is located in the East Garfield Park/Lawndale neighborhood on the near west side of Chicago
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Minimum age: 19. Willingness to live in a community with 10-14 other volunteers.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Food preparation, donation pickup, serving dinner, nightly supervision at the shelter, assisting with handing out towels and toiletries on shower days, doing the guests' laundry.
<b>HOST SITUATION</b>	Volunteers live on-site in private volunteer quarters with up to 8 to 14 other volunteers.

## VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #2

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>Camphill Soltane</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	1 hour west of Philadelphia, PA, on the East Coast of the United States
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Anne-Marie McMahon
<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	Working with young people with disabilities
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	Providing continuing education and personal pathways of discovery for young adults with developmental disabilities in a vibrant community setting.
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	Support young adults with developmental disabilities in their physical care needs, their emotional well-being, and their growth into adulthood. This is done by helping them develop life skills, identify and attain personal goals, and access opportunities for cultural and spiritual enrichment. All of these activities are done in a community setting, where people with disabilities and residential volunteers live and work together in common housing. At Camphill Soltane, we have an emphasis on cultural and spiritual life, where each person's inner journey is recognized and supported; the celebration of yearly festivals; environmental responsibility; and self-advocacy, where each person is encouraged to speak for themselves and make choices about the things that affect them.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Camphill Soltane is located in a semi-rural area of Pennsylvania, a state on the East Coast of the United States. 80 people, including approximately 40 people with disabilities and 40 volunteers, live in the community. The campus is set in beautiful rolling hills amongst trees and farmland, yet within a 15-minute drive there are restaurants, shopping, theaters, and numerous cultural attractions. Philadelphia, a city of great historical importance in the U.S. and a population of 2 million, is about an hour away. Philadelphia has many museums, historical attractions, ethnic restaurants, and more. Other major cities on the East Coast are also accessible: New York City is 2 ½ hours away, and Washington, D.C. is 3 hours away.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Minimum age: 20. Volunteers must be in good physical and emotional health, and able to speak and read English well. A year-long training course is provided, approximately one day per week, to help volunteers develop their professional and personal capacities for this type of work. Phone interview is required by program director. Volunteer needs to fill Camphill's own application form, reference letter and medical form.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support one or two people with disabilities in their physical care needs.</li> <li>• Have an overview for the well-being of the other people with disabilities in the household in which you are a resident (5-6</li> </ul>

	<p>people).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to cook meals, clean the house, and care for common spaces in the household in which you are a resident.</li> <li>• Help disabled members of your household to acquire life skills by assisting them with laundry, room care, and other basic tasks.</li> <li>• Provide support in other program areas of community life, to help people with disabilities fully participate. Areas of activity include classrooms, fruit tree orchard, vegetable garden, estate work, textile studio (weavery plus sewing and design), pottery, bread bakery, food co-op, bell choir, fitness (swimming, hiking, horseback riding, skiing, etc.).</li> <li>• Help people with disabilities access cultural opportunities on or off-campus.</li> </ul> <p>Volunteers typically work 10 hours per day. There is little free time available. Volunteers have one free day per week, and there are 10-day breaks at Christmas and around Easter (March or April).</p>
<b>HOST SITUATION</b>	<p>All volunteers live in on-campus community housing. Volunteers have a private room with a shared bath in a household of between 6-14 people. Volunteers share households with other volunteers and with people with disabilities.</p>

## VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #3

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	CooperRiis
<b>LOCATION</b>	Polk County, North Carolina
<b>ADDRESS</b>	101 Healing Farm Ln Mill Spring, NC 28756
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Markus Wullimann, Operations Director
<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	The community practices relationship-centered care that affirms and appreciates the daily accomplishments of each resident. We are active listeners and use every interaction as an opportunity to support our residents' journeys toward well-being.
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	Cooper-Riis' healing mission is to enable individuals, whose lives are impeded by mental illness or emotional distress, to develop their capabilities for creativity, wholeness, relationship and optimal health, so that they can achieve their highest levels of fulfillment and functioning and respond productively to their future challenges and opportunities for growth. We are trying to bring back hopes and dreams to the mentally ill.
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	Supporting staff and mentally-ill residents in managing the community (helping out in the farm, kitchen and housekeeping) as well as joining in on activities programs
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	CooperRiis is a community where residents and staff work, learn, socialize, dine and recreate together—all within an environment that is inspiring, diverse and active for all. It is in a farming community in Mill Spring, North Carolina.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Must be 21 years or older, clean background check, no drug use, alcohol or tobacco product admitted on campus in front of residents. Must be able to communicate in English.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Helping as support staff on the farm, kitchen, housekeeping. The volunteer would always be part of a crew with a trained staff in charge. On the weekends and in the evenings the volunteers would be asked to be part of our activities programs and participate as full members of our community.
<b>HOST SITUATION</b>	<p>Volunteers are asked to work 40 hours per week with some hours being in the evening and/or on the weekends.</p> <p>Volunteers will be expected to participate in in-house trainings, for CPR and First Aid.</p> <p><u>Accommodations</u> Volunteers will have their own room and bathroom, living on the farm with other staff and residents. The volunteers might be in a staff house or lodge.</p> <p>There are 36 beds for residents and a staff of approx 60.</p>

## ***VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #4***

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>Su Casa Catholic Worker Community</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	Urban – South Side of Chicago, IL
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Chantal de Alcuaz
<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	Catholic Worker Community/Housing/Immigration
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	Su Casa Catholic Worker Community provides hospitality for homeless Latino families, reaches out to its neighbors on the south side of Chicago, and works for social justice.
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	We provide intensive case management and a supportive community environment for four to six families for a period of up to one year. We partner with our neighbors through our Sunday soup kitchen and weekly recreation program for neighborhood kids. Our activism includes advocacy in Latin American and issues of homelessness, a newsletter, roundtable discussions, and hosting plunge groups.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	Intentional community. Evening dinners and weekly meetings required. Community prayer and other activities (celebrations and outings) optional.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Ages 19 and older. Application, references and site visit or phone interview. Spanish skills preferred.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Volunteers are given one or more of the following responsibilities: house manager, soup kitchen, newsletter, plunge groups, maintenance, food, community outreach, volunteer coordinator, administration or gardening.
<b>HOST SITUATION</b>	Volunteers live in community, in the same building with the families we serve.

## VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #5

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	International Conservation Volunteer Exchange/ Nevada Conservation Corps
<b>LOCATION</b>	Various locations throughout Nevada
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Jeff Bryant—International Program Director
<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	Various environmental conservation projects throughout Nevada
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	International Conservation Volunteer Exchange is a volunteer program for International participants who wish to collaborate with American work crews on environmental projects throughout Nevada's public lands. ICVE is based on the philosophy that international understanding and goodwill can be achieved through cooperating on the shared goal of improving the environment. By attracting a corps of conservation-minded volunteers, ICVE contributes to the breakdown of cultural barriers while advancing ecological awareness on a global scale.
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	<p><b><u>Please Note:</u></b></p> <p><b>These descriptions are provided for a general idea of possible projects. These can vary and change without any notice.</b></p> <p>A typical service week with ICVE will involve 4 to 8 ten-hour days in the field followed by either 3 days or 6 days of leisure time respectively. This schedule includes travel time to/from the job site, as well as educational sessions provided by our agencies. The schedule is set up this way to allow participants extra leisure time to explore and travel at their will.</p> <p><b><u>Project Descriptions</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Trail Construction and Maintenance at Lake Tahoe</b></p> <p><b><u>Locations</u></b> DL Bliss California State Park, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Tahoe Rim Trail, and Mount Rose Wilderness Area.</p> <p><b><u>Type of Work</u></b> Volunteers will construct and maintain trails within the Lake Tahoe Basin. Work hours are long and difficult, and may require hiking up to three miles per day in strenuous landscapes. Work will include a variety of trail construction techniques used to design minimum impact trails and control erosion throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin. You will learn the art of dry stone masonry, using it to construct</p>

retaining walls, switchbacks, water bars, and riprap erosion control barriers. Other responsibilities will include recreating tread surface to allow for proper trail run-off and also removing encroaching vegetation from the trails.

***Benefits of the Work***

The Lake Tahoe area is confronted with the challenge of providing ecologically sensitive recreational activities for the thousands of visitors enticed to the natural beauty of the area. Recreational activities often result in cumulative impacts that are destructive to the very environment that these people come to enjoy. Improperly maintained and/or constructed trail systems provide access to remote regions, but in the process can contribute to erosion and gradual pollution of the Lake. Land management agencies in Lake Tahoe Basin have initiated a program to reduce the sources of soil erosion and the amount of algae-encouraging nutrients that reach the lake and rob it of its world famous clarity. Your work will help preserve this clarity and natural splendor of Lake Tahoe.

**2. Trail Construction and Maintenance in the Great Basin**

***Locations***

Great Basin National Park, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, and other areas throughout the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests.

***Type of Work***

Work hours are long and difficult, and may require hiking up to three miles per day in strenuous landscape. Work will include a variety of trail construction techniques used to design minimum impact trails and erosion control throughout the Great Basin region. You will learn the art of dry stone masonry, using it to construct retaining walls, switchbacks, water bars, and riprap erosion control barriers. Your responsibilities will also include resurfacing trail tread to allow for proper trail run-off and removing encroaching vegetation from the trails.

***Benefits of the Work***

The landscape of Nevada is the most mountainous and geologically diverse the United States has to offer. With a life zone ranging from a couple of hundred feet to over 13,000, Nevada also harbors some of the most sensitive and fragile species of flora/fauna found in North America. From the low arid desert to the peaks of the Spring Mountains, these plants/animals are suffering from the increased use of human recreation in all regions. These projects will build/maintain trails to protect these natural resources from erosion and unhealthy recreation practices, and maintain this area's natural beauty.

**3. Trail Construction and Maintenance at Lake Mead and Black Rock**

***Locations***

Black Rock Desert and Lake Mead National Recreation Area

***Type of Work***

Both of these projects can include a variety of restoration practices from removing illegal roads to restoring the native vegetation that once thrived in these desolate and beautiful lands. For road decommissioning, volunteers will decompact illegal OHV roads and transplant native vegetation to the area. Native plant restoration will involve the removal of non-native invasive plants, and the

transplanting of native plant seedlings.

### **Benefits of the work**

The fragile desert ecosystems of the Great Basin have been severely impacted by renegade off road vehicles. Lake Mead provides critical habitat for the endangered desert tortoise, the threatened desert Bighorn Sheep and many other species of plant and animal life that is endemic to the upper Sonoran Desert. The Black Rock Desert is a unique segment of the Northern Great Basin and contains a broad representation of the many landforms, cultural and natural resources available in the area. These include historical landmarks, golden eagles, sage grouse, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, wild horses and burros, native fish that are protected by the Endangered Species Act, and many sensitive plants species. Through these projects, international volunteers will join NCC volunteers in closing and obliterating illegal roads, constructing barricade fencing to prevent encroachment, re-vegetating native plants, and converting closed roads into trails. Thus protecting this very unique desert ecosystem.

### **Work Environment**

Crews work within a variety of locations throughout Nevada. A majority of the job sites are remote, but provide an outstanding opportunity to view the beautiful areas of the state.

### **Accommodations**

While in the field, crew members will be either camping in primitive wilderness settings or in developed campgrounds. Living in the field can be hard work, however, living like this also means good company beside a campfire, watching for shooting stars, and enjoying the peace and quiet of a short respite from the city.

Tents are provided by the host. Members are responsible for sleeping bags, sleeping mats, clothes, and other desired personal items. Weather in Nevada can be unpredictable, so warm and wet weather gear is highly recommended.

### **Food**

Food and cooking gear will be provided by the host. Every meal will be cooked at camp within a communal dining environment. Special dietary requests can and will be catered to by crew supervisors upon request.

### **Why Do This?**

Well, the answers are many and varied. Many members actually enjoy the labor, the feel of muscles tensing and working, the Zen-like silence in your mind as you allow it to rest while the body works, or the feeling of accomplishment looking back at a hard earned staircase or a beautifully constructed rock wall. Others enjoy the smell of pine and sage as they work, the feel of the sun on their back, the knowledge that what they are doing will help protect a wild place and the creatures who live there, all the while aiding children and adults who are looking for wonderful environmental experiences. For others, it is a chance to learn in a real and direct way what "natural resource management" really is; to gain skills in restoration techniques that will aid them in their chosen career field. Most crew members find that despite the work, they look forward to their field experiences and enjoy camping in a variety of different landscapes throughout the year. Whatever your reason might be, the work is strenuous but rewarding, and one leaves with an incomparable sense of place and accomplishment.

<p><b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b></p>	<p>While these projects are not community based, they do greatly affect the community at large. The work done on these projects enhances a person's outdoor experience, preserves the areas for future generations, and ensures the stability of these outdoor areas.</p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b></p>	<p>Applicants need to fill ICVE's own application and medical form, and need to sign ICVE's agreement.</p> <p><b><i>Frequently Asked Questions</i></b></p> <hr/> <p>The Nevada Conservation Corps/International Conservation Volunteer Exchange is a multi-faceted organization, so there are many aspects of the program that are very flexible and variable. It is our goal to make a volunteer's experience as rich and fulfilling as possible. A majority of the pertinent information is contained within the website, but here a few common questions. Please read the following information and if your concerns are not addressed feel free to contact us.</p> <p><b><u>What is the average age of volunteers?</u></b>  The average age of our crewmembers is about 24 years old. Due to the nature of crew life and the work, the ICVE is recommended for those between the ages of 18-35.</p> <p><b><u>What is the cost of the program?</u></b>  Volunteers are responsible for their travel costs to Reno, and need traveler's insurance for the duration of their stay. Volunteers are also responsible for spending money for time off.</p> <p><b><u>How much spending money do I need?</u></b>  This really depends on how you choose to spend you time off. Please remember that this is a volunteer position, and volunteers are not paid for services rendered, but there will be a food stipend provided during field time and time off. There are many economically efficient activities throughout the Reno-Tahoe area. If traveling is your cup of tea, then take gas prices into account. The best option is probably to have either a credit card or a debit card. Based on past experiences debit cards seem to be the most convenient.</p> <p><b><u>What kind of gear to I need?</u></b>  Tents, stoves, work shirts, personal protection gear, and dining utensils are provided by the NCC/ICVE. Volunteers need to provide their own sleeping bags, sleeping mats, casual clothes, and any other personal items you may need. Warm clothes and warm sleeping bags are STRONGLY recommended as crews will be working in a wide variety of weather conditions, and these conditions can change rapidly. You will find a gear list below.</p> <p><b><u>Required Gear</u></b></p> <p><b>Frame Pack-</b> used for storing gear during weekly excursions. Any pack designed for a short overnight backpacking trip should suffice. (3000-4000 cubic inches or approx. 57 litres). If price is a factor in purchasing a pack, then a duffel large enough to store 5-7 days of gear is acceptable.</p> <p><b>Tent-</b> A tent is provided by the ICVE for volunteers who need one. If you have your own, please feel free to bring it with you.</p> <p><b>Sleeping Bag- VERY IMPORTANT</b> piece of equipment!! Fall/Spring nights in this area can be very cool. I would suggest purchasing a 0 degree F/-17C rated bag. For those of you who are not familiar with</p>

these ratings, this suggests that the bag will keep most people warm when it is 0 degrees F/-17C outside. This may vary from person to person however, and you can always purchase a fleece liner to add extra warmth if needed.

**Rain Gear-** I suggest a rain jacket and rain pants instead of a poncho, but that is your decision. It does not rain much in Nevada (after all it is a desert), but you may encounter and be required to work in the rain for extended periods of time. Your well being will be greatly enhanced if you have weather protection. Again, it is wise to invest in a decent rain suit.

**Eating Utensils-** Often times there are enough extra utensils in crew kitchen kits to provide for everyone, but for the ICVE I recommend that you bring your own just to be safe. I would suggest a bowl(one with a closing lid is best, such as a Tupperware container), spoon or fork, knife, and a coffee cup.

**Water Bottle/Hydration Pack-** I recommend AT LEAST a 32 oz./ 1 Lt. for time in the field. I would suggest even bringing two.

**Alarm Clock-** Each person is responsible for being up every morning on time, therefore some type of alarm clock is suggested.

**Required Work Pants-** Each volunteer will be asked to purchase one pair of Carhartt work pants. Specifically the Duck work dungaree double front style pant. This is a purchase that can be made once you arrive in Nevada. We get a discount through a local store so it may be more beneficial for you to wait until you arrive. This purchase will be reimbursed to you by the ICVE.

**Work Boots-** You are required to have a sturdy work boot made of leather with ample ankle support. Steel toes are suggested, but any kind of hiking boot will suffice.

#### **Recommended Fall/Winter/Spring Gear**

Keep in mind that the following gear list will vary from person to person depending on your ability to cope with cold weather. Any combination of the following items should cover any situation you may encounter in the field.

**Long Underwear-** I suggest purchasing a pair made of capilene. This definitely comes in handy on the really cold nights and the mornings when warmth is hard to come by.

**Warm socks-** I recommend having about four pairs of warm and comfortable socks, not only to work in but to also wear around camp after the work day. Layering socks (thin nylon under main layer) helps with warmth and comfort.

**Gloves/Stocking hat-** It is wise to carry a warm hat as well as a sturdy pair of winter gloves during the fall/winter/spring. Weather is pretty unpredictable in the Sierra region, and it is always nice to stay warm.

**Warm Coat-** Another piece of equipment you do not want to take lightly. A waterproof parka is suggested as this will keep you much warmer in the rain and snow.

**Fleece Jacket/Sweatshirt-** For the days when it is cold but not freezing, it is always nice to have a light layer to provide some warmth.

**Provided Work Gear**

\*\* The ICVE will provide each volunteer with work shirts for the appropriate season.

\*\*The ICVE will provide all volunteers with the needed safety gear (hard hats, gloves, safety glasses, ear plugs, etc.)

\*\*As stated above, the ICVE will provide a tent when needed.

**What can I do on my time off?**

There are many activities one can partake in on their time off. The NCC/ICVE will also help organize and lead activities periodically throughout the program. Two trips per six week session are organized and sponsored by the NCC/ICVE.

**What are the physical/mental requirements?**

The only mental requirements you need are a positive attitude towards work, a propensity for adventure, and a desire to make a difference. Keep in mind that this work is outdoor work. Strenuous hiking is sometimes required and adverse weather conditions are frequently encountered. Volunteers should be reasonably fit and comfortable with outdoor living. Due to the strenuous nature of the work, the NCC/ICVE is not recommended for persons who possess conditions that limit extensive physical activity.

**How do I get there?**

Volunteers are responsible for their transport to the states. We ask volunteers to fly into either Reno-Tahoe International Airport or San Francisco International Airport. Transport from San Francisco can be arranged but we prefer if the bus line or train is used for transport to Reno. Once in Reno, all transportation during work projects is provided by the Nevada Conservation Corps. Provided are links to the International Student Travel Confederation, Greyhound Bus lines, and Amtrak Train.

- [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org)
- [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)
- [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**VOLUNTEER'S TASKS**

**\*\*These descriptions are intended to provide a general idea of work projects for the I.C.V.E. Projects locations and work can change without notice. Volunteers should understand that crew members are frequently rotated throughout crews and may participate in various projects and visit a variety of locations throughout Nevada.**

**Type of Work**

**Trail Maintenance** - Volunteers will construct and maintain trails within the wilderness area. Work hours are long and difficult, and may require hiking up to three miles per day in strenuous landscapes. Work will include a variety of trail construction techniques used to design minimum impact trails and control erosion throughout the area. You will learn the art of dry stone masonry, using it to construct retaining walls, switchbacks, water bars, and riprap erosion control barriers. Other responsibilities will include recreating tread surface to allow for proper trail run-off and also removing encroaching vegetation from the trails.

**Wilderness Road Removal and Desert Restoration** - These projects will include a variety of restoration practices from removing illegal roads to restoring the native vegetation that once thrived in these

	<p>desolate and beautiful lands. For road decommissioning, volunteers will decompact illegal OHV roads and transplant native vegetation to the area. Native plant restoration will involve the removal of non-native invasive plants, and the transplanting of native plant seedlings</p> <p><b>Urban Lot Restoration</b> - Volunteers will work on restoring National Forest land within urban areas. This is done by blocking access to vehicles with barriers, cleaning, and restoring the lots to their natural state by revegetating the native species of plants and removing exotic plant species.</p>
	<p><b>**It is recommended to apply early as visa arrangements can sometimes be complicated and take some time.</b></p>
<p><b>HOST SITUATION</b></p>	<p>International volunteers will enjoy the spectacular scenery of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and eastern California while volunteering with ICVE. Volunteers will be provided with lodging at a renovated forest service work cabin when not in the field. This cabin is nestled in Ponderosa and Jeffrey Pine trees at 8,200 feet (2500 meters) on the edge of the Mount Rose Wilderness. and contains 4 rooms with 16 beds, along with a washer, dryer, wood burning stove, shower, kitchen, and restroom facilities. Another perk is the fact that Mt. Rose Ski area is located directly across the highway. Food for volunteers will also be provided during their stay.</p> <p>The recreation possibilities in the Lake Tahoe-Reno area are virtually endless. Lake Tahoe is often referred to as the perfect year round vacation destination with terrific weather and breathtaking scenery! Split down the middle by the California and Nevada border, Lake Tahoe boasts of over 300 days of warm sunshine, 396 inches of annual snowfall, 18 world-class ski and snowboarding resorts, incredible golf courses, casinos and of course, beautiful blue Lake Tahoe itself!</p> <p>A short half hour drive will take you to Reno. Reno is often referred to as the perfect year round vacation destination with terrific weather, crisp, clean air and 300 days of warm sunshine. In Reno you'll discover why it's dubbed "The Biggest Little City In The World" with its world-class dining, nightlife, shows, and flourishing art culture. Try your luck in the casinos or go back in time at the National Automobile Museum. You can even explore the local arts and culture by strolling along the River Walk where you'll find a movie theater, shops, and art galleries.</p> <p>Also, San Francisco is just a three hour drive to the west. For the energetic there is just too much to do as the Sierra Nevada Mountains stretch hundreds of gorgeous miles behind the lake, an unbroken wilderness of snowy peaks, lakes, and ancient pines waiting to be hiked, biked, and camped in. For every 6 week session the NCC/ICVE will plan and sponsor two weekend recreational trips for volunteers. Provided are just a few of the many links about the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.tahoe.com">www.tahoe.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.tahoestbest.com">www.tahoestbest.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.gotorenotahoe.com">www.gotorenotahoe.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.renotahoevisitor.com">www.renotahoevisitor.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.travelnevada.com">www.travelnevada.com</a></li> </ul>

## VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT #6

<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	Brethren Volunteer Service
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<b>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</b>	Social work <a href="http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=serve_brethren_volunteer_service_VolunteerOpportunitiesCategory">http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=serve_brethren_volunteer_service_VolunteerOpportunitiesCategory</a>
<b>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</b>	BVS works to place you in a project where your skills are used and the need is greatest, we expect your service to contribute to the goals which included Advocating justice, working for peace, serving human needs and caring for creation.
<b>PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES</b>	Direct service and some office work. The project placement process is to find the best match between a volunteer's strengths and skills, and a projects needs and requirements. Volunteers taking an assignment in the United States commit themselves to a one year term of service; there may be some exceptions to this for international volunteers serving in the United States depending on their visa arrangement.
<b>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</b>	<a href="http://www.brethren.org/genbd/bvs/">http://www.brethren.org/genbd/bvs/</a>
<b>VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS</b>	Minimum age: 18 years. Some projects require 4 years of college. 1) Volunteers must attend 3 weeks orientation with BVS while in the USA; 2) volunteer must fill BVS's application form and reference letters.
<b>VOLUNTEER'S TASKS</b>	Most placements are determined during, not prior to, orientation. During orientation, project files with background materials are available to assist with selecting placements. Volunteers have the responsibility of considering their skills, interests, and goals and identifying several project preferences. The volunteers meet with BVS staff during orientation to discuss their project choices. The director of BVS, along with the orientation staff, will talk with volunteers to determine whether their qualifications match the needs of the project.
<b>HOST SITUATION</b>	Volunteers need to attend a three- week orientation prior to placement (different location in USA each year). Living situations are arranged by the projects and thus vary according to their needs and resources. Living situations include community living with other volunteers, in an apartment (sometimes shared), with a family, on project site, etc. Projects cover transportation expenses for the volunteers from orientation site to their next project, or to their point of entry upon completion of the volunteer assignment.

**Please note:** all volunteers are responsible for the travel cost from Boston to each project location above.