

Homelessness in Western New York—Buffalo, NY

Summary	Students will learn about the different ways in which someone can be classified as homeless, the ways in which agencies work to combat this social issue, and the causes/effects of homelessness in our community.
Organizations	Students will interact with various community organizations that meet the needs of community members experiencing poverty. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Homeless Ministry is a grass-roots organization that meets the basic (food; hygiene) of the unsheltered homeless population and works to restore dignity and trust through their outreach program. • Salvation Army has the only family shelter in WNY where the entire family can be housed in the same location. • Buffalo City Mission meets the needs of the men, women and children homeless population in WNY, including housing, case management, clothing, and food.
Service	Students will work with community organizations within their structured programs and outreach.
Housing	Salvation Army on Main St .or First United Methodist Church on Baynes St.
Transportation	NFTA bus
Offered	Fall 2015; Fall 2014; Fall 2013

Exploring Urban Poverty—Niagara Falls, NY

Summary	Students will learn what it means to live in poverty, the services that are available, and the causes/effects of poverty in the Niagara Falls community.
Organizations	Students will interact with various community organizations that meet the needs of community members experiencing poverty. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Missions of Niagara • Magdalene Project • Mission House
Service	Students will work with community organizations within their structured programs and outreach.
Housing	Mission House/First United Methodist Church on Buffalo Ave.
Transportation	NFTA
Offered	Spring 2015

Homeless & Food Insecure—Washington D.C.

Summary	Students will focus on the effect of homelessness and hunger on individuals within the community.
Organizations	Students will interact with various community organizations that meet the needs of community members experiencing homelessness and food-insecurity. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thrive D.C.; Capital Area Food Bank; Food & Friends; and D.C. Central Kitchen
Service	Students will work with community organizations within their structured programs and complete service tasks, such as preparing and serving meals, sorting clothing, and sorting canned food donations.
Housing	St. Andrews Episcopal Church in College Park, MD
Transportation	D.C. Public Transit and/or 12-passenger van
Offered	Winter 2015; Winter 2014

Conserving the Environment—Virginia State Parks

Summary	Students will learn about environmental conservation and resource management within the park's natural environment.
Organizations	Students will interact with Virginia State Parks at Sky Meadows State Park in Delaplane, VA.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist Sky Meadows staff and volunteers with spring tree planting, invasive species control and removal, as well as lend their hand to assist with other environmental concerns.
Housing	Sky Meadows State Park Volunteer House
Transportation	12-passenger van
Special Considerations	Spring or Summer Break only
Offered	Spring 2017; Spring 2014

Appalachian Mountain Trail Building—Bear Mountain, NY

Summary	Students will learn about the environmental effects of hiking trails and ways in which trail builders work to create natural and sustainable hiking trails for the future.
Organizations	Students will interact with the New York New Jersey Trail Conference on a number of trails near Bear Mountain State Park in the Palisades Mountain Range and Appalachian Mountain Chain.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist NYNJTC staff and volunteers with building hiking trails, including removal of dirt (deduff); rocks; and other materials.
Housing	Harriman State Park Volunteer Housing
Transportation	12-passenger van
Special Considerations	Summer Break only
Offered	Summer 2014; Summer 2013

Community Revitalization—Detroit, MI

Summary	Students will learn about how the community is working to create sustainable, regional revitalization in the poorest city in the United States.
Organizations	Students will interact with the Cass Community Social Services.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist Cass staff and volunteers with painting and other maintenance projects at their homeless shelters; work with individuals with developmental disabilities; prepare and serve meals in the community kitchen; and assist with activities at Cass' Green Industries program.
Housing	Cass Community Social Services' Activity Center
Transportation	12-passenger van
Offered	Spring 2015; Winter 2013; ABC Conference 2013

Community Revitalization—Baltimore, MD

Summary	Students will learn about how the community is working to create sustainable, regional revitalization in one of the poorest cities in the United States.
Organizations	Students will interact with The 6 th Branch's Operation Oliver; Catholic Charities' soup kitchen; Sarah's House;
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with organization programs, including preparing and serving meals; child care; and housing clean-up/rehabilitation.
Housing	St. William of York Catholic Church
Transportation	12-passenger van
Offered	Spring 2012

Affordable Housing—Rochester, NY

Summary	Students will learn about what is affordable housing and how housing affects communities, citizens, and future vitality of neighborhoods
Organizations	Students will interact with Flower City Habitat for Humanity.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with eliminating substandard and poverty housing in Rochester, NY. Students will assist with the construction of a home, including tasks such as hanging drywall; painting; creating a driveway/sidewalk; constructing walls, etc.
Housing	--
Transportation	12-passenger van
Offered	Spring 2013

Hurricane Sandy Relief—Brooklyn, NY

Summary	Students will assist with disaster relief efforts that continue more than a year and a half after the storm ravaged communities.
Organizations	Students will interact with community organizations through New York Cares.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with continuing disaster relief efforts as communities continue to rebuild, such as helping to unload supplies, make care packages, sort and serve families and individuals in the Rockaways, Coney Island, and other neighborhoods.
Housing	Flatbush Reformed Church
Transportation	Greyhound/MegaBus/Amtrack and NYC Public Transportation
Special Considerations	This trip experience will modify as needs continue to be met by community organizations and volunteers.
Offered	Spring 2013

Housing Rehabilitation—Buffalo, NY

Summary	Students will assist with housing rehabilitation, property revitalization, and stabilization on the city's westside.
Organizations	Students will interact with Westside Ministries. Other work or partnerships might be done with PUSH Buffalo or Westside Neighborhood Housing Services.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with restoring old homes to create affordable and sustainable housing options for low-income and first-time homebuyers.
Housing	First United Methodist Church
Transportation	NFTA bus
Offered	Spring 2010; Spring 2011; Spring 2012; Winter 2013

Approaches to Securing Food for All—Baltimore, MD

Summary	Students will understand through direct-service and education how and why food insecurity happens and the effects securing healthy food has on communities and individuals.
Organizations	Students will interact with a variety of community partners in the Baltimore area that focus on the chain of securing food and access to healthy, affordable food sources. Some include: Baltimore Food Alliance; Real Food Farm; Whitelock Community Farm; Collins Avenue Streamside Community; Gather Baltimore; and Boone Street Farm.
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with supporting the mission of a variety of community organizations that work to improve neighborhood access to healthy food. Some examples of service projects might include: starting seeds; transplanting crops; harvesting crops; weeding; caring for compost; assisting with mobile markets and acquisition of produce.
Housing	St. William of York Catholic Church
Transportation	12-passenger van; possible local public transit system
Offered	Summer 2016; ABC Conference 2014

Urban Immersion—Cleveland, OH

Summary	Students will learn about how the community is working to create sustainable, regional revitalization in one of the poorest cities in the United States. Site Leaders can choose focus areas such as poverty, education, access to healthy food etc.
Organizations	Organizations that we've partnered with in the past include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat for Humanity Restore • Providence House • City Mission/Laura's Home • Food Bank of Greater Cleveland • Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland • Kid's Book Bank
Service	Students will have the opportunity to assist with organization programs, including preparing and serving meals; child care; and housing clean-up/rehabilitation.
Housing	Baldwin Wallace Archwood House
Transportation	12-passenger van; possible local public transit system
Offered	Winter 2016; Spring 2011