



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Consider sharing your gifts and talents through a year of service with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, an international congregation of women religious founded in 1833 to serve the needs of children, women and the poor.



“Love gives everything gladly, everything again and again, daily.”

– Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger,
foundress of the School Sisters
of Notre Dame



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SSND Volunteer PROGRAM



COMMITTED TO SERVICE

SSND volunteers collaborate with the School Sisters of Notre Dame in their domestic and international service to the marginalized and economically poor, especially women and children,

“to enable persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God’s image and assisting them to direct their gifts toward building the earth.”

You Are Sent, Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame

As an SSND volunteer, you will experience **sustainable living** within a **community** setting with other volunteers. You will also have time to deepen your **spirituality** through prayer, reflection, spiritual mentoring and retreats. As you process your experience of **service** through the

lens of **social justice**, you will discover ways to confront unjust structures and continue to make a difference in the world.



AREAS FOR SERVICE:

You will be serving in SSND ministries with possible locations in Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Paul, Baltimore and New York.

Service opportunities may include teaching at a Hispanic Middle School for girls, tutoring recent immigrants in an adult enrichment center, assisting at a transitional housing residence for women or working with youth at a retreat center.

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE:

- Room and board
- Personal monthly stipend
- Health insurance
- Forbearance or deferral for most student loans
- Transportation to and from service sites
- Orientation and prayer experiences
- Professional and personal growth

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE:

- Women 21 years of age or older
- College graduates or have applicable work experience
- Committed to service and community living
- In good physical and emotional health
- Comfortable with the Catholic faith
- Flexible, adaptable and open minded
- Gifted with a sense of humor

WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE SAYING...

“My favorite part of the service work was the time I was able to spend interacting and developing relationships with the students and clients...The most challenging times when working with marginalized populations are often the ones that make me feel most alive.”

Steph Haas, Service in the City,
Summer 2012

“Working with people who speak another language is always challenging, but people’s good hearts make you forget about all of the frustrations.”

Melea Shimkus, Service in the City,
Summer 2012

“It was easy to gain the respect and understanding of both students and staff. I would go back in a heartbeat.”

Steph Haas

“I can’t believe all the amazing, wonderful women of God that I got to meet. Everyone had such fantastic stories from their lives that they so openly shared. It was a great experience.”

Melea Shimkus