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FrancisCorps
Young Adult Franciscan Volunteer Service Experience

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DURING OUR ANNUAL
APPEAL AND HELP
TO GIVE THE GIFT
OF SERVICE!



*The gift of serving,
both near and far ...*

“Being blessed to serve in Costa Rica has not only given us the opportunity to see the gifts of God’s creation in the beauty of the country but also in experiencing a new culture. Our year of service to others has revealed gifts of kindness and generosity in our community, in our work sites, and in the greater Alajuela area.”

Brady Kegley, FrancisCorps 17 Costa Rica



Everything is a Gift

by Marie Schramper,
FrancisCorps 17 Syracuse

On one of our first days in Syracuse, our Director, AJ, challenged us with a simple phrase that has shaped our community ever since. He said to us,

“Take a moment to let this sink in: everything you have this year—the food you eat, the electricity you use, the gas you put in the van—it’s all a gift. Every single thing you experience this year is only possible because of the generosity of others. Everything is a gift.”

At the time, that statement blew our minds. Everything is a gift. And as I let it sink in now, I’m finding it even harder to wrap my head around than I did then. Because now, we’re not just looking forward to the good things that are in store for us in our year with FrancisCorps. Now, we’ve experienced them firsthand. We know what it’s like to live and love in community. We’ve learned to look for the beauty and goodness of God’s grace while serving in the midst of seemingly overwhelming poverty. We’ve laughed and prayed and served together and it has all been a gift.

*“Everything is a gift.
And we are so,
so grateful for yours.”*

- Receiving a new vacuum so we can keep our house clean? **Gift.**
- Sharing some (usually) delicious meals together? **Gift.**
- Ice Skating at Sunnycrest Ice Rink? **Gift.**
- Crossing the Walkway over the Hudson? **Gift.**
- Feeling the love and the comfort of community after a long day? **Gift.**
- Building deep bonds with each other from a year of living and loving and laughing and learning together? **Gift.**
- Serving those in need? **Gift.**

It’s all a gift. A gift from our most gracious God who showers His love and grace on us every day and gives us this beautiful life to live. And a gift from you, God’s faithful people, who gift us with the opportunity and the resources to grow and change, and to learn to be a gift to others.



THIS YEAR'S FRANCISCORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE GIVEN THE GIFT OF SERVICE TO SO MANY IN NEED

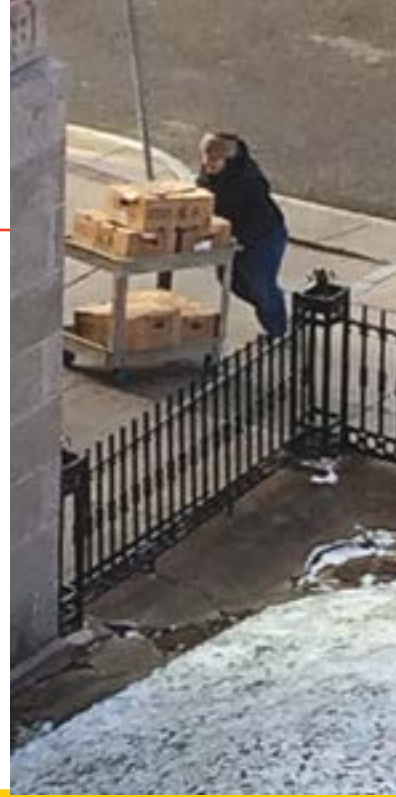


In Syracuse, New York, 5 FrancisCorps Volunteers give 200 hours a week:

- Ana feeds the hungry at Assumption Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen
- Corrinne and Marie nurture a safe afterschool setting for at-risk children at Vincent House and the Bishop Foery Foundation
- Joe welcomes refugees into the United States at Refugee Resettlement
- Blake cares for the sick and dying and their families at Francis House

In Alajuela, Costa Rica, 4 FrancisCorps volunteers give 160 hours a week:

- Johanna supports at-risk girls
- Erin helps the homeless
- Caroline cares for the disabled
- Brady assists seniors



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The FrancisCorps Ripple Effect

FIRST ...

Your donation helps provide for those in need today

The outreach ministries our volunteers spend the year serving at have come to rely on the hard work and dedication of these young men and women. When you donate to FrancisCorps, you help to provide this vital assistance to these service sites, helping them feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit and care for the sick and dying, give aid to children and Seniors, and so much more.

THEN ...

Your donation helps shape the lives of the volunteers

Through continued personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth, FrancisCorps volunteers develop a more complete understanding of themselves and the world around them. Your donation helps make this possible by providing for a comprehensive week long orientation as well as five retreats concerning community dynamics, finding God in the service the volunteers provide, Saint Clare of Assisi's approach to prayer, how the volunteers can live out their Franciscan charism after FrancisCorps, and finally preparing the volunteers to disband and head out into the world.

FINALLY!

Your donation helps change the world

FrancisCorps alumni go on to work in a wide range of fields, but one thing remains the same no matter where they end up: FrancisCorps helped them become people dedicated to service. Your donation keeps working with FrancisCorps volunteers long after they complete their year of service, as they use their new understanding of faith, poverty, community, and what it truly means to serve to shape their careers, families, and lives, setting in motion the potential for real, systemic change.

You support is a vital component of the FrancisCorps experience and FrancisCorps works hard to ensure every dollar is put to good use!



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