



Orphanage
Outreach

Providing opportunities to orphaned, abandoned
and disadvantaged children
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High School International Service-Learning Experience

High Impact International Direct Service Trips

Direct Service Opportunities

Orphanage Outreach is a non-profit organization headquartered in Glendale, Arizona. In 1994, we “adopted” the Hope of a Child Orphanage in Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic. Because we have been blessed with volunteers and resources, we have expanded our scope to adopt the communities where we are working. Our primary focus is on education - teaching English, literacy, and public health. During the school year, you will most likely be teaching in local grade schools. In the summer, you will be involved in leading fun learning camps. Our full-time on-site staff build relationships with the community to ensure we are meeting the highest priority needs.



Why Orphanage Outreach?

Experienced: Over 10,000 volunteers have joined Orphanage Outreach in the Dominican Republic since 1994.

Professional: Full-time American and Canadian staff live on site and will lead your program experience.

Safe: Your safety and health is our number one priority. The Dominican Republic is very friendly and safe. We have never had an issue of a volunteer’s personal safety being threatened. Common sense safety guidelines are in place to keep you safe. All bottled water is used in cooking; showers are chlorinated. Top rated travelers medical insurance is included. Good clinics are located nearby (read more on back).

Cultural Experiences/Recreation Time:

We know that the learning experience is as important as the service experience. This is why throughout the week we will set up experiences that will enable your students to experience the culture of the country you are working first hand - this includes at the facility you are staying and at your work location. At the end of each volunteer experience, we design an experience for your team to enjoy the country you are working in. This may include a special cultural event in the morning, like a visit to the famous Haitian/Dominican market on the border; featured on the Discovery Channel and in the New York Times. Friday lunch will be an authentic buffet of local foods at an excellent restaurant. The afternoon is reserved for leisure time, possibly at a local beach.

Housing/Food/Transportation/Logistics Support:

You will be living in Orphanage Outreach run facilities in “summer camp” style accommodations. Good running water toilets and showers are provided, as are excellent meals prepared by Orphanage Outreach trained cooks. Ground transportation is provided between the airport and your location. We manage the logistics, so your team leader can focus on your team, and your team can focus on making a difference!

Program Donation:

The minimum program donation for teams and individuals is based on the length of their stay with us. The program donation is tax-deductible for US tax-payers and covers housing, all meals, ground transportation, and medical insurance. A good portion of the funds also provides the basic necessities at the orphanages we support and supplements the various programs we are providing for the community. For teams, with every 10 paid program donations, the 11th is waived as a team leader scholarship. For updated program donations, please visit: www.orphanage-outreach.org/volunteer/cost.

Fund-raising - We provide students with all the tools necessary to successfully fund raise 100% of their program donation.

"Orphanage Outreach allowed me to encounter and understand the lives and culture of Dominicans. Their well run program changed the way I look at my life now." ...Adam Drandell, Vistamar School, CA



High Impact Programs

Teach Corps - English Education

Learning English is a pathway to educational and career opportunities. But in the rural areas where we work, there are few teachers who speak English. One of the primary missions of Orphanage Outreach is that each graduating senior in these communities is conversational in English; Your students can and will make a tremendous impact teaching English. Knowing Spanish is not a necessity.

Teach Corps - Literacy Education

Students in their second and third year of Spanish with a solid foundation in Spanish can make an incredible impact teaching literacy. We want to ensure that each grade school student is reading at or above grade level. Many of these children have never held a children's book. Children only attend school for half a day each day; it's difficult for teachers to focus sufficient time on reading. Not only will your Spanish students make a difference but they will also be immersed in a situation where they will practice and improve what they have learned in the classroom!

Full Spanish Immersion Program

From the time your team exits the airport building in Santiago, the Orphanage Outreach experience will be "Spanish Only" - all conversations, announcements, and activities will be done in Spanish. The direct service program for the Spanish Immersion Program is teaching literacy. During the school year, you'll primarily be teaching in local schools. During the summer, you'll be participating in reading camps. This is a great opportunity for your more advanced Spanish three, four and AP classes to use their Spanish skills while making a tangible difference in the lives of many!

"Integrate a meaningful meaningful international service-learning experience that your students will remember for a life-time!"



"Orphanage Outreach allowed me to not only impact the lives of children in the Dominican Republic, but to learn about myself and to discover a new culture!" ...Emma Kelly, Suttons Bay High School, MI

"The lessons garnered from an Orphanage Outreach experience are invaluable. If I could, I would make a trip to Orphanage Outreach in the Dominican Republic mandatory for every single Spanish student in my boarding school. We take so much for granted here in the US. It feels so good to forget about yourself for a week and reach out to others. You emerge a better person for having given of yourself."

... Catherine Goodnow, Episcopal High School, VA - Spanish Teacher

Health/Safety:

The primary concerns for parents when their children travel abroad are for their health and safety. These are also our top priorities. Since we began working in the Dominican Republic in 1994, over 10,000 volunteers have joined us without a volunteer's personal safety being threatened. Common sense group safety guidelines are enforced. Professional American and Canadian team leaders who live in the Dominican Republic will live with and lead your team. You'll be living in Orphanage Outreach summer camp style facilities. Orphanage Outreach trained cooks will prepare your meals. We provide excellent traveler's medical insurance for each member of your team. We are one of the few international service-learning organizations to carry a \$1,000,000 foreign general liability insurance policy. All volunteers receive a complete on-site orientation to our safety and health guidelines. Excellent medical clinics are located near our facilities.

Weekly Itinerary:

You will travel to the Dominican Republic on Saturday. Sunday includes orientation, service prep time, a walk through the orphanage and neighborhood and town, some activity time with the orphanage kids, and optional church service at the orphanage church. Monday through Thursday is work time in the morning and afternoon, special activities are planned for each night. Evening reflections are encouraged. Friday is a special cultural and recreation day. Return home Saturday. A week with Orphanage Outreach is a full and complete week.



Past High School Volunteer Teams:

Academy of Sacred Heart, MI
Balmoral School, MB, Canada
Barrie School, MD
Bryn Mawr School, MD
Cape Cod Academy, MA
Cascade Christian High School, WA
Castilleja School, CA
Collegiate School, NY
Colorado Academy, CO
Elgin Academy, IL
Episcopal High School, VA
Green Valley Mountain School, VT
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, SC
High Mowing School, NH
La Jolla Country Day School, CA

Lampeter-Strasburg Interact Club, PA
Marymount High School, CA
Middlesex School, MA
North Country School, NY
Oldfields School, MD
Overlake School, WA
Peddie School, NJ
Queen Margaret's School, BC, Canada
Saint Margaret's School, VA
Saints Peter and Paul School, IL
St. John's-Ravenscourt School, MB, Canada
St. Marks School, MA
St. Michaels University School, BC, Canada
St. Paul's School, NH
St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, ON, Canada

Staten Island Academy, NY
Suttons Bay High School, MI
The Agnes Irwin School, PA
The Bolles School, FL
The Browning School, MT
The Derryfield School, NH
The Lawrenceville School, NJ
The Packer Collegiate Institute, NY
The Taft School, CT
Trumansburg High School, NY
Vistamar School, CA
Waldorf School, MA
Washington Montessori School, CT
Webster Thomas High School, NY
Westtown School, PA
Winsor School, MA