



PROGRAM DETAILS

Franciscan Outreach Full-Time Volunteer Program participants live in intentional community with 8 to 10 others including a community coordinator who provides structure and support to the community. Participants provide 40 hours per week of direct service to guests at Franciscan Outreach's three shelters in Chicago, and serve in a variety of capacities that further Franciscan Outreach's mission.

Program participants receive room and board, a \$200 monthly stipend, health insurance, educational, social and spiritually enriching activities such as retreats, reflections and workshops, and time off to explore Chicago's cultural amenities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit a written application, including a personal statement, provide three reference forms, participate in an in-person or phone/Skype interview, and consent to a background check.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, single with no dependents, have a high school diploma and a valid driver's license.

SELECTION PROCESS

Franciscan Outreach begins accepting applications in October. The application deadline is March 1. Although, applications will be accepted until openings are filled. Program positions begin in July and are for one year and can be renewable.

Apply to the Franciscan Outreach Full-Time Volunteer Program

www.franoutreach.org

Franciscan Outreach

Mission: To provide healthy meals, safe shelter and critical services that affirm the dignity of men and women who are marginalized and homeless and empower them to gain the stability they need to transition into permanent housing.

Vision: To ensure a positive path forward for people who are marginalized and homeless so they can gain stability and thrive in permanent housing.

SERVICE SITES

East Garfield Park

At Garfield Community Service Center

10 S. Kedzie Ave.

312.746.5695

Case Management
Support Services
Specialized Services
Housing Programs

Pilsen

1856 S. Loomis St.

312.624.8296

Healthy Meals
Safe Shelter
Case Management
Support Services
Specialized Services
Housing Programs

East Garfield Park

At Walls Memorial CME Church

200 S. Sacramento Blvd.

Healthy Meals

Safe Shelter

Guests have access to full services at the shelter in North Lawndale.

The Loop

At St. Peter's Church

110 W. Madison St.

312.628.1253

Case Management
Support Services
Housing Programs

North Lawndale

2715 W. Harrison St.

773.265.6683

Healthy Meals
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Volunteer Programs

Full-Time Volunteer Program

This program offers a year-long experience in communal living and dedicated service for young adults.



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Franciscan OUTREACH

A Path from Help to Hope

Full-Time Volunteers seek transformation for themselves and society.



Through the Full-Time Volunteer Program, young adults from around the world come to Chicago for a year-long experience in communal living and dedicated service.

Franciscan Outreach's Full-Time Volunteer Program provides young adults from around the world with the opportunity to dedicate a year of their lives providing valuable direct service to individuals who are marginalized and homeless. Program participants live in an intentional community based on Franciscan Outreach's core values of Hospitality, Spirituality, Community, Sustainability, and Opportunity.

CORE VALUES

Hospitality

We compassionately welcome and serve all men and women who are marginalized and homeless, no matter what their life circumstances may be. Every day, we offer healthy meals to those who are hungry, a warm bed for those who need shelter, vital case management for those who need guidance, and access to critical resources for those who need specialized assistance.

Participants live in an intentional community with a common purpose of serving those in need, practicing hospitality by embracing the differences and diversity of an international, inter-religious living community.

Spirituality

Inspired by the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, we believe every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. We are dedicated to providing compassionate care and support to all our neighbors in need. Unconditional love for all people provides the foundation for our non-judgmental, caring approach. Grounded in the Franciscan tradition, we serve everyone regardless of their beliefs, and we do not conduct or require participation in religious services.

Participants come from a variety of spiritual and religious backgrounds. They pray together, learn from each other, and celebrate their different beliefs through active participation in reflections and retreats.



Community

We are committed to working together as an inclusive community that welcomes and respects all people, connects individuals with the services and resources they need to enhance their lives, and promotes equal treatment and opportunity for all. We strive to create a caring, safe, and supportive community that embraces and uplifts everyone, especially our most vulnerable neighbors.

Participants share household responsibilities and take part in weekly community meetings and community nights, creating an interconnected community.

Sustainability

We are influenced by the teachings St. Francis of Assisi, informing us that we are deeply interconnected and inherently related to all that exists in this world. Aligned with these teachings, we are committed to being responsible stewards of every resource available to us. We are dedicated to connecting people with communities and resources to enhance their lives and to build a more equitable, just, and sustainable world.

By pledging to live simply, participants are called to sustainability as they develop a greater commitment to service and solidarity with those they serve.

Opportunity

As a system of support, we empower men and women who are marginalized and homeless to make positive changes in their lives. We affirm their inherent dignity and value, and create opportunities for them to navigate a path toward stability, self-sufficiency, and permanent housing. We also strive to take advantage of every opportunity to make a human connection with people who are homeless and with the general public. We seek to increase awareness and understanding about the many challenges that create barriers to housing for people who are homeless, thus reshaping societal perceptions.

Participants listen to the stories of the guests they meet and commit to learning and understanding more about privilege, responsibility, and the root causes of the inequality they witness.