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Supervisor: Alex Abdalla

Service Days and Times: Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-12:00

Number of Students: 2 students

Description: The mission of the Project HOME community is to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. We strive to create a safe and respectful environment where we support each other in our struggles for self-esteem, recovery, and the confidence to move toward self-actualization.

Project HOME achieves its mission through a continuum of care comprised of street outreach, a range of supportive housing, and comprehensive services. We address the root causes of homelessness through neighborhood-based affordable housing, economic development, and environmental enhancement programs, as well as through providing access to employment opportunities; adult and youth education; and health care.

Social Enterprises at Project HOME are small businesses designed to employ residents in a supportive, skill-building environment. Each enterprise provides an opportunity for residents to access self-esteem and empowerment through an encouraging community, skill-building and earned income.

One of these enterprises, “HOME Made”, is a brand of gift products made by residents in a workshop setting with the support of staff and volunteer artisan facilitators. HOME Made products include candles, soap, jewelry and greeting cards.

Orientation and Requirements: An orientation will be provided on the first day of service. SJU and Project HOME policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.