Calcutta House

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Supervisor: Kim McGrory: kMcGrory@calcuttahouse.org

Transportation: Approximate Travel Time by Car is 20 minutes

Service Days/Times: Monday and Wednesday 6:00-9:00pm

Placements Available: 4 students each day

Description of Agency/Activities: Calcutta House exists to serve the most fragile people with AIDS and to support the self-empowerment of each person to live as fully as their situation permits. Calcutta House provides supportive housing with services responsive to the individual: those who are dying, those who are able to rebuild their lives and move on to independence, and those who will continue to require the assistance of supportive housing. The staff works with each person to progress towards his/her potential and to achieve attainable and realistic goals.

Student Role in Agency:
Video life legacy; Achievement Agreement (residents set goals like weight loss, cooking, exercise, GED studying, computer literacy, etc.), budgeting, shopping, alternative housing search, room cleaning, social interaction, escort on activities and medication appointments.

Unique Features of agency:
The staff at Calcutta House is very committed to the people whom they serve. They model respect, dignity and compassion. Calcutta House is a home, with the same comfortable feeling that many may think of when they think of home.

Orientation & Requirements:
This community partner organization requires you only to complete a Criminal Background Clearance. In the state of Pennsylvania, this clearance is free for volunteers. Please follow the instructions on www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents for completing the Criminal Background Clearance and submit a copy to directly placement before March 4.

Student Orientation required by CPO.