Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

Placement Information

Congreso de Latinos Unidos - Julia de Burgos After School

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Transportation: Approximate Travel Time By Car: 30 minutes

Service Days and Times: Thursdays 3:45pm-5:45pm

Description of Agency/Activities: Congreso de Latinos Unidos offers services to the community in Philadelphia in areas of education, workforce training, mentoring, healthcare, housing, and family support. It seeks to offer opportunities and guidance to enable individuals who are most vulnerable to issues of poverty and illness, identifying that each person has the ability and the strength to overcome obstacles and reach personal success. Congreso not only offers individual services in its own center, but partners with schools, clinics and other community organizations to support neighborhoods. Students will be volunteering in after school programs in schools located in low-income areas where students are at risk for poverty, violence, drugs and other social problems.

Student Role in Agency:
- Service-Learning students will work in the after school program, forming individual relationships with elementary and middle school students. Learning will be approached from a personal perspective, understanding children’s situations and listening to their stories while assisting them with homework or class work as needed. Students should be open to each student and share some of their own experiences, while maintaining healthy relationships and boundaries.

Unique Features of agency: Congreso treats each student as unique and important, while accepting them into a community of strong families and success.

Orientation & Requirements: SJU and Congreso 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.

**This community partner requires that all clearances are turned in before starting service at the site. Please make sure you complete your clearances as soon as possible.
Student Orientation is required by CPO.