



Project Description

Christian Community Service Projects

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Background:

Many elderly poor in the San Luis Valley live in sub-standard housing. Harsh winters (-40 degree temperatures, at times) can cause a crisis for those who live in drafty houses and/or do not have money to pay for adequate heating. Other poor housing conditions can create hardships for the infirm or physically handicapped. In addition, communities and local non-profit organizations often struggle to maintain the buildings out of which they provide and infusion of cooperative spirit and work which enables people of the San Luis Valley to more joyfully and hopefully addresses their housing and community building problems. San Luis Valley Christian Community Services has sponsored service projects in the valley for over 20 years and the Alamosa Christina Reformed Church and Christian Community Service Projects gladly and prayerfully accept the responsibility to carry this service for another 20 years or more.

Purpose:

Christian Community Service Projects seeks to:

- ★ Provide a quality service that meets a critical housing need to disadvantaged people or a community building/project need.
- ★ Provide a Christian growth experience for the service group, both in its interaction with the San Luis Valley people and culture and in the work accomplished.

Projects:

Volunteers will repair or renovate houses and community buildings. Possible jobs include plastering, painting, roofing, small additions, weatherization, stuccoing, yard work, and adobe repair.

Policies:

- ★ The ratio of adults to youth for Junior High must be at least 1 to 3 and for High School youth must be 1:5, mandatory, otherwise discretion of the manager.
- ★ Sponsors must be a minimum age of 21 years or older.
- ★ Christian Community Service Projects does not take responsibility for minors.
- ★ Maximum group size is 20
- ★ Recommended length of stay is 4 full working days, 1 day for recreation, plus arrival and departure days.

Christian Community Service Projects Provides:

- ★ Orientation to the San Luis Valley and local community upon arrival.
- ★ Housing arrangements in churches or community facilities having cooking facilities and shower accommodation.
- ★ Coordination of jobs, supplies, work schedules and on-site construction supervisor.
- ★ Major tools and equipment such as scaffolds, ladders, saws, drills, etc.
- ★ Opportunity for evaluation of experience

Each Service Work Group Provides:

- ★ A \$500 commitment deposit (this money goes towards the individual participation fee)
- ★ Early bird registration fee before December 31 of \$150.00 and after January 1 it is \$180.00. Each registration fee covers a stipend for housing and administrative costs.
- ★ Fees and paperwork to CCSP 60 days in advance. In case of cancellation, 50% of the registration will be refunded. Please remember that cancellations can create hardships, especially for the people who are counting on having the work done.
- ★ Leaders having some general skills on home repairs such as painting, plastering, dry wall installation, minor carpentry, roofing and youth supervision.
- ★ Transportation to and from the San Luis Valley and work sites.