

## THE VIDA PROGRAM

VIDA VOLUNTEERS is a lay volunteer community of service, simplicity, and justice in Southern Colorado. This ecumenical program offers individuals an opportunity to live out their call to service by challenging social injustices, walking with those in need, working for peace, and caring for the earth.



VIDA VOLUNTEERS are placed at sites in the scenic San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. The Valley is the largest alpine valley in the world and sits at 7,000+ feet above sea level. The Valley is surrounded by the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges with peaks over 14,000 feet.

The population of the San Luis Valley is approximately 48,000 year-round with another 10,000 migrant and seasonal workers during the farming season.

While the San Luis Valley is the most impoverished area in the state of Colorado, it is rich in culture, diversity, pride, and beauty. In many ways the Valley is a pleasant step back in time.

### *Vida Volunteer Mission*

*To walk with those in need, build community, work toward peace, and challenge social injustice.*

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## VIDA VOLUNTEERS

VIDA VOLUNTEERS are offered a challenging opportunity to explore intentional community living, to work for justice, to live simply, and to put their faith into action.

Volunteers are chosen on the basis of abilities, desire, and placement needs (a college diploma or equivalent life experience is required).

VIDA VOLUNTEERS is a service-based program that welcomes any person who can embrace our mission. One's spirituality is an integral part of this service and we welcome the gift of diversity.

## VIDA VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

All of the basic needs of VIDA VOLUNTEERS are covered. Volunteers receive:

- Room and board
- A monthly personal stipend
- Health insurance
- Orientation and retreat programs
- Student loan deferments, when possible
- AmeriCorps Education Award, if qualified

## JOB PLACEMENTS

VIDA VOLUNTEERS work in non-profit human service agencies and churches, as teachers in under-funded schools, as nurses in hospitals and clinics, and as advocates for the homeless, victims of domestic violence, refugees, migrants, youth, the elderly, and other under-served groups of people.

The Vida program places volunteers in January and August each year. Applications are processed on an on-going basis. A minimum one-year commitment is required.

## WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE A VIDA VOLUNTEER?

- You feel a personal call to service and a commitment to serve.
- You want to gain life and professional experiences that will help you make wise choices for your future.
- You want to live and work in a community of other Vida Volunteers who share your commitment to service.



- The small town environment allows you to get to know the people and community and allows them to get to know you.
- Small town setting also provides the chance to have a meaningful service opportunity where you can truly see the difference that you make.
- You want to strengthen your own personal spirituality while interacting with a diverse community of individuals.
- You want to live in the scenic San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado surrounded by the beautiful Rocky Mountains.
- You want to earn money for future or past education through AmeriCorps.

## A PROGRAM OF VALLEY COMMUNITY FUND/ VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

VIDA VOLUNTEERS is a program of Valley Community Fund/Volunteer Connections of the San Luis Valley.

Valley Community Fund (VCF) serves San Luis Valley non-profit organizations and the community through charitable fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and providing information resources.

Volunteer Connections is a program of VCF that connects individuals and groups who would like to volunteer with meaningful opportunities to serve throughout the San Luis Valley.



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