



Good Shepherd Volunteers Contract for 2005-2006

Good Shepherd Volunteers (GSV) offers the opportunity for men and women to share their skills and talents with organizations founded and directed by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd throughout the U.S. and Latin America. By accompanying women, children, and adolescents most in need, Good Shepherd volunteers have the opportunity to grow in understanding of the complexities that challenge our world. Good Shepherd volunteers commit to the four tenets that shape the service experience which include, **Social Justice**, **Community**, **Simplicity**, and **Spirituality**.

Social Justice

Volunteers have the opportunity to better understand the realities of poverty in our community and world through developing relationships with those they serve. Through increased knowledge and understanding of systemic challenges, volunteers will be a voice for positive change in our world.

Community

Volunteers live in an intentional community where they provide support to one another, share their experiences of service, and commit to building open and honest relationships. Volunteers work together to set community goals and challenge one another to live a life of simplicity in solidarity with those they serve.

Simplicity

Through personal commitment and creative use of resources, volunteers have the opportunity to develop a lifestyle that is socially and economically responsible. Volunteers may challenge one another to redefine their needs and live a conscientious lifestyle.

Spirituality

Volunteers have the opportunity to enhance their spirituality through reflection and action throughout their service experience. Through retreats, community reflection and other gatherings, volunteers can challenge themselves to put their faith into action.

The program of Good Shepherd Volunteers agrees to the placement of Good Shepherd volunteer _____ who will collaborate in the work of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at _____ from _____ 20____ until _____ 20____. The GSV Orientation precedes this period of service and the service ends with participation in the Re-Orientation Retreat at the end of July.

I, _____, will uphold the mission of GSV and have read and agree with all principles and regulations as described in the Domestic Handbook for GSV.

Good Shepherd volunteer

Date

Witness

Date

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