

LIVING CHARITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

NEW ORLEANS

Feb 18-23,
2018

WHAT IS LIVING CHARITY?

- The Living Charity Volunteer Program is a one-week live-in outreach ministry of the Sisters of Charity – Halifax
- The program allows volunteers to participate in the mission of charity to those in need
- The Living Charity Volunteer Program is administered by the Sisters of Charity – Halifax



WHO ARE THE SISTERS OF CHARITY?

- The Sisters of Charity – Halifax are the founders of Mount Saint Vincent University
- The mission of the Sisters of Charity – Halifax is to “give joyful witness to love: the love of God, of one another and of all persons” (www.schalifax.ca)
- A group of Sisters started the Living Charity Volunteer Program in 2012



MOUNT STUDENTS AND LIVING CHARITY

From February 18-23, 2018, during the winter Study Break, the Sisters of Charity–Halifax would like to engage a group of *domestic* Mount students to participate in the Living Charity Volunteer Program

Volunteer for one-week in New Orleans, Louisiana



NEW ORLEANS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- In 2005, nearly 13 years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and flooded over 80% of New Orleans
- Since that time, groups of students, Sisters of Charity and other volunteers have helped rebuild the homes lost to people in New Orleans



YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP REBUILD

- During the winter Study Break (February 18-23, 2018), you are invited to join in a special effort of bringing a family back home after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina
- Join other Mount students and Sisters of Charity in this exciting week (Sunday, February 18 – Friday, February 23, 2018)
- Great and rewarding way to spend Study Break



WHY VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROGRAM?

- Giving back to the community; specifically giving back to those who are in need
- Participate in a program that is inspired by the Mount's strong tradition of social responsibility
- Good professional development experience
- Great for your resume
- Get to know more about the Sisters of Charity – Halifax and meet Mount students
- Experience a new city – New Orleans



WHAT YOU WOULD I BE DOING?

- Each workday will begin with morning reflection, prayer and sharing, breakfast, and packing lunches
- Work hours will be approximately 8:30am – 4:30pm and then dinner back at the House of Charity (accommodations)
- Spend the evening reflecting and sharing on the day's experience, enjoying the company of others, and have time for an outing or two to explore city of New Orleans



WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING?

- Volunteer work may include any of the following tasks:
 - Flooring
 - Painting
 - Insulation
 - Drywall
 - Mudding
 - Sanding
 - Outdoor maintenance
 - General cleaning of hours and property
 - And whatever else needs doing



No Experience
Required

No experience required. We will teach you and you will learn!

WHO WILL JOIN ME?

Student volunteers from the Mount will travel, volunteer and stay together

Accompanied by Sisters Evelyn Williams and Sheilagh Martin (Sisters of Charity – Halifax), Melissa Falle (Sisters of Charity staff member) and Scott Daniels (Mount Saint Vincent University)



S. Evelyn Williams



S. Sheilagh Martin



Melissa Falle



Scott Daniels

WHERE WILL I STAY?

Volunteers will stay at the House of Charity in New Orleans with a Sisters of Charity community

Housing is dorm style, shared living, and is meant to encourage simplicity. Think of your time as a mission/service experience



House of Charity, New Orleans

STAYING WITH A SISTERS OF CHARITY COMMUNITY

Since you will be staying with a Sisters of Charity community, you should expect:

- Engaging in group reflection and sharing each day
- Participating in group prayer each morning and before dinner
- Eating meals together
- Contributing to the House of Charity by assisting with meal preparation and clean-up
- Being part of a community
- Living simply – light on technology

This program is multi-denominational. All are welcome!

WHAT WILL I NEED TO TAKE?

- Towels and face cloths
- Personal toiletries
- Water bottle for worksite
- Sunscreen/sunglasses
- Sneakers for worksite
- Casual shoes/sandals/flip flops for evenings
- Work clothes for worksite (think grubby clothes)
- Casual clothes and sleepwear
- Rain coat/jacket
- Hat
- Hand sanitizer (little one for worksite)
- Any needed medications
- Passport



HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

The Sisters of Charity – Halifax are subsidizing the cost of the volunteer trip for Mount students

- Accommodations and meals at the House of Charity: \$33/day (6 days*\$25/day = \$200)
- Approximate airfare is \$1200, but students need to only pay \$600 (Sisters of Charity – Halifax will subsidize the remaining)
- Travel and health insurance: \$50
- Baggage fees: \$50
- In-kind Donation to the House of Charity: \$50
- Any spending money

The Sisters of Charity – Halifax will provide all ground transportation while in New Orleans

SUMMARY OF COSTS

Accommodations and meals: \$200

Airfare: \$600

Insurance: \$50

Baggage fees: \$50

In-kind Donation to the House of Charity: \$50

TOTAL: \$950 + spending money

Fees paid to Scott Daniels who organizes the trip logistics and planning

All additional expenses will be subsidized by the Sisters of Charity

Cancelation: Should weather impact our flight departure, students will be issued a full refund



INTERESTED?

An information session is being held **Monday, October 23, 2017 from 2:00-3:00pm in Seton 530/531**

- Email scott.daniels@msvu.ca to RSVP
- Attendance is not mandatory to register for the volunteer program, but highly recommended

If you are interested in registering, complete the registration form found here: www.livingcharity.ca/

Email Scott Daniels at scott.daniels@msvu.ca if any questions

Registration deadline: **Monday, November 20, 2017**



INTERESTED?

Space is limited; not all registrants may be admitted into the Living Charity Volunteer Program (8 students will be admitted)

Registration deadline: **Monday, November 20, 2017**

Confirmation of admission will be communicated by Friday, November 24, 2017

Fees (\$950) will be due in the form of cash or cheque by Friday, December 1, 2017



SUMMARY OF DATES

Event	Date
Information session in Seton 530/531	Monday, October 23, 2017 at 2:00pm
Submit online registration form (www.livingcharity.ca)	By Monday, November 20, 2017
Confirmation of admission to Living Charity Volunteer Program	By Friday, November 24, 2017
\$950 fee due to Scott Daniels (non-refundable)	By Friday, December 1, 2017
Required meeting for all admitted volunteers	Mid-January 2018 (details to be confirmed)
Have spending money for the trip	Sunday, February 18, 2018
Living Charity Volunteer Program	February 18-23, 2018

QUESTIONS

- Contact Scott Daniels at scott.Daniels@msvu.ca

