



FIRST SERVE
FOUNDATION

VOLUNTEER KIT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How to become a volunteer:

Volunteering is one of the best ways to serve people, give back to the ones less privilege and make the world a better place for all of us (please fill out our volunteer form in our website).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Who can volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer as long as you are 18 years of age or older!

Do I Get to Choose Where I Want to Volunteer?

YES and NO while you cannot choose exactly what jobs you will be doing day to day, you can choose where you would like to volunteer, and what kind of work you like to volunteer for, we do volunteer work in various parts of the world.

Can I choose to volunteer in a specific project?

Yes, we work one project at a time from start to finish, so you can volunteer for any project that is coming up and or on-going.

How do we do it?

We have learned that the best way to positively impact, improve and help the children and communities that we help is to work in one project at a time from start to finish.

This are the steps we take.

- Decide what project will be doing.
- Get quotes for the cost of the project.
- Set up a deadline for funding, start and finish of the project.
- Start looking for funding the project. (online, fundraising, networking, big corporations support) any way possible to get the funding.
- Start with the project with local workers and or companies.
- Get updates, photos and reviews of the ongoing project.

- We encourage you to help and participate during the project in any way you can.
- All volunteers are encouraged go to the location to finish the project.

What about Travel expenses?

We use all our funding for the project at hand, we do not use any of the funding for the operational cost of the foundation. That's why all volunteers need to pay for the cost of traveling.

Where Will I stay?

We work with hotels, hostels and private homes to help us with the lodging, they either give us a substantial discount rates or they let us stay for free.

What About Food expenses?

All volunteers need to pay for their own food, most of the time food is very good, homemade and very economical. If you have any food requirements there is nothing to worry about. we will make sure that your food needs will be taken care of. (vegetarian, vegan, etc.)

How do I get to the location of the project?

You will have to make arrangements from your home city to the project city (airport), from there you will be pick up by a driver to take you to the project site and or project city location.

NOTE: Nothing to worry. all traveling details are pre-arrange prior departure, we will accommodate you to your own needs and schedule.

Can I deduct the cost of traveling and volunteering from my taxes?

Yes, we are a tax deductible 501 c (3) non-profit foundation and if you need we can give you a tax deduction form with the cost of your expenses.

What clothes your I bring?

That your decision, just remember that you will get dirty, you will get sweaty, you will do manual work, and walk a lot. The less the better. During your work we will give you a First Serve foundation t-shirts to use and to keep.

Do I have the option and time to visit tourist sites?

Yes, you are open and encourage to visit as much as you can on our own and or with the rest of the volunteers, visiting and talking to locals is one of the most important things to get to know the places and the help that it needs. We usually make time to visit and explore our volunteering locations.

Can I bring family and friends?

We encourage you to bring as many people as possible to help in our projects.

Is there a fee to be a volunteer?

No, there is no fee to be part of our foundation, we only need your great energy, unconditional support, and your free time to help us.

If I am a college/school students can I get credits for the volunteer work?

Yes, you can get credits, we will work closely with your school and fill out all the required paperwork for you to get college credit.

I want you to understand that this volunteer travel and work will make you:

- It will change your life forever.
- it will make you see the world from another place that most likely you have never seen.
- it will make you appreciate what you have much more.
- it will make realize that you have much more than you need and you don't need that much to be happy.
- It will make you see their struggles and suffering but
- it will make you fill that part of your heart that needs a purpose to beat and be alive.
- traveling to a beautiful and interesting place with a purpose to make the world a better place.

Clarifying terms:

The term volunteering in the following information refers to the formal practice defined as an activity which takes place through not for profit organizations or projects and is undertaken:

- To be of benefit to the children, communities and the volunteer.
- Of the volunteer's own, free will and without coercion.
- For no financial payment.
- In designated volunteer positions only.