

CARE Project: Student Missionary - Spokane Central SDA and Better Living Center (2024-25)

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Where: Pacific Northwest, United States

When: Sep 2, 2024 - Jun 2, 2025

Summary

Originating in the Pacific Northwest, the CARE Project is coordinated out of the Center for Humanitarian Engagement (CHE) at Walla Walla University with partial funding from Adventist Community Services (ACS) at the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, with oversight from the North Pacific Union Conference ACS. The CARE Project has a vision to increase involvement of young people in community service through a comprehensive, assessment-based engagement plan, supported by a small team of CARE Student Missionaries (SMs) and resident expert partners.

This project encourages students to bring their unique backgrounds, interests, and fields of study to partner with the local work of Adventist Community Service centers. CARE Student Missionaries will learn best practices for community development and gain hands-on experience, working closely with passionate professionals, volunteers, and community partners. Length of service options are 3, 6, or 9 months in the following location:

We are a collaborative community of faith taking steps to bring hope and healing to our city. We coordinate the efforts of individual Seventh-day Adventist churches, ministries, and volunteers from all walks of life to offer physical, emotional, spiritual, and social help for those in need. See more about Spokane Central SDA and The Better Living Center [here](#).

Destination

Pacific Northwest United States

Term

Long-Term, 3 - 12 months, Sep 2, 2024 - Jun 2, 2025

Position

Type: ADRA / Relief & Development, Total People Required: 8, Target Age: College (18-25)

Finances

Cost: Travel expenses to and from location, Monthly Living Allowance: \$450.00, Local Currency: USD, Finance Type: Regular (Shared Funding)

Lodging & Food

The CARE SM will be staying in a rented room or apartment near the host organization, possibly shared with another SM of same gender.

2 single elderly women who live in large homes are willing to accommodate SMs with a private room and shared kitchen accessibility.

CARE SM will be provided a living allowance to cover meals and other basic living expenses.

Restrictions:

Depends on the local arrangements. If lodging is shared, opportunity will be limited to same gender, unless a married couple serves together.

Gender Lodging: Either

Marital Status Lodging: Either

Child Accommodations: Not Specified

Health Notes

Not Specified

Dress

Acceptable:

Appropriate to represent local Seventh-day Adventist church while building local community partnerships/relationships.

Unacceptable:

Should not distract from mission to build partnerships/relationship in local community and represent a local Seventh-day Adventist church.

Duties

Working with Spokane Central SDA and Better Living Center, volunteers are able to be involved in the following areas of community engagement:

- **Duties and responsibilities will be tailored to SMs based on background and field of interest.**
- Assist with recovery support and relief programs.
- Build up youth and children's ministry.
- Help aid the STEAM after school program.
- Assist in managing their thrift store: God's Closet
- Aid in radio station communication.
- Work with over 500 community members managing a food pantry warehouse.
- Create videos for church YouTube channel.
- Help with church and BLC security issues.
- Refugee, immigrant, and homelessness assistance.
- Create and maintain strategic partnerships with providers for dental clinic while strengthening partnerships in local community.
- Help develop a 5-year business plan or long-term growth strategy.
- Manage PR, design, communications, and social media efforts.
- Create sign design for their new electronic sign targeting over 100,000 passersby per week.

- **Reach out to Pastor Greg Carter for more information on diverse ranging opportunities and responsibilities at (207) 272-5555.**

Volunteers with skills, training, or interest in the following areas are especially needed:

- Bilingual
- Pre-med
- Childcare
- Theology
- Computer Science
- Business and marketing
- Psychology
- Education
- Social media
- Social work

Experience

Must have completed at least one year of college. Valid driver's license and vehicle highly recommended.

CARE SMs need to:

- Have a heart of service
- Meet needs as Jesus did.
- Show Christ in character rather than preach/teach.
- Be committed to growing in their faith and relationship with Jesus.
- Be willing to learn.
- Be self-starters.
- Have project management skills.
- Have good attention to detail.
- Be willing and comfortable working with all kinds of people, from church members to vulnerable community members. (BLC Located in third poorest zip code in WA and 28 different cultures currently represented.)
- Be ready to lead in various ways, such as making appointments, leading discussions or focus groups, etc.

Education

1-Yr College

Education Concentration

Social Work, Business, Marketing, Communications, Agriculture, Community Development

Languages

English (fluent)

Trade Skills

Any

Host « Private »

Host Contact « Private »

Travel Documentation

Travel

Destination City **Spokane, WA** Destination Airport **Spokane**

Medical

Required Inoculations **N/A** HIV Clearance Required? **No**

Medical Recommendations **(not set)**

Visa

Visa Required? **No** Visa Type **(not set)**

Visa Application By **(not set)**

Work Permit Required? **No**

Work Permit Application By **(not set)**

Police Clearance Required? **No**

Child Protection Required? **No**

Send Documentation To **(not set)**

Documentation Deadline **(not set)**

Visa Travel Details

Preference given to U.S. citizens at this time. Exceptions may be made on case-by-case basis.

Interview

Phone Interview Required? **Yes**

Signed Agreement Required? **No**

Orientation

Orientation on Site? **Yes**

Orientation Stipend? **Yes**

Travel Advisory

United States

1 Exercise normal precautions