

CARE Project: Student Missionary - A Watered Garden Family Learning Center (2025)

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Where: Everson, WA., United States

When: Jan 1 - 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 at the following location:

A Watered Garden Family Learning Center (AWG) in Everson, WA. is a non-profit organization affiliated with Adventist Community Services and the Everson Seventh-day Adventist church across the street. Through the guidance of the director, Cheryl Brown, AWG offers a myriad of educational and development opportunities for its primarily Hispanic immigrant community including weekly ESL, GED, and citizenship prep classes, a community garden, monthly nutrition-education workshops, and a variety of other community events as needs arise. It also serves as a community service hub for collaboration with other organizations. See more about AWG [here](#).

Destination

Everson, WA. United States

Term

Long-Term, 3 - 12 months, Jan 1 - 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.

TBD - Either staying with a host family from the church or in a rented local apartment.

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

Volunteers will work closely with Mrs. Cheryl to assist in administrative tasks, teaching classes, community networking, and development of plans for the long-term sustainability and growth of the center. They will also serve as a liaison with the CHE student team based in Walla Walla to connect AWG's needs with projects the CHE team can assist with virtually.

Working with AWG, volunteers are able to be involved in and can expect duties in the following areas of community engagement:

- Teach 3 citizenship and 3-4 GED classes per week; assist as an English teacher when needed.
- Mentor and guide local high school students in their community service projects.
- Attend and participate in 2-3 weekly meetings with community partners to brainstorm and plan projects.
- Help support with event planning, flyer creation, and distribution.
- Assist with menu planning, shopping, and cooking for events.
- Work with the CHE team on virtual projects like website updates, social media, and volunteer recruitment.
- Contribute to long-term strategic growth initiatives for AWG.
- Collaborate and assist Miss Cheryl with expanding AWG's reach by improving records, recruiting

volunteers, and conducting a neighborhood surveys.

- Work closely with other interns and volunteers to support AWG's mission.

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

- Business and marketing
- Education
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Communications
- Spanish
- Anthropology
- Social media

Experience

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

CARE SMs need to:

- 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 to work with all kinds of people, from church members to vulnerable community members
- be ready to lead in various ways, such as *teaching ESL/GED/Citizenship classes independently, representing AWG at public meetings, event planning*
- *Prioritize and value time invested in building relationships*
- *Be empathetic listeners*

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 **Everson** Destination Airport **Seattle/Bellingham**

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
