

Volunteering with the Sisters of Social Service

Get involved with SSS ministries in Los Angeles and San Diego! Below are opportunities (1-day to 1-year, group and individual) to work more closely with the Sisters of Social Service and to participate in the works of peace and social justice that are at the heart of the Community.

Camp Mariastella, Wrightwood, CA

Outdoor learning and recreation within a Christian ecumenical setting for children and young adults.

Opportunity: Spring Work Party to prepare camp for the busy summer season. Outdoor work clearing fire zones, reopening cabins. No limit on no. of volunteers. Start date May and June every year. **Contact Sr. Patricia McGowan 818.285.1555 by April. www.campmariastella.com**

Camp Mariastella, Wrightwood, CA

Opportunity: Residential camp counselor for Mariastella Girls Camp designed to nurture self-confidence, independence, and creative decision-making for girls 7-15 years of age through outdoor, prayer, and liturgy activities. Camp runs from late June to mid Aug each year. Stipend included. Application required. **Contact Sr. Jennifer Gaeta 760.249.3530 by April. www.campmariastella.com**



Camp Oliver, San Diego area, CA

Camp strives to nurture children and adults so they can appreciate and value themselves, others, and the natural world around them. **Opportunity:** Exterior painting of camp buildings with need also for painting murals to add to the camp atmosphere. **Contact Annie Korn 619.445.5945. www.campoliver.com**

Camp Oliver, San Diego area, CA

Opportunity: Spring Work Party to prepare camp for the busy summer season. Outdoor work clearing fire zones, reopening cabins. Hands on. No limit on no. of volunteers. Start date April and May every year. **Contact Annie Korn 610.445.5945 by March. www.campoliver.com**

International Life Services, Los Angeles, CA

Pro-life organization founded in 1985 to promote Catholic values applied to family life and bio-ethical issues.

Opportunity: Use text and images provided to design an engaging brochure that educates the public about the mission and accomplishments of the organization. Collaborative project for a 25-year-old non-profit. **Contact Sr. Paula Vandegaer 213.382.2156. www.internationallifeservices.org**

Volunteers For Life (continued)

Opportunity: A program linked to International Life Services. Give a year of your life in prayer and service in a live-in program to promote the pro-life message and works.

Contact Sr. Paula Vandegaer 213.382.2156. Application required. Rolling admission. www.volunteersforlife.org

Special Events with Sisters of Social Service

The Sisters and their supporters often host art exhibits, festivals, days of reflection, special speakers and films, and other events connecting spirituality to our everyday lives. No limit on no. of volunteers. **Opportunity:** Ongoing needs, inquiries gladly accepted throughout the year. Please **contact Ayumi Nagata ayumiSSSdevelopment@gmail.com or 818.285.3376 ext. 393. www.sistersofsocialservice.com.**

Holy Spirit Retreat Center

Holy Spirit Retreat Center, as a chartered ministry of the Sisters of Social Service, is rooted in Scripture and the vision and spirit of Saint Benedict. They strive to create an atmosphere of prayer and hospitality where community is nourished, each person can thrive and an interfaith environment is fostered. **Opportunity:** Gardening projects, art and music festivals, environmental clean-ups and wildlife care, work parties on the 10 acre oasis where the Center is housed. Projects can vary by interest level and your schedule. Please **contact Sr. Chris Machado Chris_testver@yahoo.com. www.hsrcenter.com**

Projects with Active Seniors/Elders

The Villa Retirement Community is home to 14 Sisters of Social Service who have spent their lives in the social work field working with those on the margins of our world. They have varying interests including visual art, gardening, technology, photography, current events and of course a rich and diverse spiritual life. **Opportunity:** Their interests and needs are as varied as the Sisters: repotting plants and gardening, reading the newspaper aloud, helping with correspondence, partnering in watercolor and quilting projects, playing card games and Scrabble...Please **contact Jamey Fitzpatrick at jameySSSdevelopment@gmail.com or 818.285.3358.**

Projects with Youth in Los Angeles

Several schools and organizations serving youth in the L.A. area are in need of supportive adult mentors and extra help with special projects. No limit to no. of volunteers. Rolling start date, please **contact Sr. Una Feeney at unafeeney@yahoo.com.**