



Diocesan Service Corps Agency Outreach

What is the Diocesan Service Corps?

The DSC is a year-long service program that is often described as a “Local Peace Corps”. The DSC asks recent college graduates from across the country to move to Buffalo for one year to make a commitment to its four pillars: social justice, community living, simplicity, and spiritual growth. The DSC gives young adults the opportunity to use their education and talents in a meaningful way while gaining important personal and professional skills.

Benefits to Agency Sponsorship:

- DSC Volunteers meet a programmatic and financial need for your clients and agency by providing a full-time (40 hours/wk), year-long (August – August), college-educated employee
- DSC Volunteers are uniquely motivated, accomplished, and seeking a meaningful experience – meet them on our website: www.buffalodiocese.org/dsc
- DSC partner agencies enjoy the enthusiasm and skills DSC Volunteers bring to the workplace. Our current placements include Neighborhood Legal Services, Catholic Charities, Literacy Volunteers, International Institute, AIDS Alliance, Gerard Place etc.
- DSC partner agencies provide excellent environments for personal and professional growth. It is not uncommon for partner agencies to offer DSC Volunteers salaried positions after the completion of their service.
- DSC partner agencies participate in placement process by conducting their own interview process following DSC’s extensive screening and application procedure, including national background check.
- DSC Director provides support to agency and DSC Volunteer as needed

Criteria

- Agency mission must involve providing direct services to economically poor or socially marginalized communities
- Agency unable otherwise afford a permanent salaried employee to complete needed services to those served
- Provide a clear 35-40 hour/week job description with the majority of the volunteer’s time spent in meaningful, direct contact with populations served
- Provide consistent supervision and on-going training, support, and mentoring
- Complete an application process and yearly evaluations

Financial

- Financial sponsorship involves the cost of housing, food, transportation, personal stipend, health insurance, retreat costs and overall operational costs totaling \$15,000/agency. This stipend can be paid on whatever schedule that makes sense for each agency.

Learn More

- Visit our website at www.buffalodiocese.org/dsc to learn more about the DSC
- Contact Amy Fleischauer, Director for Agency Sponsorship Application and further information at 847.8384 or afleischauer@buffalodiocese.org