Description of Agency/Activities:
Inglis House is a wheelchair community offering residential, long-term or transitional care for adults with chronic physical disabilities. Inglis House also offers a day program for clients who commute. Unique in Philadelphia, and one of just a small number of such communities in the United States, Inglis House is home to over 275 persons. It also offers rehabilitative, therapeutic, educational, medical, and nursing-care services. All programs and services are designed to encourage residents to live as independently as possible. It is most important to work to develop relationships with the residents and day clients.

Student Role in Agency:
Students will be encouraged to get to know the residents and to begin to build relationships with them. Students will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with individuals in a variety of different capacities such as: tutoring written and language skills, computer work, developing personal narratives through a number of various modes of technology and communication as residents experience a wide array of verbal and auto capacity. Inglis House seeks students who are open to being with and engaging with people who live with long-term and often severe disabilities.

Unique Features of agency:
Students must be willing to work hard in order to converse with the residents and clients as many of the residents have communication challenges. Students who work over a meal hour are invited to eat during their shift. The administration and the clients have a history of very positive relationships with St. Joseph's Service-Learning students.

Orientation & Requirements: Inglis House requires each student to attend a 2.5 hour orientation before they start volunteering.

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