

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



**Bethesda Project – Sanctuary**

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<b>Transportation</b>	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 30 Minutes
<b>Clearances Required</b>	No Clearances Required

**Description:**

This residence is part of Bethesda Project. The mission of Bethesda Project is to create communities where men and women, on the margins of a complex society, find sanctuary and have their basic needs met in the company of a compassionate and caring family. They consider themselves as an extended family made up of guests, residents, staff, volunteers and supporters. Supporters and volunteers come to Bethesda Project from all stations in life to contribute their time and special gifts to be a presence in the lives of the poor. The Sanctuary is a permanent supportive housing community for 16 recovering men who come from diverse background. Many of the men are also suffering from chronic mental disabilities. The men must be clean for at least 2 months in order to be eligible to be part of this community. Housing, meals, community building, life skills training, recovery assistance, and medication and financial management are provided. Each resident participates in the life of the house to the best of his ability.

**Student Role:**

Students will work with the residents in an effort to encourage their participation in social activities. Students are invited to be creative in their ideas for engagement such as: book club, garden club, chess/checker tournaments, workouts, etc.

**Unique Features:**

The students must be willing to take the initiative to try to engage the men in meaningful experiences. The supervisor is very open and willing to offer ideas to the students. The staff at Sanctuary work very hard to affirm the dignity of each person who is part of the residential community.

**Orientation / Requirements:**

An orientation will be provided the first week of service.