

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



SAUNDERS
HOUSE

Saunders House

Address	100 E. Lancaster Ave. Wynnewood, PA 1909
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Transportation	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 10 Minutes
Clearances Required	TB Test and Flu Shot

Description of Agency/Activities: Saunders House is located on the campus of Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood. Saunders House is a residence for elderly people who prefer a more supportive environment over living alone. They offer transitional rehabilitative care for patients who need extended treatment following a stay in the hospital, skilled nursing care with specialized facilities and programs for those who suffer from Alzheimer's and for vision impaired individuals.

Student Role in Agency:

Students will meet with Recreational and Volunteer Coordinator and determine specific interest populations. All students will act as visitors to the residents of Saunders House, engaging in conversations and being a presence to people who rarely have company. Students will also interact with residents as an activity aid for scheduled events at Saunders House

Unique Features of agency: Saunders House is located very close to campus. Students will be able to engage the residents in conversations and activities. The site supervisor is a wonderful resource for student learning and support. Students working during the lunch hour will be provided with a free lunch.

Orientation / Requirements: A Tuberculosis test within the year is required to begin volunteering with this community partner. You may choose any participating health physician's office or the SJU Student Health Center, located on the first floor of Sourin Hall and follow their directions. If you select the SJU Health Center, there will be a \$10 fee to administer the injection. You must also get a flu shot. Any student who finds the \$10 fee an economic hardship should contact Ann Marie Jursca Keffer at x1337. An orientation will also be provided on the first day of service.