

## Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



### St. John's Hospice/Good Shepherd

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<b>Transportation</b>	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 30 minutes
<b>Clearances Required</b>	HIPPA form

**Description of Agency/Activities:** The mission of St. John's Hospice/Good Shepherd is to be a "community grounded in faith and service where homeless persons find dignity, respect, nourishment and opportunity for new beginnings". St. John's runs three programs for homeless men in Philadelphia: Residential services for Men, Lunch/Day Program, and the Good Shepherd Program for 12 medically fragile men. Every weekday approximately 350- 400 men are served a noon meal through the Outreach Lunch Program. St. John's Residential Program offers clothing and casework services to connect men with shelter, substance abuse treatment and employment; it is home to 40 men for up to 1 year. The Day Program offers hot meals, showers, clothing, a mailing address etc. to men who are there for less than a day. The Good Shepherd Program offers care to homeless, medically fragile men.

**Student Role in Agency:** Students working during the evening shifts will be asked to assist with meal preparation and serving and will be expected to interact with the men during and after dinner. Students will be expected to engage in conversation and activities with the men in an effort to build relationships. (Activities can include a movie/discussion, current events or topic-centered discussion/conversation). Student volunteers should expect to take the initiative to engage the residents of St. John's Good Shepherd Program. Students must be willing to go outside of their comfort zones in an effort to meet the men where there are.

**Unique Features of agency:** St. John's creates a safe environment for men who have come from living on the streets. It seeks to be a place of "charity unlimited" (the definition of hospice), and build community among men, staff, and volunteers through its programs.

#### **Orientation & Requirements:**

This community partner organization requires you **only** to complete a HIPPA Form. You will be contacted with more information on how to complete this form once your placement at St. John's Hospice is confirmed. This clearance must be completed, uploaded to the Faith-Justice Clearance blackboard site, and handed in to your service site by October 6<sup>th</sup>.