



Young People Who Care, Inc.

Bethany Youth Retreat Center

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Service Program Description

Young People Who Care, Inc. offers a service program for teenagers and adults. This program gives participants the opportunity to be involved in social justice outreach in an environment of a Christian Community. This experience includes service to the poor of Clearfield and Centre Counties in Pennsylvania, community building, prayerful reflection of experience and personal processing time.

The service program begins with a time for community building among the participants and an orientation period. This orientation includes presentations on: Young People Who Care and how the community that lives here has responded to the vision and challenge of the pastoral letter "This Land is Home to Me" since 1976; the ministries of YPWC and how, as a short-term volunteer, you are involved in these ministries.

Participants of this program are invited into a simple lifestyle in solidarity with the poor. This lifestyle includes home prepared meals, refrained use of modern conveniences, conservation of our natural resources through recycling, and attentiveness to each other's needs. The participants are engaged in a variety of ministries throughout their service time. If it is a week long experience, then volunteers have the opportunity to work with different people on a variety of jobs. Participants are directly involved with the daily activities of meal preparation, choice of recreation and planning evening reflection.

A typical schedule for the day may be the following:

7:00 am	Breakfast, Morning Prayer and Job Assignments
8:30-4:00	Service Project for the Day
5:30	Dinner Recreation, Free Time, Evening Reflection, Sharing of the Day
11:00 pm	Retire for the Night

If this program is of interest to you, contact Sr. Suzanne Thibault, Youth Program Director, at the address, phone or e-mail provided.

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Mission Statement

Young People Who Care, Inc. is a Catholic grassroots ministry.

YPWC provides a wide, ecumenical circle of care among those who give and those who receive. Its members are committed to creating a wholistic and nonjudgmental environment where the exchange of culture, education and training empower individuals and groups.

While adapting to changing times and needs, prayer, hospitality, simplicity and service remain constant characteristics of Young People Who Care, Inc.