

# Nazareth Year of Service



The Journey of Hope Program at Holy Family Institute in Pittsburgh, PA provides a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for unaccompanied minors waiting for sponsorship in the United States.

Holy Family Institute organized a program to provide supportive services to these unaccompanied minors.

You can help these children feel safe and cared for as a member of **Holy Family Service Corps**! As a member of this program you will live in community with other recent college graduates who provide service to a variety of HFI programs. The service corps program is a faith-based program providing a Christian focus in the Catholic tradition and the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Room and board are covered by the program and a small monthly stipend is paid. This is a wonderful Gap-Year experience and a great way to keep your Spanish language skills sharp.

**Preferably: Bilingual** (Spanish, Indigenous Languages, Other languages)



For more information call Lynn Guerra at 412-766-9020 x1304 or visit <https://www.hfi-pgh.org/holy-family-service-corps/>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What academic background is required to apply to the Holy Family Service Corps?**

Anyone from any educational background is welcome to apply.

**Do I have to speak Spanish?** No but it is preferable and will benefit you in your year of service.

### **Do I need to be Catholic to apply to the Holy Family Service Corps Program?**

Applicants from any faith background and at any point in their spiritual journey are welcome to apply, though, all candidates must show openness to Catholic spirituality and feel comfortable living out the gospel values in the work and home living environment. Through faith sharing, retreats, and weekly spirituality nights members learn about the sponsors' mission and charism.

### **I graduated from college a few years ago. Am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes! While there is not an age requirement, typical applicants are college seniors or within a few years of having finished college. It is common for applicants to work or volunteer for a couple of years before joining our program.

### **Am I required to come to Pittsburgh to interview?**

No. Interviews can be conducted in person on Holy Family's campus or via a video format.

### **What does the Holy Family community living requirement look like?**

It is a requirement that participants commit to living simply in intentional community for the duration of the 11 months of the program, mid-August to mid-July. Members live in small communities of 3-7 people. Typically members will have their own bedroom; bathrooms are shared. Community members are expected to support each other; regular dinners, spirituality evenings and social outings are part of the program. Each member will have a Sister Companion chosen for them from the local Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

### **What are the financial commitments and benefits?**

Program participants are full-time volunteers who earn a modest monthly stipend which is adequate to cover personal expenses and incidentals. Participants earn an education award and have the ability to defer loans while gaining invaluable work experience. Room and board are covered. Health Insurance is available if needed.

### **Can I hold another job while I am a member?**

Applicants are not permitted to have additional employment for the duration of time in the program.