Examples of Service Learning Opportunities
ACLAS - Quito, Ecuador

Please note: the following organizations are examples of the types of organizations where students may be able to volunteer. We cannot guarantee a specific site because we defer to the needs of the organization, which can change. Please work with us in the months and weeks prior to your program to get a better idea of the options available.

Damas Voluntarias del Baca Ortiz
Non-profit organization dedicated to serve low income children-patients at the Baca Ortiz hospital. These children have different illnesses, have suffered accidents or are in post surgery recovering. These children do not have contagious diseases. This organization works to supply what these children need (diapers, milk) and give free food to the parents of these children who come from outside Quito.

This organization also works with a shelter called “Albergue”, for the parents of these children that come from areas outside Quito and are not able to go to their houses while their child is in the hospital. The Albergue is located next to the hospital.

Service learning objectives:
feeding / cleaning / “Terapia de Acompañamiento”.

Activity ideas:
- Drawing and coloring
- Singing children’s songs
- Story telling
- Others derived from volunteer’s creativity depending on the state of the patient

Asociación Benéfica para Enfermos Incurables (ABEI Infantil)
Non-profit institution dedicated to serve low income chronic or terminally ill infants. This institution does not host children suffering from contagious diseases.

Service learning objectives:
Recreational therapy / feeding / “Terapia de Acompañamiento”. Helping in the area of rehabilitation.

Activity ideas:
- Drawing and colouring
- Singing children’s songs
- Story telling
- Physical therapy
- Others derived from volunteer’s creativity
Guardería Amigos de La Paz
This nursery center is dedicated to the attention and care of approximately 50 children from low income families who don’t have the chance to receive food, care and a safe place to stay while their parents work.

Service Learning Objective
Help with the care and attention required by these children (general education, feeding and cleaning the children, recreational activities). According to the demands, eventually, volunteers may help with the improvement of the facilities, like painting and doing some household repairs.

Activity Ideas:
- Story telling – Reading
- Assist the teachers in the classrooms
- Educational games
- Educational projects
- Helping with classroom activities
- Others derived from the volunteer’s creativity.

Hogar Rafaela Veintimilla
A home (orphanage) for 30 children and teenagers who had faced abandonment, parents’ loss, harassment, or domestic violence. The centre is managed by a religious community of nuns who provide the children, mainly girls, with shelter, education and all the care these people need.

Service Learning Objective
Offer fun, entertainment, care and love to these children who need to move forward from sadness and hardship. Also, help them with academic challenges related to math, writing, reading, science, computer sciences, English and others.

Activity Ideas:
Create and develop activities designed for children’s entertainment and instruction. They might include: playing sports, story-telling, singing, dancing, games, painting, and other derived from your creativity.

Asilo de Ancianos Corazón de María (Nursing Home)
This organization is run by nuns and it is dedicated to the attention and care of approximately two hundred male and female, low income aged people. Most of them are abandoned by the family. The building is divided into three different parts: one where the women live, another where the men live and other called “Betania” where people with mental illnesses live.

Service Learning Objectives:
Help with the care and attention required by these aged individuals (take them to the park, play with them, feed them, talk with them). Help the doctors with the therapy needed at the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy rooms.

Activity Ideas:
- Conversation therapy to discover people’s needs and interests.
- Card games, reading, dancing, exercising, etc..
- Help the doctors with physiotherapy and occupational therapy activities.
- Others derived from the volunteer’s creativity.