



# Love Thy Neighbor: Waukegan

## **Background**

The GCC Youth (Veritas) over the years have been committed to a bi-yearly rhythm of missions trips between local and global missions. This vision exists to help teach our students that God's mission happens just as much in our backyard as it does abroad. In recent years we have partnered with other local youth groups in the area for what was called the Many Hands Project that was centered around serving the Zion, IL community. We provided that community with helpful tasks mainly consisting of physical labor (painting, house repairs, lawn care, etc.) Many Hands Project is no longer being run this summer out of Zion, but has instead morphed into a new local mission trip based in Waukegan, IL. We will still be partnering with Village Church of Gurnee's youth group for this opportunity.

## **Global Mission is Born Out of Local Mission**

Because our belief is that local missions are a vital preparation ground for global missions, we strongly encourage students who are interested in the Panama mission trip next summer to participate in this summer's local mission trip. We design this trip for students to spend the entire week away from home staying at a local Waukegan church facility partly to simulate that experience and prepare our students for next summer. Here we will worship, eat meals, sleep, shower, and hang out! Guys and girls will be separated into different rooms for sleeping arrangements.

## ***The Mission***

*Waukegan is just east of Gurnee and it is our mission to serve our neighbors. We are looking at helping in ways that build and strengthen bonds between our communities. Our mission is to build strong relationships through serving and listening to people's stories. We will be working with local organizations that are focused on not only rebuilding communities but working with people to see how they can help meet their needs and rebuild lives.*

*Our partnership with Love Inc. will give us the opportunity to serve in their starter kit, bunk beds, and furniture ministries. Our partnership with the Fuller Center will give us opportunities to serve in all types of ministry such as construction, agriculture, and community outreach. All these ministries give us the chance to not only serve those around us but spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all.*

## **Trip Dates**

July 14-20th

## **Cost**

\$150

## **More about our Partners and Ministry Opportunities**

*Fuller Center for Housing - [www.fullercenterlakecounty.org](http://www.fullercenterlakecounty.org)*

The Fuller Center for Housing is an international, Christian nonprofit that builds and renovates houses in partnership with families in need. Homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build or renovate their homes, which they then pay for on terms they can afford, with no interest charged or profit made. This is charity with dignity and a building program that creates decent homes, restores neighborhoods and revitalizes communities.

*Fuller Center HERO Project*

Fuller Center For Housing Hero Project Lake County is one of the Fuller Center's newest Illinois Covenant Partners. They distinguish themselves by incorporating Housing with Wellness and Working Families. Their goal is to link veterans, and under-served individuals with the resources to ensure long-term sustainability. They Build Houses, Healthy Families and Healthy Economies with Jobs and Business Development.

*Love Inc. Furniture Ministry - [www.loveinclakecounty.org](http://www.loveinclakecounty.org)*

Volunteers deliver furniture and prayer to verified neighbors in need. They provide basic furniture, with a focus on supplying something to “Eat on, Sit on, and Sleep on.”

*Love Inc. Starter Kits*

Volunteers organize and pack donated household items into “Starter Kits” and deliver them to verified neighbors moving into their own homes. Kits include new or gently used dishes, glasses, pots & pans, basic kitchen utensils and bath & kitchen towels.

*Village Church of Gurnee—[www.vcgurnee.org](http://www.vcgurnee.org)*

In the past we have teamed up with this local Gurnee church just east of us for the Many Hands Project. We will be keeping that relationship going and teaming up with them again for Love Thy Neighbor.

## **Work Day Schedule**

7:00 am – Wake Up

7:15 am – Eat Breakfast & Lunch Preparation

8:00 am – Morning Devotional

8:15 am – Depart for Worksite & Begin Working

12:00 pm – Lunch & Devotion

1:00 pm – Resume Working

3:30 pm – Clean Up/Return

4:00 pm – Free time/Showers/Leader Meeting

6:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm – Worship

8:30 pm– Church Time/Small Groups/Free Time



# Student application - Due 4/28/19

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION - PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!

Full Legal Name (first, middle & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Name you prefer to go by: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (XS-XL): \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school: \_\_\_\_\_ School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT YOU & MISSIONS

*Please take some time to prayerfully and thoroughly answer the following questions about yourself. We ask that you respond in as much detail as you can in order to help us have a more complete picture about how God is at work in your life! (You may use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)*

1. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, then please share with us some of the story about how you became a Christian.

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