Reconstruction Efforts Aiding Children without Homes (REACH)  
Summer Build Project 2010  
Overview

Reconstruction Efforts Aiding Children without Homes (REACH) is looking for volunteers to build homes for orphaned children of PWOJE ESPWA orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti, in August 2010, as part of their Voluntour Program.

What is a “Voluntour”?  
A voluntour brings together the experience of an international tour and the opportunity to volunteer to better the lives and living conditions of children who have been devastated by poverty, natural disaster, and war. REACH’s Voluntour Program provides an exciting opportunity for anyone to use their education and life experiences to bring decent, environmentally friendly housing solutions to children in developing countries. Building a home for an orphan is a once in a lifetime experience that will not only change your own perceptions about your own being but it will also expose you to the serious crisis that plague children throughout every nation.

Program Benefits:

- Travel to a developing country and work with the people in the community to build homes.
- Gain valuable leadership and teamwork experience by working with others on a much-needed project.
- Learn about Haitian people, culture, and food through direct interaction and experience.
- Learn about the importance of sustainable housing and develop useful construction and building skills.
- Engage in service-learning through reflection of your experiences.
- Make a difference in the life of a child!

Program Requirements

- Raise at least $1,000 over the travel costs. 100% of the funds raised are used toward the costs of the homes.
- Pay the program fee and travel costs according to the set deadlines.
- Have a 2.5 GPA or higher and good behavioral standing.
- Be in good physical and mental health with your own health insurance.
- Obtain vaccinations as needed prior to travel.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- No previous construction experience is necessary.
Program Fees
The cost to participate is $1,700 for one week or $2,100 for two weeks, all-inclusive. The program fee includes roundtrip airfare; lodging at the Espwa Guest House; three meals a day, taxes, baggage, ground transportation, evacuation and medical repatriation insurance, and a participant’s T-shirt.

Program Commitment
This is an incredibly rewarding experience, but there are some requirements that need to be met in order to participate.

Prior to Departure:
- Actively engage in fund-raising and meet the set fund-raising goals.
- Make all payments according to the deadlines.
- Get a passport and vaccinations (Hepatitis A/B and tetanus).
- Attend an orientation/training session on Lawrence Tech’s campus.

In Haiti:
- Be physically and mentally able to actively participate in the home construction project with other volunteers and local people.
- Be a flexible team player with a positive attitude and cultural tolerance.
- Follow the daily schedule as set by the program and participate in reflection and discussion activities.
- Realize that this is a program- and university-sponsored event in which your schedule and your meals will be set for you. However, you will have some opportunity to see the city of Les Cayes and interact with the children at the orphanage.
- Work hard and have fun!

Upon Return:
- Share your experiences with the campus community (e.g., word-of-mouth, presentations, contributions to Tech News, etc)

Recommitment
Recommitment is set for April 30, 2010. Recommitment basically means you plan to continue to commit to participate in the program and agree to pay the fundraising and program fee balances in full by the final deadline. At this time, you will need to complete additional paperwork, including a credit card authorization form that will give us permission to charge your card if payments are not made on time.
**Program Fee Payment Deadlines:**
Program fees cover all travel, lodging, and participation costs, and are not tax deductible.

All program fee checks should be made payable to REACH with your last name and Program Fee in the subject line.

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**Fund-raising Deadlines:**
REACH is an IRS registered 501(c)3 non-profit that was founded to build new homes around the world. All fund-raising donations are tax deductible. REACH’s tax-ID number is #33-1211165.

All fund-raising checks should be made payable to REACH, with the participant’s name in the subject line so you can receive credit toward your fundraising goal.

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**Incentives for Fundraising:**
If you raise more than $3,000 by the May 15, 2010 deadline, you will have $500 deducted from your program fee and travel cost requirements.

**Questions?**
Contact Melissa Grunow, Leadership Curriculum Coordinator, at mgrunow@ltu.edu or (248) 204-2414. For general information about REACH, visit www.reach4children.org.
Complete the application in full and submit it along with a $75 check payable to REACH (this application fee is nonrefundable) by Friday, April 16, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

When do you want to participate? Check one:
___ August 8-14, 2010 ($1700 program fee)
___ August 15-22, 2010 ($1700 program fee)
___ August 8-22, 2010 ($2100 program fee)

Date: _________________

Personal Information

Name ________________________________________________  male ____ female___

Last                               First                     Middle

Date of Birth _______ /________/_________ Country of Birth _____________________

MM          DD          YY

Passport Number _________________________________Expiration Date_________________

(If you do not have a valid US passport, apply for one immediately)

Age: ___________________  T-shirt size: ________________

Current Address: __________________________________________________________

Street        Apartment no.

_________________________________________________________________

City                                                          State                        Zip Code

Phone: (______)___________________  Cell Phone: (______)______________________

E-mail (*required): __________________________

(Check your email regularly for program updates and important correspondence)

Are you a college student? (circle one) Yes/No  If yes, answer the following:

University: ______________________________________________

Major: ________________________

Class standing (circle one):   FR   SO   JR   SR   GR

GPA: ________________
Emergency Contact Information
Name ____________________________________________________________
Relationship to you ____________________________
Phone: (______)__________________________ Cell Phone: (______)___________________

Health
Do you have any health problems or physical disability that could affect your participation in the program, noting that facilities cannot accommodate those who require handicap accessibility*

_____no _____yes If yes, please explain ___________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

* you ought to be able to walk up to two miles/day, unassisted to participate fully in the program

Vaccinations:
Hepatitis A/B and tetanus vaccinations are required. Health insurance is also required.
Hepatitis A/B Vaccination dates: ________________________________________________
Tetanus vaccination dates: _____________________________________________________

Medical Insurance:
Name of carrier: ____________________________________________________________
Policy number: _____________________________________________________________

Acknowledgment and Consent
I hereby certify that the above information submitted on this application form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and agree to the program requirements, program fees and program commitments listed “Reconstruction Efforts Aiding Children without Homes (REACH) Summer Build Project 2010 Overview”. I understand that upon acceptance, a representative of REACH will contact me with more information and send other participation forms to be completed. I understand the program fees are not negotiable, and the fund-raising minimum must be met in order to participate. I understand that while some fund-raising guidance will be provided, I am solely responsible for meeting the fund-raising commitment. All funds (program fee or fund-raising) paid to REACH are non-refundable. REACH reserves the right to cancel, alter or otherwise change this program with due notice to all participants.

I understand and accept all of the above listed conditions.

____________________________________________________ _________________________
Applicant’s Signature             Date

Submit this application along with a $75 application fee (make checks payable to REACH) by Friday, April 16 to:
Melissa Grunow
Office of Leadership Programs, Rm c205
Lawrence Technological University
21000 West Ten Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075

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