

LOOKING FOR...

INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE **VOLUNTEERS** DC / SUMMER 2018



The International Guest House in Washington DC is a special place for all who enter its doors, serving visitors from all over the world for over fifty years. Volunteers interact daily at breakfast and evening tea time with guests of all ages, welcoming the stranger and meeting each person where he or she is in life, and being an able listener to their stories. Training requires two weeks. The work consists of cleaning, baking, gardening, and responding to the needs of our guests. We are in need of short term summer volunteers who might serve at least two months.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



Free room and board with two days off per week to explore the area



Meet new people; talk, laugh, and share with new friends



Experience different cultures



Strengthen communications and networking skills



Perform a variety of roles in running a household



Boost planning & organizational skills



Learn the behind-the-scenes basics about how our non-profit operates



Explore career and learning opportunities in Washington, DC



Build up 'Jack of All Trades' skills: assist in home improvements & repairs

**ASK SARA FOR AN APPLICATION:
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Will it be easy? NOPE. Worth it? ABSOLUTELY.

ABOUT OUR HOUSE

The International Guest House depends on a host couple to organize and manage the household for a twelve month period and we rely on **short term volunteers** rotating through to help and support in many gifted ways.

Because the **training of volunteers requires two weeks**, we encourage short term volunteers to consider serving a **minimum of two months**.

Every volunteer receives **free room and board**, two days off per week, and flexibility in the scheduling – depending on the number of guests.

Guests stay on the third floor. All volunteers' bedrooms are on the second floor. A light breakfast of muffins and granola is served daily. No other meals for guests are provided but a room in the basement with a refrigerator and microwave allows guests to make their own light meals.

A designated tea time is set aside in the evening for guests and staff to interact with each other.

A small library off the dining room is a quiet haven for respite. The house is located near the bus line and staff parking is available in the rear alley. Bikes may be locked in the garage. **Wifi is available throughout the house** and a big screen TV is located in the shared space basement.

4 ASPECTS OF GUEST HOUSE LIFE



FAITHFUL HOSPITALITY

The Guest House is a safe space that welcomes the stranger wherever that person may be in his or her journey. The willingness of our volunteers to open their hearts to be available is what makes the International Guest House special.

MANY GIFTS

We depend on the many gifts of our volunteers as well as a willingness to humble oneself to learn how to do new things. (Sometimes that means learning how to clean a toilet, or listening with full hearts.) There are frequently unexpected demands but also rewards that come with the work of running a household such as IGH.



LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Our volunteers reside in close proximity with one another and it is a challenge at times to adjust. However, becoming acquainted with others and working together in a Christ-centered community is enriching and even life changing for some.

SELF CARE

We work hard to ensure a full staff of volunteers so that there is flexibility in scheduling the work and having time off.

D.C. offers endless opportunities to explore museums, national monuments, cathedrals and churches, and the green spaces of parks. The Atlantic Ocean and the Shenandoah Mountains are only three hours away from D.C.



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