



## *MercyWorks*

*“My MercyWorks year provided me with a unique opportunity to grow in my faith, live in community, and develop my professional skills, while also exploring social justice issues that tie the whole program together. Being part of a team that worked for change was a source of hope and was a great way for me to step into the real world.”*

— Julia, MercyWorks alum

The MercyWorks program of Mercy Home for Boys & Girls offers a diverse group of highly motivated men and women—who are inspired by the Gospel call to faith and justice — a unique opportunity to gain professional experience while growing spiritually, personally, and professionally.

MercyWorks volunteers live in an intentional community focused on the program’s five core values of social justice, community, spirituality, simple living and professional development.

Volunteers make a one year commitment to work directly with the children at Mercy Home and devote themselves to a process of building community and living in simplicity. They also commit to growing in their understanding of social justice and spirituality through prayer and reflection.

By taking part in weekly community nights and seasonal retreats and in sharing dinner, discussion, prayer and laughter, our volunteers challenge and encourage one another to continue to live out of a faith that does justice.

If you have a calling to share your unique gifts with a child, to live simply in a faith-based community of diverse volunteers, and can dedicate a year to service, we invite you to look closer at the MercyWorks program at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.

In return, you will receive:

- A monthly stipend, transportation assistance and free room and board
- Health and dental insurance
- Orientation, seasonal retreats, vacation time
- Professional training, mentoring, supervision and support
- Regular opportunities to deepen spirituality, including spiritual direction
- Eligibility for loan forbearance and an AmeriCorps Education Award

- Opportunity for post-service employment and possible sign-on bonus, as well as post-service educational assistance
- Access to cultural and recreational experiences available in a world-class city

Visit [mercyhome.org/mercyworks](http://mercyhome.org/mercyworks) for more information and read about the experiences of past and present volunteers.

You can apply online or call 312-738-9526 to request an application.

Applications are accepted continually throughout the year until July. Priority is given to applications submitted before April 1.



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