

**WHAT IS YOUNG NEIGHBORS?** It is an intense, week-long service learning experience in which we learn about our Catholic call to work for justice while connecting to meaningful service opportunities. It helps participants learn how poverty and a lack of respect for human dignity impact the lives of real people. This is done through a mix of direct service, learning and dialogue, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer, and recreation.

**WHO CAN ATTEND YOUNG NEIGHBORS?** Anyone who has completed grades 9-12 (by summer 2018) is eligible to attend. In addition, Young Neighbors recommends students enjoy being around others, enjoy working as a team, are flexible and open to growth, willing to try new things, can put up with occasional discomfort, and are open to growing in their relationship with God and the church community, among other things.

**WHEN AND WHERE WILL WE GO?** This year's trip will be June 23-July 2 to Chicago (we may not leave until 6/24 depending on flights, serving Sunday through Saturday morning, followed by 1 ½ days of site-seeing before traveling home). We always offer the option to our participants to forgo the site-seeing portion and come home directly following the service week (once they are registered, we will decide as a group). The trip will require fundraising which may seem daunting, but is a wonderful team building experience for the participants. We have some very well-established fund-raisers which will lessen some of the burden.

**WHAT WILL WE DO?** Each program site works with the needs of the particular community to provide a variety of service opportunities. Some things we may get to do include: yard work for the ill or needy, landscaping, weeding at shelters, neighborhood clean-up, graffiti removal, home repairs, scraping/painting, construction projects, assisting with day camps or daycares, serving as aides for migrant Head Start programs, working with disabled children, working at orphanages, cooking/serving meals at soup kitchen, working in a food bank or a clothing shop, helping at homeless shelters or family centers and much, much more!

**DO WE HAVE TO WORK ALL DAY???** No!! While a large part of the day (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) includes working at job sites, there is much more to Young Neighbors than that. We'll spend time each day praying together, playing games, hanging out, making new friends, snacking, having fun together and RELAXING!

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** The fee for Young Neighbors is \$395 which you will be responsible for (\$95 non-refundable deposit at registration and \$50 due each on December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1, April 1 and May 1). In addition, we will need to fund-raise to provide for site-seeing, transportation/chaperone and post week accommodation and food costs). The cost of the trip includes transportation, lodging, meals, all materials, work site supplies, program t-shirt, daily program and skilled staff to lead you in the experience of a lifetime! It will also cover all of your site-seeing fees, meals, etc. **FINANCIAL ISSUES SHOULD NEVER BE A REASON NOT TO PARTICIPATE! WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AND WAITING FOR STUDENTS TO UTILIZE!**

**SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Complete the registration form below, the scholarship form (if desired) and return it, along with your \$95 non-refundable deposit. **THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE AND ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS SO GET YOURS IN TODAY!** It's that simple!!

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT TEAM MEMBER FOR THIS TRIP.

PLEASE ATTACH \$95 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND RETURN THIS and your completed covenant TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ASAP!!!