Serviam Gardens is an innovative, affordable, and eco-friendly (including a huge rooftop garden) housing complex for senior citizens. It offers low-income seniors an opportunity to live in subsidized housing, paying no more than 30% of their income toward rent. The majority of the residents at Serviam depend on Social Security Income, less than $10,000 per year. A smaller percentage of the tenants were formerly homeless. Residents at Serviam come from various ethnic backgrounds with the majority being Latino, Korean or African-American.

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SITE DIRECTORS: John Garcia, Director
Catherine Brady, Serviam Gardens Property Manager

LSI CONTACT: Liselle Perez
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LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS: Jacque Martin (SMC grad ’15)
Yolanda Franco

COMMUNITY CONTACT: Br. Bill Fecteau
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# OF LSI STUDENTS: 1

SERVICE WORK: Working with senior citizens in a variety of capacities

QUALIFICATIONS OR SKILLS REQUESTED: None

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF COURSE: $1,516.50
Estimate based on the following costs:
  • $175.00 – Materials Fee
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• $941.50 – Airfare ($825) + Subway Pass ($116.50)
• $400.00 – Excursions and Cultural Activities

Please note:
• Most LSI costs are estimates, and may vary depending on flight costs at the time airline tickets are purchased, and how much each student wants to spend on extra activities, personal souvenirs, small thank you gifts for hosts, etc.
• LSI students will, in consultation with LSI staff and on-site LSI/community contact, book their own travel arrangements. Approximate dates: January 2-30, 2016

ACCOMODATIONS:
Site will provide Room and Board at Bedford Park Community in the Bronx with Brothers and Lasallian Volunteers. (All meals covered except for dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings; those are on your own.) Prayer in the mornings and evenings before community dinner. May or may not have own room; shared bathrooms. For transportation from the Bedford Park Community, LSI student will walk to Serviam Gardens (approximately 5 minutes) with the Lasallian Volunteer/s.

RISKS/EMERGENCIES:
Site has access to 911 emergency services; Serviam Gardens is approximately 1 mile from the nearest hospital.

COMMUNICATION:
Internet and cell phone services are available.

COURSE WORKLOAD:
• Requirements as listed on the syllabus.
• Includes four required fall seminars and possible additional meeting for further information on this particular location.

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS:
Students must respect the following guidelines:
• Be aware of norms and expectations regarding appropriate clothing
• Be in communication with site supervisor about where you are at all times
• A high level of maturity is expected of all LSI students
• No alcohol, drugs
• Meet curfew
• Students should expect to participate in community life including daily prayer/reflection, shared meals (if community members take turns cooking, you may be asked to cook!) and other community activities