

## Project Description/Policy Statement

### Background

Many elderly poor in the San Luis Valley live in sub-standard housing. Harsh winters reaching as low as 40 below sometimes can cause a crisis for those who live in drafty houses and/or do not have the money to pay for adequate heating. Other poor housing conditions can create hardships for the infirm or physically handicapped. In addition, communities and local non-profit organizations often struggle to maintain the buildings out of which they provide an infusion of cooperative spirit and work which enables people of the San Luis Valley to more joyfully and hopefully address their housing and community building problems. San Luis Valley Christian Community Services has sponsored service projects in the Valley for over 20 years and the Alamosa Christian Reformed Church and Christian Community Service Projects gladly and prayerfully accepted the responsibility to carry this service for another 20 years or more.

### Purpose

Christian Community Service Projects - CCSP - seeks to:

- provide a quality service that meets a critical housing need to disadvantaged people or a community building/project need.
- Provide a Christian growth experience for the Service Group, both in its interaction with the people and culture of the San Luis Valley and in the work accomplished.

### Projects

Volunteers will repair or renovate houses and community buildings. Possible jobs include plastering, painting, roofing, small additions, weatherization, stuccoing and adobe repair, yard work and clean up efforts - many and varied.

### Policies

- ‡ The ratio of adults to youth for Junior High must be at least 1:3 and for High School youth, 1:5 - mandatory - otherwise it is at the discretion of the manager.
- ‡ Sponsors must be a minimum age of 21.
- ‡ Christian Community Service Projects does not take responsibility for minors.
- ‡ Maximum group size is 30 (contact manager if you have a larger group - special arrangements might be available.)

- ✦ Typical length of stay is one week - four work days and one recreation day. Other arrangements can be made. Groups are encouraged to arrive early enough on Sunday to worship at our 10:15 a.m. service.

#### **Christian Community Service Projects Provides:**

- ✦ Orientation to the San Luis Valley and local community upon arrival.
- ✦ Housing arrangements at our youth/community center or church or other churches and community facilities as necessary. Accommodations will include cooking and shower facilities.
- ✦ Coordination of jobs, supplies, work schedules and on-site construction supervision.
- ✦ Major tools and equipment such as scaffolds, ladders, saws, drills etc.
- ✦ Opportunity to evaluate your experience.

#### **Each Service Work Group Provides**

- ✦ Early Bird registration fee (September 1 to December 31) of \$100.00 and \$50 per person non-refundable deposit.
- ✦ After January 1, the fee is \$125.00 per person. Each registration fee covers a stipend for housing and administrative costs.
- ✦ A \$50 check as a janitorial deposit will be required of each group. The manager will hold the check and release it at the end of the week if the facilities are left the same as they were at the beginning of the week. Otherwise, the deposit will be kept.
- ✦ Fees and paperwork need to be received by the manager 60 days in advance. In case of cancellation, 50% of the registration will be refunded. Please remember that cancellations can create hardships, especially for the people who are counting on having the work done.
- ✦ Leaders having some general skills on home repairs such as painting, plastering, dry wall installation, minor carpentry, roofing and youth supervision.
- ✦ Transportation to and from the San Luis Valley and work sites.
- ✦ Food and meal preparation
- ✦ Sleeping bags, towels, personal items, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc...
- ✦ Devotions, recreation or other activities for the group.

**Recreation and Sightseeing**

There is so much to see and do in the San Luis Valley and the surrounding areas within less than a half-day drive. Following are some suggestions:

**Local:**

- ✓ Great Sand Dunes National Monument
- ✓ Cumbres-Toltec Scenic Railroad
- ✓ Alamosa-La Veta Railroad
- ✓ Sand Dunes Swimming Pool
- ✓ Whitewater Rafting on the Arkansas River
- ✓ Hiking/Camping in the nearby mountains

**Half-Day Drive:**

- ✓ Taos, New Mexico
- ✓ Santa Fe, New Mexico
- ✓ Indian Pueblos
- ✓ Mesa Verde National Park

**Acknowledgement**

I \_\_\_\_\_ as the contact person for \_\_\_\_\_ group have read and understood all above policies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE: This form must be included with your registration deposit.  
All information may be subject to change without notice.**

**For Office Use Only:**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Janitorial Deposit Check # \_\_\_\_\_