



## NOTES:

## USE THIS HANDOUT TO HELP YOU DETERMINE IF A YEAR OF SERVICE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

### WHY DO I WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

List your motivations for serving and reasons serving is the right fit.

### HOW LONG DO I WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

List your preferred volunteer commitment period (short: 3-6 months | mid: 1 year | long: 2+ years)

### HOW WILL FAMILY AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS HAVE INFLUENCE IN MY DECISION TO VOLUNTEER?

List the others in your life who will have input into this decision. List the weight of their influence in your decision making process.

### HOW WILL FAMILY AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS BE IMPACTED BY MY DECISION TO VOLUNTEER?

List the ways your relationships may be impacted by a decision to volunteer.

### HOW WILL VOLUNTEERING IMPACT ME FINANCIALLY?

List the expected costs (personal and programmatic) and other financial implications.

### HOW DOES VOLUNTEERING FIT IN MY CAREER GOALS?

List your longer term goals and how volunteering may help you achieve them.

### WHAT TYPE OF WORK DO I WANT TO DO AS A VOLUNTEER?

List the types of roles or activities you want to engage in as a volunteer.

### WHAT GIFTS DO I WANT TO USE AS A VOLUNTEER?

List the strengths, skills, and personal qualities you want to bring to a volunteer role.

### WHAT KNOWLEDGE DO I WANT TO DEVELOP AS A VOLUNTEER?

List the skills and abilities you want to grow or develop through volunteer work.

### WHERE IN THE WORLD DO I WANT TO BE?

Determine if you want opportunities that are domestic or international and if you want an urban or rural setting. List the countries, provinces/states and/or cities where you would be willing to go to volunteer.

### WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAM FITS MY INTERESTS/GOALS/BELIEFS?

List if you have a preference between faith-based or secular volunteer organizations.

### WHAT BENEFITS DO I NEED?

List the types of benefits you need in a program (stipend, insurance, housing or housing assistance, student loan assistance, vacation time, other). List the types of benefits you prefer but don't need.



# COMPARING SERVICE PROGRAMS



## USE THIS HANDOUT TO COMPARE PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

	ORGANIZATION 1	ORGANIZATION 2
NAME OF ORGANIZATION		
ORGANIZATION GOALS/ PHILOSOPHY		
PROGRAM FOCUS (the community or the individual)		
LOCATIONS OF VOLUNTEER SITES		
LENGTH OF COMMITMENT		
AVAILABLE POSITIONS		
APPLICATION PROCESS		
APPLICATION DEADLINE(S)		
WORK SCHEDULE		
PROCESS FOR VOLUNTEER SITE PLACEMENT OR SELECTION		
VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS		
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
FINANCIAL SUPPORT		
BENEFITS (insurance, loan assistance, vacation time, etc.)		
VOLUNTEER TRAINING		
HOW THE ORGANIZATION ADDRESSES SAFETY		
<b>ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES</b>		
TRAVEL COSTS		
VACCINATIONS		
VISA REQUIREMENTS		
POLITICAL STABILITY OF THE AREA		
LOCAL SUPPORT NETWORK		
LANGUAGE SKILLS NEEDED		