

## OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Dear Friend,

While many students may relax curled up on the couch after Christmas, on the sunny beaches of Florida during Spring Break, or at the pool for the summer, a group of over 200 Saint Anselm College students will instead spend their winter or spring break living and working with people in need. Started 26 years ago, the Service & Solidarity Missions Program focuses on Christian service and community, giving our students the opportunity to learn and grow while serving in communities across the United States and abroad. Over the years, this popular and exciting program has become an important part of Saint Anselm College's Campus Ministry efforts.

This year, we will be serving 16 different communities from as close as a Refugee Resettlement Project in Manchester, NH and the St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia to as far as the Andre House of Hospitality in Phoenix, Arizona and Unbound in Costa Rica. Student service will include the construction of new homes or the renovation of existing structures, service at soup kitchens and shelters, and programs with the local youth. In addition to providing direct community service, our students have the opportunity to meet new people and experience a way of life often much different from their own.

We must raise money for our Service & Solidarity Missions trips to supplement the costs of food, travel, and the use of volunteer facilities in each community. The total cost of these 16 trips will be around \$160,000. These trips are a great opportunity to use our time and talents on behalf of those less fortunate, and we would greatly appreciate any help that you may be able to offer. Please understand that your donation will make an important difference in the lives of those we will serve, as well as those of us who choose to serve. If you have any questions, please call the Campus Ministry office at (603) 641-7130.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

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