Unearth the World is a global service learning social venture that promotes cross-cultural learning and pairs volunteers with international nonprofits.

**Learning Goals:** Unearth the World prioritizes several learning goals for our students and community partners. These goals are reached through the pre-, during and post-trip training curriculum and measured in a variety of ways.

**Students:**
- **Learning Goal: Develop intercultural competencies.** Travellers will complete program with a working knowledge and ability to articulate cultural norms, history and politics of host community  
  **Activities:** Comfort zone activities, readings, videos, active reflection.  
  **Assessment:** Global Citizenship Scale and post trip verbal interview

- **Learning Goal: Demonstrate skills to actively listen, learn, observe and interpret**  
  **Activities:** Pre-departure call, Learning contract, DEAL training.  
  **Assessment:** Guided DEAL reflection and covenant for the future.

- **Learning Goal: Improved communication and leadership skills and ability to articulate learning using both guided and individual reflection.**  
  **Activities:** Coherence leadership training, DEAL training.  
  **Assessment:** Blog or public reflection, UTW Ambassador training, Global Citizenship Scale

- **Learning Goal: Understanding of how power, privilege and worldview impact volunteer travel**  
  **Activities:** Readings and reflection.  
  **Assessment:** Global Citizenship Scale

**Communities:**
- **Learning Goal:** Break stereotypes and promote intercultural learning.  
  **Activities:** Structured cultural exchange.  
  **Assessment:** Survey

**Outline of Global Service-Learning Curriculum:**
Connecting with the volunteer Pre-, During, and Post-trip.

Prior to the traveler’s departure, Unearth the World facilitates 5 thematic training modules in the form of emails and phone calls. Each module touches on different important topics and we have built in opportunities for critical reflection.

**Module 1: Reflection, Service Learning Plans, Global Service & Travel:** Reading about journaling, Article: *Why we travel?* By Pico Iyer, introduction to the DEAL model of reflection and guidance on how to create a learning plan.

**Module 2: Global Citizenship:** 3 articles and guided reflection questions: *What does it mean to be a Global Citizen?* by Tiffany Will, *What is Global Service?*, *Becoming More Human; Building a Better World* by Eric Hartman. We also ask volunteers to take the Global Citizenship Scale.

**Module 3, Worldview: Power & Privilege:** Introduction to worldview, Upside Down world map activity, Culture Pie activity and article/reflection questions on *White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack* by Peggy McIntosh.

**Module 4: Volunteer Travel, Service & Culture Shock:** Article called “*In the Service of Life*” by Rachel Naomi Remen, Videos on on the Global Service Learning website about voluntourism to encourage thought about volunteer travel, and an excerpt from Peace Corps Training Manual that touches on how-to deal with culture shock.

**Module 5: Country specific information:** We provide country and project-specific information, readings, etc.

After our volunteer travelers return home, UTW works with volunteers to continue to reflect on learning. In a post-trip call, we guide them through the DEAL model of reflection and coach them on how-to continue to learn and make their experience a part of their day-to-day life. We manifest this in guiding our volunteers to write their own "service covenant" where travelers physically write down their plans for future Global Service Learning.
Current Projects

Experiential learning, Spanish school and sustainable tourism project in Nicaragua

Who: Groups, individuals, families and people of all ages are welcome!

What: This project’s goal is to bring responsible tourism, jobs and sustained income into the community of La Concha and collaborate on various local initiatives like school libraries, a women’s cooperative, an organic farm, reforestation project, afterschool programming and a school working with children with disabilities. On average, 60 people and their families benefit from this project either through direct work at the hotel (teachers, maintenance workers, kitchen staff, etc....) or via the community projects. Volunteers spend their days working on the community project of their choice and engaging in one-on-one Spanish classes led by professional teachers from the local community.

Where: La Concha, Nicaragua

When: Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Nicaragua.

Cost: At Unearth the World, we pride ourselves on being financially transparent so the volunteer can understand exactly where their money is going. We have two different types of fees: a one-time application fee that goes towards UTW and general project fees that go directly to our international partner.

- Application fee: $300. This is the only money that goes towards Unearth the World. This application fee includes the matching of the volunteer candidate with the international program, volunteer education (GSL curriculum) and orientation, an information packet on volunteer program and country of travel, 24/7 support from UTW staff, program marketing costs, travel costs to inspect programs and communication costs with volunteer, and support from Unearth the World upon your return from your trip.

- General Project fees: At this Nicaraguan project, fees go towards:
  • In the eco-hotel, a simple but comfortable room with private bathroom and solar heated shower. Homestays are with local families, clean and friendly with basic sanitation (homestays are also welcome to use the eco-hotel latrine and shower).
  • All eco-hotel rooms have solar powered lighting and ceiling fans, garden view and access to the terraces and gardens.
  • Three freshly cooked Nicaraguan-style meals per day with locally sourced produce, mostly vegetarian. Travelers staying at a homestay generally eat weekday lunch at the eco-hotel and breakfast/dinner with their families.
• 20 hours of formal Spanish classes - grammar and conversation. The classes are mostly one-on-one, max three students and are held in small classrooms or on the beautiful grounds.
• Afternoon and weekend program of fun activities designed to get to know Nicaragua and continue to improve your Spanish. Use of the eco-hotel library (books in Spanish and English), TV/DVD room.
• Wireless Internet connection.

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Other Notes:
Start/Duration: Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Nicaragua. Long-term volunteer placements are also available. (Please ask UTW about more details if this interests you.) Volunteers work and learn Spanish Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Evenings and weekends are free for volunteers to explore the area or engage in some of the many activities provided by the eco-hotel (day trips, yoga, hikes, etc.).

Accommodations and Meals:
This project is located in a municipality called La Concha in the Masaya district of Nicaragua. Volunteers have several housing options.

• **Eco-hotel and Spanish school:** The hotel rooms have ensuite bathrooms with hot showers and mosquito nets. The furnishings are simple but comfortable, all locally made out of sustainable wood.
• **Eco-cabin:** More rustic versions of the traditional hotel room with shared, outdoor latrine and shower (solar heated).
• **Homestay with a local:** A fabulous way to practice your Spanish and contribute to the local community! All homestays allow for a private room and an opportunity to lock valuables. Bathroom facilities usually include a
clean and sanitary latrine and a bucket for bathing.

- **Group study center:** Dormitory accommodation with plenty of sleeping, eating, meeting and classroom spaces surrounded by great views. Perfect for groups, retreats and educational programming.

Meals: Local women from the town of San Juan de la Concepcion (La Concha) prepare food at the site. Food is typically vegetarian with fresh and local ingredients. Meals are typical Nicaragua dishes like Gallo pinto. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided when staying at the eco-hotel. For those travelers engaging in a homestay, breakfast and dinner are provided by the family but lunch is typically eaten at the eco-hotel.

**Orientation:** Volunteers will receive two orientations. The first is before you even leave home! Unearth the World staff believes in fully preparing volunteers for their travel experience. So, prior to your departure, we will educate you about the country, customs, language, and project itself so you can have realistic expectations of the project prior to your arrival. You can expect 5 thematic training modules in the form of emails and phone calls. Each module touches on different topics (like global citizenship, worldview, culture shock and power and privilege) with built in opportunities for critical reflection.

**Typical volunteer day:** Volunteers work and learn Spanish Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Travelers spend half of the day learning Spanish from local people and half of the day at their project.

A typical day might look like this:

7:30 am – 8:00 am: Locally prepared breakfast at the homestay.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm: One-on-one Spanish classes with a well trained, experienced and professional teacher who lives in the local community of La Concha. The teachers combine their unique blend of language teaching skills, enthusiasm, and humor during 2 hours of grammar and 2 hours of conversation classes.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch is available for all travelers at the school and typically includes mixed salad made of fresh organic vegetables, a local dish, and fresh juice.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Volunteers head to their projects and spend the rest of the afternoon engaged in the local community.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Free time to relax, explore, study Spanish or hang out with homestay families.
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Enjoy dinner – typically a Nicaraguan specialty – at the homestay.

7:00 pm - Bed: Downtime to be spent as you would like.

**Typical volunteer week:** Work/school days are Monday - Friday and are generally quite full. Travelers spend half of the day learning Spanish and the other half immersed in their volunteer work. When travelers arrive on site, they will be introduced to the volunteer schedule so that they can begin to understand the current needs of their project. (Note: Spanish school is not required and arrangements can be made for full days of volunteering). Volunteers are free to enjoy the town and surrounding area, study Spanish, engage with the community or simply relax during their free time in the evenings and on weekends.

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**Work on a permaculture farm promoting food security in Nicaragua**

**Who:** Volunteers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult. Groups are welcome.

**What:** This project takes place on an educational organic farm that uses permaculture design and agroforestry to support the rural economy and environment. The project’s goal is to promote food security locally and regionally and to educate and expose people to the possibilities of multi strata food production through demonstration agriculture on a model farm. The farm serves the local community through educational training opportunities, farm research and demonstration systems, seed banks/exchanges, living genetic tree ‘banks’ and pilot regenerative agriculture systems that are trialed on the properties of local partners. It also employs 25 local people who are essential to running the farm and are an important part of the community. The farm’s robust volunteer program offers travellers experience-based learning that ties living in an ecologically and socially sound way with working alongside communities. Volunteers carry out a variety of tasks on the farm according to current needs. The type of work depends on the season and the particular needs of the farm, but may consist of planting trees, harvesting fruit/vegetables, working on the garden or in the nursery, building terraces, digging swales, weeding, animal husbandry, organic fertilizing and pest control, building raised beds or watering plants and natural building projects. Longer-term volunteers can get involved in the ongoing advancement of larger projects.

**Where:** The Isle of Ometepe in Nicaragua
When: Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Nicaragua.

Cost: At Unearth the World, we pride ourselves on being financially transparent so the volunteer can understand exactly where their money is going. We have two different types of fees: a one-time application fee and general project fees.

Application fee: $300.
This is the only money that goes towards Unearth the World. This application fee includes the matching of the volunteer candidate with the international program, volunteer education and orientation, an information packet on volunteer program and country of travel, 24/7 support from UTW staff, program marketing costs, travel costs to inspect programs and communication costs with volunteer, and support from Unearth the World upon your return from your trip.

General Project fees: These vary based on length of stay (see below). At this Nicaraguan project, these fees go towards:
- Three meals a day, seven days a week for all volunteers, (except dinner on Saturdays when the kitchen is closed and volunteers go out to eat out in the local community).
- The salary of the Nicaraguan workers with whom you interact daily.
- The cost of maintenance of the program e.g. new beds, plates, cups, utensils, building upkeep, solar energy system maintenance, etc.
- Projects led by the interns.
- A part of these fees also include a donation to the nonprofit.

Length of Stay: Fees depend upon how long you intend to stay at the project.
Visitors - Two weeks or less (one week minimum). All visitors are expected to work in the mornings, though they are not required to partake in afternoon activities if they so choose. They do not have to participate in weekend animal chores but do assist in watering.

Short-Term Volunteers - Two weeks or more. They pay a bit less but are expected to partake in all chores and encouraged to participate in afternoon projects.

Long-Term Volunteers - Two months or more. Long-term volunteers are a vital entity to the farm as they help in all chores as well as afternoon projects and activities. After their third month they pay a reduced fee. Long-term volunteers who stay over three months have the potential to become interns.

Interns - Interns usually dedicate at least six months, although there are exceptions. Interns are responsible for completion of a specific project, and usually work on their projects during the morning and afternoon. They manage teams of volunteers and are expected to be leaders on the farm. Interns pay a reduced rate in exchange for their commitment.
* Optional cost for transportation to/from the airport with a trusted cab service: $120 each way.

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**Other Notes:**

**Start/Duration:** Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Nicaragua. Long-term volunteer placements and internships are also available. (Please ask UTW about more details if this interests you.) Volunteers work together on the farm Monday through Friday from 7:00am – 12:00pm. Afternoons and weekends are free for volunteers to explore the island or get involved with other farm work, the community center and projects.

**Accommodations and Meals:**
Life on the farm is rustic, but care is taken to make it as comfortable as possible. Lodging options include open-air cabanas/shelters, covered tent platforms, or a home stay in the local village. There is also ample space for free tenting or hanging hammocks on the property (perfect for the dry season). The open-air cabanas/shelters include bamboo beds and a set of sheets, pillow and mosquito net. The shelters are normally shared with other volunteers of the same gender.

There is running water, compost toilets and solar power on the farm. Wireless Internet is available for volunteers who bring their own computer/device are able to use for Skype or other internet-based calling. Volunteers also have access to the farm phone if they need to make a call.

Fees include three meals/day. The open-air kitchen is the heart of life at the farm. Volunteers have two meals cooked for them per day by local people and are expected to cook for themselves as a group in the evenings. Meals are cooked using fresh tropical fruits and vegetables from the farm, and other basic staples such as rice and beans, corn, eggs and fish. The kitchen does close on Saturday evenings and volunteers typically eat together in town in order to support the local community.

**Typical volunteer day:** Volunteers work together on the farm Monday through Friday from 7:00am – 12:00pm. Volunteers break at 8:00am for breakfast and conclude around 12:00pm for lunch. Afternoons and weekends are free for travelers to explore the island or get involved with other farm work, the community center and projects.

A typical day might look like this:
6:30 am: Wake up and engage in a short meeting with other volunteers to plan out daily tasks.

7:00 am – 8:00 am: Begin work by doing a physical project before the day gets too hot. Examples include building projects, watering plants, digging swales or feeding the chickens.

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Enjoy a home cooked breakfast of local produce and Nicaraguan specialties.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Continue working on your daily project alongside other volunteers and local staff. The type of work depends on the season and the particular needs of the farm. Tasks can include helping in the kitchen, planting trees, harvesting fruit/vegetables, working on the garden or in the nursery, building terraces, or various building projects.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Enjoy lunch with the group and local staff. This is a great time to practice your Spanish and get to know people from the community.

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Free time to explore the island or get involved with other farmwork, the community center, and projects. Just ask UTW staff if you are interested in engaging in a special project during your afternoons.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Group dinner prepared by the volunteers. This is a great time to use your new knowledge of locally grown food to get creative in the kitchen!

7:00 pm: Downtime and bed

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**Supplemental Education Programs in Peru:**

**Who:** Any traveler (ages 18-70) seeking intentional cultural exchange in Peru. (Past volunteers have been primarily between 18-30). This project welcomes both small groups and individuals. There is a core group of long-term volunteers (ages 20-30) that are always onsite.

**What:** This project is addressing the critical issue of poor education and poverty in Peru. Unearth the World (UTW) has partnered with a nonprofit that works with women, children, and teens to offer a wide array of supplemental educational programs. The mission of UTW’s partner is to respond to the needs of the women and children in their struggle out of poverty by improving the availability and quality of education offered. In this project, volunteers are able to directly and significantly contribute towards this mission by helping teach free workshops and classes to women, children, and teens. Volunteers do a variety of things including
teach (or co-teach) English, Math, Science or Art and actively participate in growing the new Youth Center. When volunteers are not in the classroom teaching, they are reading and playing sports and games with the students. Spanish is not required for all opportunities but working within the community with locals offers a fantastic opportunity for both Spanish and cultural immersion.

**Where:** Huaycan, Peru (a town 1 hour outside of Lima)

**When:** Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Peru. Structured internships can also be arranged based upon the school calendar.

**Cost:** At Unearth the World, we pride ourselves on being financially transparent so the volunteer can understand exactly where their money is going. We have two different types of fees: a one-time application fee that goes towards UTW and general project fees that go directly to our international partner.

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- **General Project fees:** These vary based on length of stay. At this Peru project, these fees go towards accommodations, food, volunteer house salaries, operations and in-country transportation. A part of these fees also include a donation to the nonprofit.

- Fees are broken down as follows:
  - Example of how your $200 for the first week is spent:
    - Food (21%): $42
    - Salaries to support Volunteer House staff (42%): $84
    - Accommodations and housing utilities: (13%) $26
    - Operations (Airport pick-up, house supplies, etc.) (17%): $34
    - Donation (7%): $14

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**Other Notes:**
Start/Duration: A typical workweek is Friday through Tuesday with “days off” on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Due to the Friday-Tuesdays workweek, we prefer that volunteers arrange to arrive to Peru on Wednesdays.

Accommodations and Meals: Volunteers live in a dedicated and secure volunteer house and share dormitory-style rooms. The house has a large common area, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms and shower with hot water. A computer with Internet access and Wi-Fi are also is available. Volunteer fees include three meals a day and unlimited bottled water. A local woman prepares traditional Peruvian cuisine in the volunteer house. Please let the UTW staff know of any dietary restrictions.

Orientation: Volunteers will receive two orientations. The first is through UTW's Global Service Learning training curriculum. Then, once volunteers arrive in Peru, the nonprofit staff will provide another full orientation in order to acclimate travelers to their surroundings, give guidance on the current needs of the project, and discuss scheduling and safety. For volunteers within the English program, there will be an additional orientation to help lesson plan, use the curriculum, etc.

Typical volunteer day: The daily and weekly schedule varies for volunteers depending on their length of stay and timing of their trip. Work days are Friday – Tuesday and are very focused on volunteer responsibilities. The programs differ by day, but generally run from 10:00 am to 8:30 pm. Volunteers are given several breaks throughout the day, including lunch. On average, volunteers work 20 to 30 hours a week. Because classes are in addition to traditional school, volunteers typically have the mornings free, classes in the afternoon and early evening, and then have the later evening to relax. While each day will be different, volunteers are given a schedule upon arrival so they will know when they are expected to teach.

Typical volunteer week: Workdays are Friday – Tuesday and are generally quite full of volunteer activities. When volunteers arrive on site, they will be introduced to the volunteer schedule so that they know which classes they will be participating in. Volunteers are free to enjoy and explore Lima and around Peru during their free time on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are SO many things to see and do! Unearth the World and our nonprofit partner is happy to help volunteers plan excursions and activities for their days off.

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**Hut Building in Zambia:**

**Who:** Any traveler (ages 18-70) seeking intentional cultural exchange in Zambia. With the physical nature of this project, we tend to see younger students and professionals. (Past volunteers have been primarily between 18-25). This project welcomes groups of any size and individuals.
**What:** This project is addressing the scarcity of safe and appropriate housing in Mwandi, Zambia. Unearth the World (UTW) has partnered with a non-profit organization focused on building safe homes for families affected by AIDS. In general, a large percentage of the middle generation in Mwandi has died due to AIDS, leaving countless orphaned children. The elderly population of Mwandi has incorporated these children into their own families but the extra people make housing difficult or impossible. Additionally, the majority of the current homes have grass roofs that are extremely susceptible to fire. This nonprofit employs locals and allows volunteers to work alongside community members and the project focuses on the construction and building of safe, durable huts for the residents of Mwandi. Volunteers are also able to visit and help out at the village school and hospital.

**Where:** Mwandi, Zambia – a small village 2 hours drive from Livingstone.

**When:** Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Zambia.

**Cost:** At Unearth the World, we pride ourselves on being financially transparent so the volunteer can understand exactly where their money is going. We have two different types of fees: a one-time application fee and general project fees.

- **Application fee:** $300. This is the only money that goes towards Unearth the World. This application fee includes the matching of the volunteer candidate with the international program, volunteer education (GSL curriculum) and orientation, an information packet on volunteer program and country of travel, 24/7 support from UTW staff, program marketing costs, travel costs to inspect programs, and communication costs with volunteer.

- **General Project fees:** These vary based on length of stay. At the Zambia project, these fees go towards accommodations, food, and in-country transportation. Part of the fee is also a donation to the non-profit that is used to purchase building supplies and pay local staff.
  - The fees are broken down on a daily basis:
    - Transportation: $5/day
    - Food: $8/day
    - Housing: $5/day
    - Salaries for local staff: $7/day
    - Building materials: $10/day
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Accommodations and Meals: Travelers stay in a safe campsite run by the founder of the non-profit. They sleep on beds in heavy-duty tents with other volunteers. In addition to several large tents, the camp area includes a kitchen and dining area, outdoor showers, and flushing toilets. Volunteers will be provided 3 meals/day that are prepared by local Zambians. The delicious food varies from local specialties like nshima to American or British comfort food. Please let the UTW staff know of any dietary restrictions.

Orientation: Volunteers will receive two orientations. The first is through UTW's Global Service Learning training curriculum. Then, once volunteers arrive in Zambia, the staff will provide another short orientation in order to acclimate travelers to their surroundings and give guidance on the current needs of the project.

Typical volunteer day: The daily and weekly schedule will vary for volunteers depending on length of stay and timing of the trip. However, each day will have a similar basic structure:

7:30 am – 8:00 am: Wake-up and help yourself to breakfast

8:00 am – 12:00 am: Depart camp and drive with staff to work site. Activities can include transporting materials, constructing, mudding, smoothing, or finishing huts.

12:00 am – 1:00 pm: Lunch back at camp and downtime

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Depart camp and finish daily work at site.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Down time

6:00 pm – Bed: Dinner followed by free time to relax, enjoy the nightly campfire, and build relationships with fellow volunteers and staff.

Typical volunteer week: Weekly schedules vary depending on length of stay and travel ambition. Most people will volunteer on weekdays and are free to relax in the village or travel on the weekends to nearby destinations like Livingstone to see Victoria Falls. The non-profit founder also leads short safari experiences in nearby Botswana. This can be an added option if the volunteer is interested.
Orphanage and School in Ghana:

Who: Any traveler (ages 18-70) with expertise in childcare, teaching or social work. This project welcomes groups of any size and individuals. Special Note: This project requires independent work and cultural maturity and may be best suited for seasoned travelers.

What: This project is addressing the issue of poverty and child abandonment in Ghana. Unearth the World (UTW) has partnered with a Ghanaian orphanage and school. In this project, volunteers will work alongside local villagers to care for, teach, and build relationships with volunteer staff and children. The care tasks include bathing, clothing, feeding, and playing with children. Some volunteers may even wish to help out at the school, assist the cook in preparing meals, or contribute towards building/repair projects as needed.

Where: Ofaakor, Ghana – a small village 90 minutes outside of Accra.

When: Dates are flexible as volunteers are always welcomed to this project. Volunteers can spend anywhere from 1-52 weeks in Ghana. Because of the vulnerable population that this project involves, Unearth the World requires that travelers commit at least a month to this organization and have expertise in childcare, teaching or social work.

Cost: At Unearth the World, we pride ourselves on being financially transparent so the volunteer can understand exactly where their money is going. We have two different types of fees: a one-time application fee and general project fees.
- Application fee: $300. This is the only money that goes towards Unearth the World. This application fee includes the matching of the volunteer candidate with the international program, volunteer education (GSL curriculum) and orientation, an information packet on volunteer program and country of travel, 24/7 support from UTW staff, program marketing costs, travel costs to inspect programs, and communication costs with volunteer.
- General Project fees: These vary based on length of stay. At the Ghana project, these fees go towards accommodations, food, and in-country transportation. Part of the fee is also a donation to the non-profit.
  - Fees Breakdown:
    - Food and Accommodations: $170/week
    - One-time Transportation fee: $60 ($30 each way)
    - One-time Donation: $130

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**Other Notes:**

**Accommodations and Meals:** Volunteers live in a dedicated volunteer house approximately 400 meters from the orphanage. The house is modest but safe, clean, and has both electricity and running water. Volunteers eat traditional cuisine prepared by a local Ghanaian person. Three meals/day and drinking water are included in the fees. Please inform the UTW staff of any dietary restrictions.

**Typical schedule:** The daily and weekly schedule will vary for volunteers depending on their length of stay and timing of their trip. However, each day in Ghana will have a similar basic structure:

**Typical Volunteer Day:**

6:00 am – 8:00 am: Wake up and walk to the orphanage to help prepare the children for school. Volunteers help local staff with bathing, feeding, and clothing children.

8:00 am – 9:30 am: Volunteer breakfast and break

9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Volunteers assist in the preparation and distribution of food, assist teachers in the classroom and work on building/repair projects.

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Volunteer lunch and break

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Play with the children or help with homework and chores before dinner is served.

5:00 pm – bed: Dinner and down time for volunteers.

**Typical Volunteer Week:**
Weekly schedules also vary depending on length of stay and travel desires. Most travelers will volunteer from Monday – Friday and travel on the weekends to nearby destinations like the Cape Coast or Accra.