

# Project HOME 2020

## Virtual Summer Service Learning Experience for High School Students



**High School Students:** *Are you interested in learning more about what you can do to help end poverty and homelessness in Philadelphia?*

**Project HOME offers rising 9th to 12th grade students a virtual summer service opportunity focused on learning about issues of poverty and homelessness**, building relationships with others involved in social change, getting to know persons who have experienced poverty and homelessness, and engaging in service with Project HOME and other agencies fighting poverty, hunger, and homelessness in Philadelphia. **Though the impacts of COVID-19 can change the nature and form of our work, it cannot stop it, and we invite you to join with us.**

This online experience is designed to **deepen students' understanding of Project HOME's mission and the issues of poverty and homelessness in Philadelphia**. While in-person volunteering is on hold at this time, through the power of technology we will be meeting with residents and hearing their stories, as well as learning from Project HOME staff and others about the work that they do, and even more importantly what students can do—we will even hold online bingo, support efforts to mobilize voters, and other events.

*Program fee of **\$100 per week** is requested to participate in the program, but **financial need should never be an obstacle** – please just let us know on the application if you need a scholarship.*

Students must be available for the whole session for which they apply. As part of participating in the program, students will be asked to commit to hosting a homelessness awareness session in their school community and/or hosting a collection drive in their school community. [Please complete this form to participate. \(http://bit.ly/PHSummerServiceRegistration\)](http://bit.ly/PHSummerServiceRegistration)

*Due to the unique nature of 2020's program, the schedule will be different than in previous years.*

We will have **3 one-week sessions**, and (space permitting) students have the option of signing up for any/all sessions. While each session will cover the causes of homelessness as well as what can be and is being done to fight it, each week will have a different primary focus.

**Dates:**

**Session 1: August 10 – 14**

(M, W, and F full-day sessions, T and Th half-day and recorded sessions)

*What are the root causes of homelessness and poverty?*

**Session 2: August 17 – 21**

(M, W, and F full-day sessions, T and Th half-day and recorded sessions)

*What is being done today to fight homelessness and poverty?*

**Session 3: August 24 – 28**

(M, W, and F full-day sessions, T and Th half-day and recorded sessions)

*What can students do to fight homelessness and poverty?*

**Time: (subject to some variance)**

*MWF*

9am – 12:00 am

Lunchbreak

1:00pm – 3:00pm

*T/Th*

1:00pm – 3:00pm (plus additional recorded material)

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