

Program Opportunities

Are you looking for:

- ◆ An alternative spring, winter, or summer break program?
- ◆ An opportunity to serve and learn in the heart of Washington, D.C.?
- ◆ A fun, informative, and valuable program tailored for college students?

The Steinbruck Center staff will work with your group to design relevant, meaningful, and effective programs.



We offer:

- ◆ One- to seven-day programs for service learning.
- ◆ A chance to serve at N Street Village while learning directly from the homeless women who stay there.
- ◆ Service opportunities and meetings with organizations working on behalf of the homeless and poor.
- ◆ Trips to Capitol Hill to speak with your representatives about homelessness.
- ◆ Inexpensive lodging at Luther Place Church—a safe, clean environment within walking distance of the White House and the National Mall.

How do we address homelessness?

By looking to its root causes.

By learning directly from people experiencing homelessness.

By learning to address both immediate needs and structural change.

By learning from a variety of organizations committed to fighting homelessness and urban poverty in Washington, D.C.

By engaging in hands-on work.

By exploring the biblical basis for hospitality and the intersections between faith and justice in various faith traditions.



Steinbruck Center

for Urban Studies

A Ministry of Luther Place and N Street Village, Inc.

Contact the Steinbruck Center Today

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Service-Learning Programs for College Students

An Interfaith Ministry of
Justice, Hospitality, and
Learning

Our Mission

The Steinbruck Center for Urban Studies offers opportunities for college students to serve in an urban context while learning about the complex causes of homelessness. Located in Washington, D.C., the Steinbruck Center is a ministry of Luther Place Memorial Church and a partner with N Street Village, Inc., an interfaith program for homeless and formerly homeless women.

The Steinbruck Center's objective is to educate and equip persons to make a positive difference in their communities by addressing the root causes of homelessness and poverty. It does this in part by offering service projects at a variety of agencies in Washington, D.C., introducing students to the model of Luther Place and N Street Village, and



providing opportunities to hear the women of N Street Village share their stories. At the end of the program, students are encouraged to reflect on their experiences to discover what they have learned, and how they can apply their experiences once they return home.

The program taught me more in a week than I ever imagined. It was truly thought-shifting.

Megan Hardy
St. Anselm College

Absolutely wonderful, influential, and eye-opening. Once in a lifetime experience that has truly affected me internally, intellectually, and emotionally.

Connie Bishop
Augsburg College

A History of Hospitality



N Street Village, Inc. is a non-profit social services community founded in 1973 by Luther Place Church in response to the destruction from the

civil rights riots and the decentralization of mental health institutions in Washington, D.C.

N Street Village is a caring community that provides a spectrum of services to meet the needs of homeless and extremely low-income women as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. Every day, N Street Village provides food, clothing, showers, transitional and permanent housing, mental and physical health care, and support to re-enter the workforce. They presently serve over six-hundred women in northwest Washington, D.C.

Hostel Accommodations

The Steinbruck Center also offers beds in a clean, safe, and inexpensive hostel at Luther Place Church.

The hostel includes:

- ◆ 20 beds
- ◆ Showers
- ◆ Air conditioning
- ◆ Kitchenette with refrigerator, sink, utensils, and microwave
- ◆ Easy access to restaurants, and supermarkets, and the Metro
- ◆ A convenient location one mile north of the White House and six blocks south of the historic U Street District



Sample Schedule

Friday

- 9:00 am Welcome and intro to Luther Place
- 10:00 am *Locating Ourselves Within the Problem of Homelessness*
- 11:00 am Tour of N Street Village
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm *The Cracks homelessness simulation*
- 4:00 pm Meet with your representative or senator
- 6:00 pm Opportunity to serve dinner and stay overnight at Luther Place night shelter for homeless women

Saturday

- 9:00 am Remodel affordable housing with a local community development group
- 2:00 pm Talk with Affordable Housing Activist Network
- 3:30 pm Panel discussion with women from N Street Village
- 6:00 pm Opportunity to serve dinner and stay overnight at Luther Place night shelter for homeless women.

Sunday

- 9:00 am Optional worship at N Street Village and conversation with Luther Place members
- 11:00 am *Charity and Justice: The Two Legs of Social Action*
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Visit historic sites
- 5:00 pm Program wrap-up

For more scheduling and program options, please visit:

www.lutherplace.org/steinbruckcenter