

What's it all about?

Ultimately, our goal is to encourage and equip youth to actively participate in the restoration of human dignity to those whose circumstances make it difficult to maintain in their communities. We seek to partner with youth workers and community-serving organizations in fostering these core values:

VOCATION

The ministry of all lay persons, regardless of age, is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world (BCP 855).

SERVANTHOOD

We seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being (BCP 305).

PASTORAL OUTREACH

We believe that the individual relationship heals and changes the lives of both the giver and the receiver, making it sometimes difficult to tell which one is which. We strive to restore pride and self-esteem through building relationships of love and respect.

ABOUT OUR FACILITY

Christ Church Cathedral is located in the center of Downtown Houston, only blocks away from the Metro Light Rail and major transit hubs. CUSE is housed in the Ballard Youth Center Treehouse, the third floor of the McGehee Building at the Cathedral. This secure site includes showers, a kitchen facility, space to sleep up to 40 missionaries, and a large gathering space. We encourage you to take advantage of other parts of the Cathedral's property for worship and quiet times or recreation, and our staff will work with you to reserve these spaces. Free parking will be provided for your group's vehicles directly across the street in the Cathedral parking garage.

YOUTH & PARENTS

please contact your Youth Minister for more information.

YOUTH MINISTERS

to register your group for the CUSE program, please contact:

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What is **CUSE?**

CUSE provides all of the raw materials that your missions group needs to experience the wide variety of servant ministries in the city, including:

- ◆ Two interns who will lead your group to service sites, food, and fun;
- ◆ Secure housing close to several public transportation hubs;
- ◆ Three meals a day, including meals at locally-owned ethnic restaurants;
- ◆ A full schedule of service opportunities designed to suit the unique needs and abilities of your team; and
- ◆ A mix of fun activities out on the town to reward your team for its hard work.
- ◆ Package includes shirt, water bottle, and bag.

By providing logistical planning and support for your team's visit to Houston, the CUSE staff hopes to free up group leaders to focus on the community-building and theological reflection components of the trip.

We believe that all Christians, regardless of age, are called to bear witness to Christ and his body, the Church, and to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world. This is accomplished through the formation of individual relationships that have the power to heal and change the lives of both the volunteer and the recipient of services. CUSE works closely with 15 community-serving organizations throughout the Houston area that strive to restore human dignity to those whose circumstances make it difficult to maintain.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Bayou City
Blessings in a Backpack
The Beacon
Bering Omega
Emergency Aid Coalition
Fifth Ward Redevelopment
Fe y Justicia
Generation One Ministries
Hermann Park Conservancy
Houston Food Bank
Interfaith Ministries
Last Organic Outpost
Loaves and Fishes
Lord of the Streets
Meals on Wheels
Medical Bridges
New Hope Housing
Open Door Mission
SEARCH
Vita-Living

FUN TIMES IN AND NEAR HOUSTON

Astros games at Minute Maid Park
World class theater in the Theater District
The Museum District
(Natural Science/Fine Arts/Contemporary Arts)
Miller Outdoor Theater and Hermann Park
Splashtown
NASA Space Center
Galveston Beach
Discovery Green
Dynamo Game

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