



*Nazareth Farm is a community of volunteers inspired by the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching focused on prayer, service, simplicity, and community. We are devoted to developing relationships and addressing sub-standard housing through home repair in rural West Virginia.*

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## Sojourner Description

### Definition

Sojourners live and serve temporarily with the Nazareth Farm Staff as service retreat leaders, assist at work sites, interact with volunteer groups during their visits to Nazareth Farm, build relationships with homeowners and aid in chores around the Farm. Sojourners are under the supervision of the Nazareth Farm director (or his/her designee) and are held accountable with the Staff community.

### General Duties & Responsibilities

- Uphold Christian standards and values as described in “Responsibilities and Expectations of Community Members” in the Nazareth Farm Community Handbook
- Interact with adult & youth volunteers, participating in all aspects of group weeks as a role model
- Assist with & lead chores as assigned including work in the garden & household chores.
- Coordinate work sites as assigned and help maintain and repair buildings and farm grounds
- Maintain professional boundaries
- Participate in Staff meetings
- Perform end of summer evaluation with the Sojourner Coordinator

### Work Site Duties and Responsibilities

- Supervise volunteers and ensure safety at work sites and at the Farm
- Teach basic construction, kitchen, and home skills to volunteers (when applicable)
- Plan daily work schedules and completion of work at work sites (when applicable)
- Build and maintain fruitful relationships with homeowners
- Pickup, use, and return of all materials, equipment, and supplies associated with the work sites

### Qualifications

- Open to prayer, service, community, and simplicity
- Willingness to work under a variety of situations and weather conditions and follow directions
- Willingness to learn how to use basic construction tools and the safe use and proper care of them
- Open to collaborative ministry with volunteers and the people of the area
- Open to close committed community; living and working with others
- A person of faith open to the Catholic tradition
- Prefer some experience in youth/young adult ministry
- Minimum of a four week commitment
- Completion of the “Protecting God’s Children” training (VIRTUS or another) in your local diocese
- *Suggested* donation of \$ 250

### Benefits

- Room and board
- Training and skills relating to worksites, volunteer coordination, and youth ministry
- Participation in community life, including transportation to community activities
- Participation in community prayer