

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser FAQ

April 21st-23rd, 2023

The Agapé Center's International Service-Learning teams wish to provide an opportunity for the Messiah University community and friends to support our upcoming service trips to Ecuador and Poland. The service-learning teams are working together to host a fundraiser in which they will be offering their skills and abilities to assist in spring cleaning or service-related tasks. We ask that you consider enlisting the help of our team members and, in return, provide a financial donation that will go directly to the support of our International Service-Learning teams. By joining in this event, students will be giving of their time and resources, and you'll be investing in the long-term work the team is doing.

For more information, please read the FAQs below:

- **Where will the Agape Center Teams be traveling on their service-learning trip?**
 - On May 14-24, a team of 17 students will be traveling to the Ecuador to work with Living and Learning International, along with a handful of local organizations. The team will partner alongside organizations like Casa Mis Sueños, who provides education and restoration to at-risk women and children in sex-trafficking. They will get to opportunity to provide meals and relationally build connections with the community in Quito.
 - On May 12-24, a team of 8 students will be traveling to Poland in partnership with Polish Christian Ministries. The team's primary project during this trip is to teach English to local high school students in Plock, Poland and to share their faith with them.
- **What is the date and time of the Spring Cleaning fundraising event?**
 - During the weekend of April 21st-23rd, students will be available (upon your request) from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday (April 21), 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. on Saturday (April 22), or 11:00am-7:00pm on Sunday (April 23).
- **What can the students do?**
 - The students can help with cleaning, yard work, organizing, babysitting, washing cars, etc. When identifying your specific need, please be as detailed as possible so that we can effectively pair you with the appropriate students. For babysitting, please provide a space for students to come, ideally your home or the place your children are most comfortable.
 - Before accepting a project, the Agape Center will review each request and then approve it if students are capable of completing the task.
- **How do I sign up?**
 - Please complete the form via the link below by **Monday, April 17**.
<https://forms.gle/Nb8SXStUsfyTA9Ka7>
- **Can I sign up for multiple tasks/shifts?**
 - YES! Please sign up for as many shifts as you would like, donations are per student and are up to your discretion; you can select as many two-hour time slots as you'd like.
 - If you would like to have multiple groups come in, please just make a note of that at the end of the google form, so we know.
- **How many students will be coming? And how do I know who they are?**
 - We require a minimum of two students; however, you may request up to 4 students. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis, as we are unable to predict the demand of our services. You will be contacted no later than Wednesday, April 19th with

specific information about which students have been assigned to your project. We'll put you in contact with your student volunteers and confirm both the arrival/departure time and what expectations you have of the students.

- **Do I need to provide transportation (pick up students, and bring them to my home either for babysitting or yard work)?**
 - No, you are not responsible for transportation. Students will arrive at your home (or other designated location) at the time specified.
- **Do I need to provide materials and supplies for the project I am requesting?**
 - Yes, we ask that you provide the materials that would be needed for the students to do their job well (ex: tools for gardening, rags and bucket for cleaning, etc.)
- **How much does this cost?**
 - It is entirely donation based—there is no set amount. However, the recommended amount is \$25 per student, give or take based on the amount of time requested. We are grateful for any donation you see fit. Please keep in mind, however, that these donations are not tax deductible, as you are donating in exchange for a “good or service.” Payments are best in the form of a check, made payable to “Messiah University” with either “Ecuador” or “Poland” in the memo line. If you want to give online, please follow this link to do so; www.messiah.edu/give2agape

Additional Questions? Please contact Abby Anderson, Graduate Assistant for Service Trips, via email (servicetripsga@messiah.edu) or phone (Ext. 3898).