

## Work Day Fact Sheet

Thank you for your interest in learning more about serving on a Work Day with us at **The Pittsburgh Project**. This fact sheet should provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions about volunteering on this team. For more information about **The Pittsburgh Project**, please visit our website at [www.pittsburghproject.org](http://www.pittsburghproject.org). Our volunteers are a great force for good in our community and vital to our work in the city. We hope you will join us!

### What is the Vision and Purpose of The Pittsburgh Project?

Our **vision** statement reads “That Pittsburgh will be called a City of Truth, where once again, men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets, each with cane in hand because of age, and where the city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there.” (from Zechariah 8:4-5)

Our **purpose** statement reads, “We develop servant leaders and uphold the dignity of vulnerable homeowners.”

### What is a work day?

Work Days are opportunities for groups and individuals to set aside a part of a Saturday from their usual activities and instead spend the day in meaningful service projects.

### When are your scheduled work days this year?

Based on interest, work days are scheduled on most Saturdays and can be scheduled more frequently on week days. Spring and fall dates fill up quickly so volunteers are encouraged to sign up early!

### How long is a work day?

Work Days begin at 8:30 AM and end around 3:30 PM. Some work teams decide to stay a little longer to complete a project but typically, the day ends by 3:30 PM.

### Where do I go to serve?

Participants meet at our site on the North Side of the city, located at **2801 North Charles Street** in a building that was formerly Annunciation Catholic School. We have been nestled into this warm urban neighborhood since 1995. Our orientations take place here and the service projects will take place around our campus. A map and directions to our facility are located on our website: [www.pittsburghproject.org](http://www.pittsburghproject.org).

### Are there any age requirements for participating?

Youth who would like to participate should be *of high school age*. Those under the age of 18 must have a parent complete a permission form. This form must be brought with them on the Work Day in order for them to participate. For groups of students under the age of 18 we ask that high school groups provide an adult to student ration of 1:7 and for middle school groups we ask for a ratio of 1:5. We are required for safety reasons to have at least one adult, age 21 or older, at each work site.

### Will there be an orientation to explain what I will be doing?

Yes, for one-day service projects, the orientation takes place at **8:30 AM**. Several of our staff members will be here to greet you and orient you to the day's activities as well as to answer any questions and concerns you may have. It is important that you and your group arrive in time for this orientation.

**What kinds of projects might I be doing?**

The service projects include a variety of tasks. Most of the projects are done in our Urban Farm and Garden program and may include weeding, composting, repairing fences and garden structures, planting or harvesting. You are guaranteed to get dirty!

Occasionally, Work Day participants visit the homes of some of our community's vulnerable homeowners and provide free home repairs for them as well as a good dose of friendship and encouragement. Projects at these homes include painting, cleaning, drywall repair, light carpentry, plumbing, roof repairs and yard work.

**Who will supervise the work projects?**

A team member from The Pittsburgh Project Staff will work alongside you for your day of service.

**Do I need any special skills in order to participate?**

No special skill or previous experience is required. We may ask you to complete a Skills Inventory sheet prior to your Work Day, in order to gauge the skills level of our workers that day and to determine who works on each project.

**What should I bring with me that day?**

Please bring your lunch with you that day, and a beverage to drink. Bring work gloves if you have them and please don't wear open-toed shoes. If you are under 18, please remember to bring your signed permission slip. You should also bring your health insurance card and doctor information, just in case you hammer your thumb!

**How do I sign up?**

Please contact Ginny Giles at [vgiles@pittsburghproject.org](mailto:vgiles@pittsburghproject.org) or call her at 412-321-1678 ext. 134 to discuss a time for you to serve. We look forward to working with you!