

Assets and Deficits in Urban Education
Winter Service Trip: Urban Promise, Camden, New Jersey

December 10-21, 2009

Estimated Cost: \$1,000

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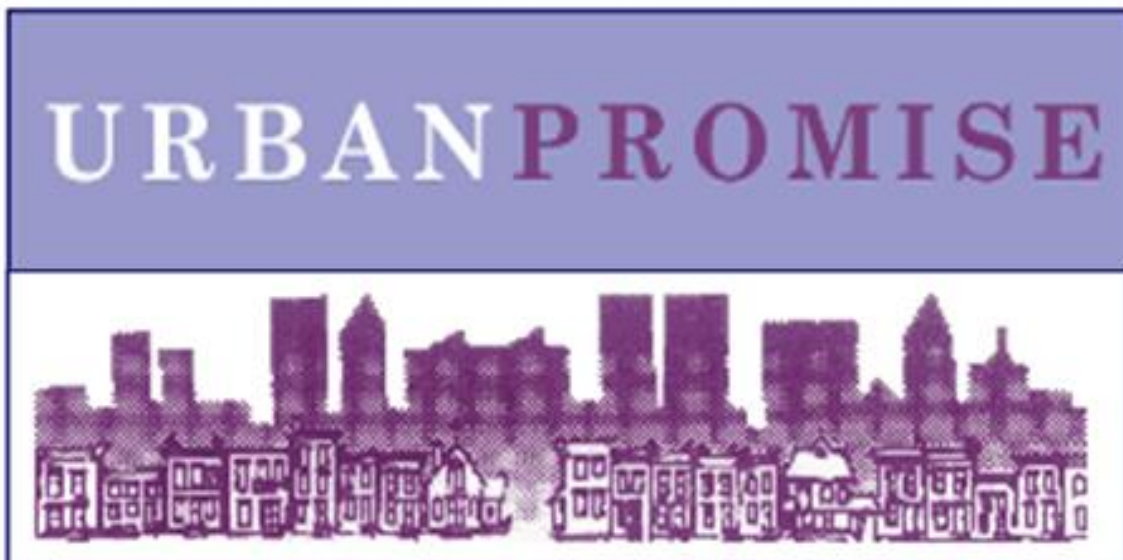
**Applications must be received in the John Perkins Center (SUB 225) no later than
Monday, October 19, 5:00 PM.**

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Trip Description

A group of up to 8 Seattle Pacific University students will spend December 10-21, 2009 in Camden, New Jersey, working with Urban Promise and the CamdenForward School. The CamdenForward School is a Christian-based educational community providing Camden's children a learning environment rich in love, hope, and structure.

Participants will serve as classroom helpers in the K-8 school and after school programs and may also complete other work projects assigned by Urban Promise staff.

The trip also includes a tour of Camden led by Urban Promise staff and discussion of the educational and social issues related to Christian Community Development in urban areas like Camden.

Pre-trip readings, discussion and training are key to the success of this trip. Prior to the trip, participants will be asked to commit to weekly training meetings and preparatory reading assignments.

Learning Outcomes

As a result of this service trip experience, participants will:

- Develop knowledge of Christian Community Development principles
- Learn about poverty's impact on education and the conversation surrounding the issue of poverty and education
- Gain on-site experience in an urban classroom
- Build awareness of their personal calling to education, urban ministry and Christian Community Development

Participant Expectations

Participants in this trip are expected to:

- Attend and participate fully in all pre- and post-trip meetings and discussion. This includes completing weekly readings and attending meetings. Meetings will last no more than two hours per week. The attached training syllabus describes weekly requirements.
- Pay all trip-related costs through self-payment or fundraising activities. Students must submit 90% of their total trip cost prior to departure.
- Approach the trip, Camden and Urban Promise with respect and a learner's heart.
- Contribute positively to team interactions and learning outcomes.
- Uphold Seattle Pacific University lifestyle expectations throughout the experience.

Failure to fulfill these expectations may result in a participant's removal from the team. Should such an event occur, individuals will be responsible for any costs incurred, including airfare, and will not be granted refunds of personal or fundraised funds.

Winter Service Trip Participant Application

Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Projected date of graduation _____ Current GPA _____

Please list two references who can speak to your preparedness for this service trip:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page.

1. Why are you applying to participate in the Camden, New Jersey Winter Service Trip?
2. Briefly describe your journey of Christian faith over the past year. What have been areas of growth, interest or challenge?
3. How have you been active in service, education or other relevant areas prior to now?
4. How might this trip contribute to your future educational or vocational pursuits?
5. Are you able to commit to weekly participation in pre- and post-trip training, weekly readings and other preparation activities? Are you able to pay or raise support for the entire cost of the trip?
6. Please review the Learning Outcomes section of this packet. In which areas do you already have experience? Which areas will provide the most growth and challenge for you?

Please submit this page and your answers to the above questions. Keep the remainder of this packet for you records.

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Acceptance notifications will be made by Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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Training Syllabus: Camden, New Jersey Urban Education Service Trip

It is expected that service trip participants will participate in all pre- and post-trip training and will complete each week's reading prior to the group meeting.

Monday, October 26 Training Week 1

- Group introductions, trip overview
- Urban Promise *I am not a statistic* video
- Homework: *Beyond Charity* Chapter 1

Monday, November 2 Training Week 2

- Discuss *Beyond Charity* Chapter 1
- Group goals, Team covenant
- Homework: *Beyond Charity* Chapter 2

Monday, November 9 Training Week 3

- Discuss *Beyond Charity* Chapter 2
- Homework: *Savage Inequalities* Chapter 4

Monday, November 16 Training Week 4

- Discuss *Savage Inequalities* Chapter 4
- Visual Autobiographies
- Homework: *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* Chapter 1

Monday, November 23 Training Week 5

- Discuss *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* Chapter 1
- Group discussion of *Framework for Understanding Poverty* Chapter 1 scenarios
- Homework: *Reconciling All Things* Chapter 8

Monday, November 30 Training Week 6 90% Payment Deadline

- Discuss *Reconciling All Things* Chapter 8
- Final preparations

Thursday, December 10 Depart Seattle (SeaTac Airport)

Monday, December 21 Return to Seattle (SeaTac Airport)