



Volunteers play basketball with the children



Volunteers focus on teaching reading



Providing opportunities to orphaned children

## Trip Leader Comments

"I strongly encourage you to participate in an Alternative Break with Orphanage Outreach. We were provided the support, structure, education and inspiration that made this a genuinely growing experience for our entire group - students and leaders alike. As one of the staff-mentors from my institution, my most basic concern was the health and safety of the students in my charge. The OO principals had clearly given this primary consideration, providing a safe, supportive and nurturing environment that enabled life-changing learning to take place. Orphanage Outreach's ongoing depth and detail of operational procedures made a seemingly overwhelming undertaking do-able. We returned to our campus with an enhanced awareness of issues of privilege, inclusion, service, and personal responsibility, as well as a broader world context for economic and political concerns. Do not miss this opportunity for multi-leveled growth for you and your students."

**Roger Callahan, Ed.D., Assistant Vice Provost, NCSU**

"I am the faculty advisor for SOSH (Students in Optometric Service to Humanity) out of the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Optometry. For each of the past 8 years a group consisting of myself and about 20 students has traveled outside the US during our spring break to provide eye care and eye wear to people in need. Our trip to Monte Cristi in March exceeded all of our expectations. With regard to accommodations and logistics, this has become the trip against which all others are and will be measured. It is truly a turn-key mission operation. Fantastic job! We will be here again."

**John Essinger, O.D., Univ of Alabama-Birmingham**

"Not only is the week filled with joyous child-interaction memories; but, the week is also filled with rare opportunities to be light hearted, free, flexible, and easy going! It is impossible to leave the orphanage without feeling refreshed, relaxed, enlivened, and inspired to continue serving!"

**Pamela Wren, the University of Virginia**

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## Caribbean Orphanage Dominican Republic



## Alternative Breaks Internships Semester Abroad

"I learned more in one week at Orphanage Outreach than I've learned in months at my university or through study abroad experiences. This is by far one of the most valuable experiences I've ever had."

**...Amy Harrigan, Central Michigan Univ**



Volunteers teach in local Dominican schools.

## Overview

Orphanage Outreach is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization headquartered in Glendale, Arizona, and working at orphanages in the Dominican Republic.

Since 1994, over 7000 volunteers have joined Orphanage Outreach in the Dominican Republic. The majority of these volunteers are university students, from more than 140 different colleges and universities.

Organized alternative break teams from colleges such as [Pepperdine University](#), [Appalachian State University](#), [Rice University](#), [Western New England College](#), [the University of Alabama-Birmingham](#), [the University of Vermont](#), [Penn State University](#), [the University of South Carolina](#), [DePauw University](#), [Grove City College](#), [Johnson Bible College](#), [the University of Virginia](#), [North Carolina State University](#), [California Lutheran University](#), [College of St. Benedict](#), [Virginia Wesleyan College](#), [Plymouth State University](#), [Xavier University](#), and [the University of Western Ontario](#) have joined Orphanage Outreach in the Dominican Republic.

Volunteers live directly on the orphanage grounds, and work at the orphanage and in the local schools. The majority of their focus is on teaching—English, math, science, music, art, reading, drama, and more. Volunteers are also involved in orphanage work projects.

Orphanage Outreach volunteer programs are professionally managed by American and Canadian team leaders living at the orphanages.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Alternative Breaks

Individuals and groups are invited to join Orphanage Outreach for fall, winter, spring, and summer alternative breaks. Volunteers will work as a team, tutoring the orphanage children in “learning lab”, teaching in the local schools, and working on various work projects at the orphanage.

### Internships

Internships of one or more months are available throughout the year. Interns work in their own area of interest tutoring at the orphanage or teaching in the school, and also help lead shorter term volunteers.

### Semester Abroad

Volunteers are invited to join us for the fall or spring semesters, tutoring at the orphanage or teaching in the local schools. Teachers in a variety of subjects are needed, including English, science, math, reading, drama, music, and art.

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“This trip changed my whole outlook on life. There is no other word to describe it except AMAZING!”

...*Erin Potts, University of North Carolina*



Volunteers work on orphanage work projects.

“I had thought about joining the Peace Corps, but wasn’t ready to make a two year commitment. Volunteering with Orphanage Outreach for four months allowed me to get a short term Peace Corps type experience. And I’m working here in the D.R. on a project with the local Peace Corps representatives!”

...*Grace Helms, University of Wisconsin*



Volunteers coordinate recreational games with the children.