



# SERVICE YEAR OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Are you or someone you know looking for a service-year  
opportunity working directly with young children?  
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# HANDS OF HOPE SERVICE YEAR

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Hands of Hope Service Year Program at Casa de Esperanza provides recent college graduates first-hand experience caring for emotionally and medically fragile children. Hands of Hope house parents commit a year to live and work with the children living in the agency foster homes and undergo over 80 hours of training before caring for children.

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Everything necessary to properly and safely care for, advocate for and meet the daily needs of four to five children placed in your home.

## WILL I BE DOING THIS ALONE?

No! The community is made up of ten homes in a gated neighborhood with approximately four (4) Hands of Hope House Parents in each home.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

In order to be considered, you must have the ability to make a one-year commitment (shorter commitments considered), be 21 years of age, be willing to work closely with children with behavioral and developmental issues, and pass a background check & drug test. Valid U.S. Driver's license is also preferred.

## DO I HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIFIC MAJOR?

No! All majors are welcome. Common majors include social work, pre-medicine, psychology, education, sociology, health sciences, and social justice.

## HOW WILL THIS HELP MY FUTURE?

A Hands of Hope gap year gives you the opportunity to earn hands-on experience learning how abuse, neglect, and the effects of HIV play in the lives of some of our most vulnerable children. You will be working directly with therapists, specialists, and social workers to meet the specific needs for each child, exposing you to several career options for the future.

## QUESTIONS?

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