Community Service Project

**Riordan Ranch Mansion Clean Up -** Riordan Mansion remains one of the finest examples of American Arts and Crafts-style architecture open to the public today. Designed by the architect of the impressive El Tovar Hotel at the Grand Canyon, Charles Whittlesey, the Mansion was built in 1904 with indoor plumbing, hot and cold running water, central heat, and electric lights, reflecting the most modern technology and design of the time. In this service project, you will be working with the State Park Gardeners to clean the grounds around the mansion.

**HOPE Cottage (Women and Children Shelter) –** HOPE Cottage provides shelter, meals, clothing, accountable goal planning and productivity for 65 women and children per night. Staff at the Cottage teach life skills, parenting, jobs and computer skills courses to the women who stay here. In this service project, you will help prepare meals for the residents, help with cleaning, and address other various mission needs.

**The Sunshine Rescue Mission (Men’s Shelter)** – The Sunshine Rescue Mission is a homeless men’s shelter and Community Outreach Center. Meals are served to the general public three times a day and it provides an overnight stay for short term guests and occupational training programs for long term guests. In this service project, you will be providing meal preparation, mission clean up and addressing various mission needs.

**Operation Holiday Cards –** In this service project, you will design holiday cards that will be sent to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan during the holiday season.

**Kid Activity Kits –** When kids arrive at shelters they often have little to nothing. In this service project, you will be putting together kits for kids to provide activities during their stay at the shelter.

**Flagstaff Family Food Center & Bank –** The Flagstaff Family Food Center & Bank serves approximately 247,000 nutritious meals annually through their food programs to Flagstaff families and distributes nearly 20,000 food boxes to families, which feed almost 8,000 children between the ages of 0-5 annually. In addition, they also provide a reading room that serves 2,200 children annually. In this service project, you will help organize supplies and prepare sack lunches for those in need.

**Flagstaff Montessori Switzer Mesa Campus** – The Flagstaff Montessori Switzer Mesa Campus summer program is held in sessions during the summer months for children ages 18 months to 6 years. The Montessori-based program is designed to give the children a rich summer experience with an extensive outdoor environment program, part of this outdoor environment is providing a sustaining food garden. In this service project you will be helping to build the garden for their summer program.

**College of Education** – Over the past few years NAU’s College of Education has hosted GUSLA. In this service project, you will say ‘thanks’ to the college by helping with a new project to build a larger classroom.

**Grand Canyon –** In this service project you will be working with the National Park Service to clean and rebuild trails and retaining walls.

**Walnut Canyon –** In this service project you will be working with the National Park Service’s Invasive Plant Management Team to treat invasive plant species at Walnut Canyon. Of about 41 non-native species recorded in these monuments, 23 are considered invasive. Invasive species with the highest priority for treatments are tamarisk, Russian thistle, Scotch thistle, common mullein, and dalmatian toadflax.