



## Cross-Cultural Solutions

### About Cross-Cultural Solutions

Cross-Cultural Solutions is an international not-for-profit organization that operates short-term volunteer programs in 12 countries around the world. Founded in 1995, we have no political or religious affiliations. CCS has a worldwide staff of over 300 people — our headquarters is located in New Rochelle, NY. We also have administrative offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, and a full-time staff in each country where we operate volunteer programs. We are located in:

 <p><b>Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ghana</li> <li>• Morocco</li> <li>• South Africa</li> <li>• Tanzania</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China</li> <li>• India</li> <li>• Thailand</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Eastern Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russia</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Latin America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazil</li> <li>• Costa Rica</li> <li>• Guatemala</li> <li>• Peru</li> </ul>
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### The Mission of CCS

Our mission is to operate volunteer programs around the world in partnership with sustainable community initiatives, bringing people together to work side-by-side while sharing perspectives and fostering cultural understanding.

### Volunteering Abroad

Volunteering abroad is a way for people to lend their skills, service, and time in other areas of the world. It is particularly fulfilling because volunteers not only feel the satisfaction of service, but they also get to experience another culture in a way that they couldn't as a conventional tourist. The trend continues to gain popularity with more people than ever before from gappers and students to working professionals, retirees, and families.



### Why CCS?

CCS is a recognized leader in the field of international volunteering. Over 4,000 people volunteer with CCS each year, and we have over 20,000 volunteer alumni. Our volunteers come from 99 different countries around the world and in the past five years, they have rated our programs at 97 percent satisfaction or better.

CCS has special consultative status with the United Nations, and is a member of the International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA), Year-Out Group, and the Building Bridges Coalition of the Brookings Institution, among others. We have also appeared in over 1,000 media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, the "Today" show, *Time*, *CNN*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.

"[CCS] Programs offer an opportunity to give something back during your time away from work and everyday life."

– The "Today" Show

"For those who want something different, something akin to a mini-stint with the Peace Corps, there is Cross-Cultural Solutions."

– *The New York Times*

"By plunging into grassroots projects, volunteers gain instant access to the local culture in a way that traditional tourists can only dream of."

– *The Wall Street Journal*

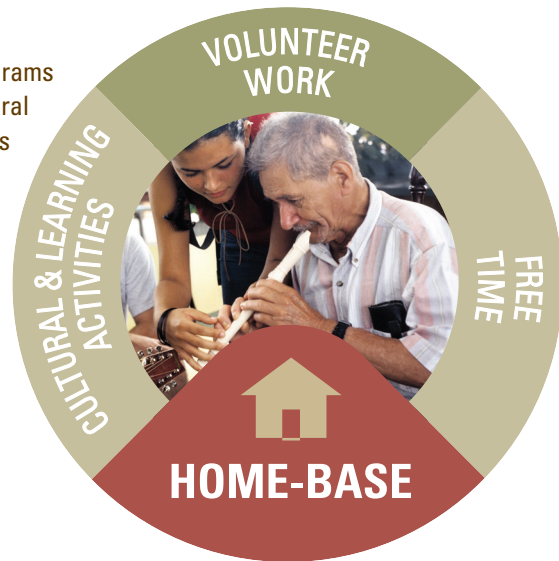
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## CCS Volunteer Programs

CCS offers four different volunteering abroad experiences, but all programs feature our unique Program Design including: Volunteer Work, Cultural & Learning Activities, Free Time, and a Home-Base where volunteers live together.

### CHOOSE THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU:

- **Volunteer Abroad:** Our flagship program; 2-12 weeks.
- **Insight Abroad:** Our one-week volunteer program.
- **Intern Abroad:** Our volunteer program with an academic focus in the field of education, health, or social services.
- **Teen Volunteer Abroad:** Our volunteer abroad experience, catered to participants 15-17 years old, with increased supervision and support.



All volunteers pay a U.S. tax-deductible program fee that covers meals, accommodations, transportation to and from volunteer placements, various cultural activities, and travel medical insurance. This also ensures that the local communities and organizations that CCS works with are not financially burdened by hosting volunteers.

## Volunteer Work

Our volunteers make a positive impact in the communities we serve because our volunteer placements are always designed to match the skills and interests of the volunteer with the immediate needs of the community. Placements fall within the categories of caregiving, community development, healthcare and teaching:

### Caregiving

- Caring for the elderly
- Caring for infants and children
- Caring for people with disabilities

### Healthcare

- Observing and assisting local health professionals
- Working with people affected by HIV/AIDS

### Community Development

- Sharing your professional skills and experience
- Working toward women's empowerment

### Teaching

- Assisting teachers of special education
- Teaching children
- Teaching conversational English

## Key Facts and Figures

- Volunteer programs from 1-12 weeks
- 4,000 volunteers per year
- 12 countries, with administrative offices in the U.S., UK, Canada, and Australia
- 300 staff members
- 300 Partner Programs – local, grassroots organizations

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