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AVAILABLE & INTERESTING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN BRAZIL!

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- Please note that most of the volunteer periods indicated below can be negotiated.

POSITIONS TO VOLUNTEER 2013

ANIMAL SCIENCE

CODE	1201
FIELD	Biology / Animal Science / Zoology / Veterinary / Zootechnics / Agronomy
CITY/STATE	Curitiba
ACTIVITIES	This is a non-profit wildlife preservation project on the Jaguar reserve focused on securing the best quality of life for future generations, this organization fights for the conservation of biodiversity, the rational use of natural resources, and the preservation of endangered species. It is home to over 1000 species under permanent care and treatment. It sponsors programs to safeguard the future of various different animal populations, including mammals, birds, and reptiles, on over 320 acres of land, with a 62-hectare area of native forest where scientific researches are frequently performed.
REQUIREMENT	International volunteers help to protect Brazilian endangered species. Volunteers will be able to treat and take care of the animals. There is also an area of replanting endangered species, to ensure the future of our planet. Work schedules run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including lunch break.
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 months (March to December 2013)
STIPEND	Lodging & Meal provided

EDUCATION / CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CODE	1202
FIELD	Education / Early Child Development / Nursing / Child Care / Medical / Speech Therapy / Social Work / Pedagogy
CITY/STATE	Curitiba
ACTIVITIES	This Children Care House hosts children removed from the custody of their parents by the Brazilian Guardianship, due to complaints of abuse and violence. These children remain in the institution for their safety while waiting to return to their biological family or until adoption. There are two houses: (1) Home to around 13 babies, (2) Home to over 10 kids ages 2 to 12 years old. They try to fulfill all the children's needs, providing shelter, food and education, while

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	also exposing them to assistance from doctors, psychologists, speech therapists, dentists, psycho pedagogues and all those volunteers who are willing to donate their love.
REQUIREMENT	The demand each day will vary according to the needs of the children at the project. However, typically volunteers are needed to: i. Babysit; Promote recreational activities, such as playing with toys, promoting handcraft and art workshops (painting, theater, dance); Teach basic skills of English; Volunteers are welcome to propose different activities according to their abilities. Volunteers can work a morning or afternoon shift of a required minimum of 20 hours/week. Volunteers are expected to be pro-active and propose activities to interact the children. Good English, Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 - 12 weeks (March to December 2013)
STIPEND	Homestay with Brazilian Family and Meals

CODE	1002
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro
ACTIVITIES	This is a local, social and philanthropic association recognized on the public, federal, and municipal levels. Since 1991, they have promoted a comprehensive education, including subjects such as sports, culture, basic health care, social services, and professional development, for children and adolescents of underprivileged communities.
REQUIREMENT	The daily demands may vary according to the needs of the project. Typically, volunteers are needed for: (i) Teaching English; (ii) Helping to organize the library; Taking care of babies at the nursery; Gardening, renovation and painting activities if necessary. Volunteers can work a morning or afternoon shift of a required minimum of 15 hours/week. Good English & Good Brazilian Portuguese required
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 - 12 weeks (March to December 2013)
STIPEND	Homestay with Brazilian Family and Meals

CODE	1101
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development
CITY/STATE	Florianópolis
ACTIVITIES	This institution provides multiple social-educational activities for children in socially risky areas to keep them away from the streets. The complex is equipped with a swimming pool, sports court, gardening yard, workshops rooms, a toy room, and a leisure area. Children are required to be on top of their studies. They arrive at the project by means of social assistants who visit 62 different poor communities in Florianópolis. At this center, children spend half of their day at school, and the rest of their time engaged in extracurricular activities.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers are not required to have previous experience, The daily demands may vary according to the needs of the children in the program. Typically, volunteers are needed to: (i) Help the teachers and monitors to organize the daily activities in one of the following areas: Gardening, environmental education; Recreation, helping at the toys room; Dance workshops; Capoeira workshops; Choir workshops; Arts: drawing, painting, and sculpting; (ii) Organize meals; and (iii) Teach English. Volunteers can work a morning or afternoon shift of a required minimum of 20 hours/week. Good English & Good Brazilian Portuguese required.

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CODE	1300
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development
CITY/STATE	Diadema - Sao Paulo
ACTIVITIES	This orphanage house is located 40 minutes from downtown Sao Paulo in Diadema. Children 3 to 12 years of age are sent there by the State Department of Children and Teens. The 2nd floor of the facilities is divided into two sections, one for male and the other for female. The children go to school during the morning or in the afternoons, while the rest of the day they stay at the orphanage to studying, playing and doing other activities..
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers may help in many different ways. You may work in the administrative office organizing events or performing IT activities. Volunteers also work with members of staff to develop art, recreational or other type of educational activity. If you choose to work with the toddlers, it will be mostly changing diapers, washing them, and playing with the kids. Volunteers can work a morning (09h00 - 13h00) or afternoon shift (14h00 to 18h00). Good English & Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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STIPEND	Homestay with Brazilian Family and Meals

CODE	1400
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development / Music / Arts
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This organization only works with at-risk girls. The children are left to their care during the week and return to their families on the weekend. There are around 30 girls being cared for in this institution. They have remedial classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers will develop recreational activities with the kids during the established hours. Volunteers may work with arts as well. The NGO would like to form a choir with their children, so any volunteer who works with music for choirs are very welcome to apply. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1401
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development / Music / Arts / Nursing / Child Care
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This is an orphanage house, where children are sent by the State department of Children and Teens. The facility is divided in two sections: one section is for children ages 7 to 10; and another one (the nursery) for children ages 0 to 5. The older children go to school during the morning and spend their afternoons at the orphanage to studying, playing and doing other activities. While the smaller children stay at the orphanage.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers may choose to work in one of the section of the facility or both. For the older children, volunteer would develop art, recreational or other type of educational activities. Working with the smaller children, means basically changing diapers, washing them, and playing with those kids.

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CODE	1402
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development / Music / Arts / Nursing / Child Care
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This NGO works with at-risk boys ages 5 to 14 years old.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers may work with recreational activities, art, culture and activities which could drive their learning process. Volunteers can work a from 14h30 - 17h30. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1406
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development / Music / Arts / Nursing / Child Care
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This non-profit is an elementary school in the process of implanting a new grade every year. The students are children between 6 to 7 years old living in the neighborhood.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers may develop projects for the kids concerning arts, painting, English classes, theater, music, yoga, ballet, jazz, karate, computer classes, natural medicine, tell fairy tales and fables, dance classes, gymnastic, meditation and work with health professionals. Volunteers can work a from 14h00 - 16h00. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 - 12 weeks (March to December 2013)
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CODE	1501
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development / Music / Arts / Computers
CITY/STATE	Salvador
ACTIVITIES	Founded in 1992 this project works with children and teenagers offering daily education and activities. Located in the commercial center of the city where many street vendors work selling all kind of items, just 1.5 miles from one of our language center. Many of street vendors send their children to this after-school project to keep them away from the street. In the two floors facility, they have around 80 young children and 50 teenagers receiving food, education and developing skills and creativity.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers take care of the young children; children are taught English, Spanish, computers, informatics, health and nutrition, and environmental ethics; they are helped with home work, after-school help; prepare food and clean the house. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1004
FIELD	Education / Language
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro
ACTIVITIES	<p>You can do so much more than just teach English on this project; you will be working, side-by-side with your students, sharing perspective and encouraging cultural understanding. As an English teacher, you will also be exposing your students to one of the world's most spoken languages and the one that fuels the global economy.</p> <p>Students range in age from primary school age to the elderly. You are bound to be an extraordinarily fulfilling experience. English instruction in Brazil is spotty at best. Volunteering will provide young students with a supplement to what they are learning in school and will give people who never took English courses the opportunity to learn the language. It is also an excellent opportunity to give those living in the favelas a chance to have access to the language that fuels the global economy.</p>
REQUIREMENT	Good Brazilian Portuguese required
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CODE	1005
FIELD	Education / IT / Computers / Media / Technicians
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro
ACTIVITIES	<p>Brazil is one of the most rapidly developing economies in the world. Fast becoming a powerhouse of business, industry, and innovation. Unfortunately, many people from Brazil's favelas (or urban slums) have limited access to the opportunities the country's emerging economy offers. This program expands opportunities for people who live in favelas - working earnestly to give them increased access to opportunities across Brazil.</p> <p>Technology is the key to the global economy, and it is the goal of many to empower people from the favelas to learn how to use technology so they can have access to these emerging opportunities in Brazil.</p>
REQUIREMENT	Volunteering in a technological innovation program, you may help teach people of all ages to use technology, set up new systems at partner program sites, and/or maintain & upgrade existing systems to support new technologies. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1102
FIELD	Education / Pedagogy / Language / Child Development
CITY/STATE	Florianópolis
ACTIVITIES	<p>This is a non-profit organization that works to keep children of poor families away from the streets. They help about 300 children with two projects, supervised by a specialist in educational orientation. The children ages vary from 6 to 12-years-old.</p> <p>It is very common that needy children do not return to their homes after school for a number of reasons; instead, they play in the streets and become easy targets for drug dealers and people who start exploiting them, and in some cases even by their own parents. For these and many other reasons there are many projects in Brazil with focus on poor children.</p>

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REQUIREMENT	The main tasks for the volunteer will be to help teachers with educational and recreational activities. Depending on the volunteer profile and skills other activities may be created according to the project's needs. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1502
FIELD	Education / Music / Arts / Nursing / Medical / Dance / Language
CITY/STATE	Salvador
ACTIVITIES	This is the evolution of the Youth in Action Group of Calabar, which was founded in 2005 and began with 37 young people who performed volunteer work to help the community of Calabar. An official NGO was formed on February 26th, 2009 after a constitution was drafted. The organization aims to monitor and pursue growth of the Calabar Community Library, encourage the habit and taste for reading and writing, train young people who are at social risk multipliers of educational and community, work on issues of ethnicity, health education and human rights, discuss the various forms of violence inside and outside the community, change the image of the community through culture, art and education; promote exchanges with other similar institutions, national or international.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers are needed to develop activities with art- education and reading; Develop activities with dancing, capoeira or sport ; Organize the library of the Project; Help the children with home work.. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1503
FIELD	Education / Sport Science / Physical Therapy / Coaching / Fitness / Dance / Language
CITY/STATE	Salvador
ACTIVITIES	<p>Founded on September 9, 1995, by Paulo Henrique Pereira da Silva, this project aims to foster the development of healthy, positive, self-confident youth by using the sport of basketball to teach life-affirming values. Juvenile delinquency is also combated by directing the youth into wholesome activities, and they act with any existing organizations devoted to the furtherance of youth welfare.</p> <p>The benefits for members include improved physical fitness; learn leadership skills; learn life skills – communication, decision-making, conflict management; travel throughout the city to competitions; meet and interact with new peers from other areas; fosters responsibility & empowers youth; increased personal safety & security thru organized, team sport.</p> <p>In order to be an active member of the group and participate in competitions, all members must be attending school on a regular basis. They must also be making academic progress. The director monitors grade reports and makes in-person visits to meet with school personnel to verify this information. Failing grades and/or excessive absenteeism will result in temporary suspension from all games. Regular attendance to practice for training and games is required for all members.</p> <p>Participation in the Community Basketball Group of Calabar, Alto das Pombas and nearby areas,</p>

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	gives members access to other community-based projects for low-income youth such as those funded by UNICEF, and city-funded job-training programs for students 16 and older.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers are needed to assist by teaching English, environmental ethics; Help children improving physical fitness, recreational activities and helping with homework; Organizing the trips / excursions during the competitions. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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NATURAL SCIENCE

CODE	1001
FIELD	Biology / Environmental Sciences / Agronomy / Environmental Eng. / Language
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro
ACTIVITIES	This environmental conservation project is at one of the most visited National Parks in Brazil, having a 49-year commitment to preserve this large green area located in Rio de Janeiro. The Park is a Tropical forest, made up of several species of Atlantic forest, that blends with the urban area. It contributes, among other things, to maintain the temperature and water supply, as well as the exuberant and verdant mountainous silhouette. The park sheltering architectural structures of great historical and artistic value, plus is home to many natural beauties such as caves, waterfalls, and a diversity of flora and fauna.
REQUIREMENT	<p>The daily demands may vary according to the needs of the project. Typically volunteers are needed for: (i) Tree planting; (ii) Endangered flora and fauna surveys; (iii) Weed control; (iv) Habitat restoration; (v) Fencing conservation; (vi) Heritage restoration; (vii) Reforestation; (viii) Species reintegration; (ix) Guided visits; (x) Construction and maintenance of walking tracks; (xi) Teaching English to the Park staff.</p> <p>Volunteers can work a morning or afternoon shift of a required minimum of 20 hours/week. Volunteers are expected to be pro-active and propose activities to interact the children. Good English, Good Brazilian Portuguese required.</p> <p>Volunteers work schedule is normally two days in a row, followed by one day off. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including lunch break. Minimum required hours of 20 hours/week.</p>
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CODE	1004
FIELD	Biology / Environmental Sciences / Agronomy / Environmental Eng. / Language
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro

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ACTIVITIES	<p>If you enjoy the outdoors and want to help preserve our natural wonders, consider volunteering on one of our environmental programs; from conservation projects to urban renewal, there is a number of NGOs and programs helping to protect Rio's stunning landscape.</p> <p>Volunteer in the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban rain forest, on a conservation or reforestation project. Additionally, you can work on a project helping to create alternative solutions to the ever increasing environmental problems in Rio created by plastic residues, waste, and pollution.</p>
REQUIREMENT	<p>Volunteering for an environmental program means you can help to support and develop some of the most precious natural spaces, while providing alternatives to low income communities for how to dispose waste and recycle.</p> <p>Good Brazilian Portuguese required.</p>
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ARTS

CODE	1003
FIELD	Arts
CITY/STATE	Rio de Janeiro
ACTIVITIES	<p>In Rio de Janeiro, the music, dance, and theatre are central to what it means to be Brazilian. The arts are far more than just entertainment; it can be a powerful force for building communities, nurturing human creativity, and social empowerment. With this in mind, we have partnered with a number of arts programs around Rio de Janeiro dedicated to providing access to the arts for diverse populations - so that all Cariocas (locals from Rio) - may be empowered by the positive impact of the arts.</p>
REQUIREMENT	<p>Volunteers can work a morning or afternoon shift of a required minimum of 20 hours/week. Volunteers are expected to be pro-active and propose activities to interact the children. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.</p> <p>Volunteers work schedule is normally two days in a row, followed by one day off. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including lunch break.</p>
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CODE	1405
FIELD	Education / Music / Arts / Crafts / Language
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	<p>This NGO works as a shelter for girls who spend their whole week at the center. They sleep from Monday to Friday at the shelter, and return to their family homes on Saturday they leave to their houses. During the morning they study, while in the afternoon the project is open to receive volunteers.</p>
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers may work with dance classes, arts, teaching English to the girls, plus, prepare

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	recreational activities and hand crafts activities. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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CODE	1500
FIELD	Education / Music / Arts / Nursing / Medical / Dance / Language
CITY/STATE	Salvador
ACTIVITIES	<p>Didá dance and percussion school in Pelourinho works with women and girls, and young children. The facilities is housed in a building donated by Paul Simon. The organization was formed to instill dignity and self-esteem in, and otherwise serve, black and mixed-race women and girls. These have traditionally had to bear unjustifiable burdens in Brazil and as “exotics” from poor communities are targets of Euro sex-tourism. It aims to mentor the women and girls on many issues important to them, provides health services when doctors volunteer their time, and teaches trade skills.</p> <p>It was formed by Nequinho do Samba who, as co-founder and drum master for the Olodum children’s drum corps, performed with Paul Simon and Michael Jackson. He has been important in the resurgence and further evolution of Afro-Brazilian rhythms.</p>
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers are needed for anything related to current offerings (percussion & dance, informatics, costume making, audio production, culture of math, constructing drums and silk-screening T-shirts), health and nutrition, and foreign language or arts and crafts instruction or projects. Volunteers may also offer suggestions for activities other areas of interest. Understandably, only females can volunteer here. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 - 12 weeks (March to December 2013)
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MEDICINE

CODE	1403
FIELD	Medicine / Nursing / Physiotherapy
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This NGO works with handicapped children, teenagers and adults.
REQUIREMENT	Volunteers in the medical field are needed. Work can be done during the morning (from 7h30 - 11h30) or during the afternoon (from 13h30 - 17h30) or in both shifts. A previous interview with the volunteer is required. Physiotherapists, doctors, nurses, medical assistants, etc are welcome to carry on specific activities concerning work with disabled people.
PERIOD OF THE YEAR	2 - 12 weeks (March to December 2013)
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CODE	1404
FIELD	Education / Music / Arts / Nursing / Medical
CITY/STATE	Maceio
ACTIVITIES	This institution takes care of close to 70 elders, who are men and women that either have no family or who cannot stay with their families. Some are found on the street and taken to the

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	institution. The facilities comprises two wards, one feminine and another one masculine.
REQUIREMENT	We needed of volunteers who work in the medical area: nurses, medical assistants, physiotherapists and doctors. Volunteers will develop activities concerning their areas and specifications. Good Brazilian Portuguese required.
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