**Mendoza Volunteer Opportunities**

Community Service

* The Huarpe Community
	+ A service-learning activity trip (one day long) with visits to a farm and boarding school in Northern Mendoza, where most of the native Argentines of the region now live
	+ Activities include planting trees, painting walls, fixing benches, playing with the children, helping English teachers, etc.
* Fundavita Foundation
	+ Clinic for children with leukemia
	+ Students will help patients with program activities
* Wool and Love
	+ Knit blankets, socks, and hats for newborns
	+ While students can knit as much as they want, the students must meet the knitting group once a week for 2 hours, just to check on the work, chat, and interact! At the end of the study abroad session, students will go to the hospital and give their work to the mothers & babies
* Soup Kitchen for Children
	+ Once a week, for 4 hours, students will help cook and prepare food for children with disadvantages. Students will also interact and play with the children and help the teachers with the class assignments

Environmental Protection

* Andes Mountains
	+ Maintenance of Andes mountain, rural and urban areas
	+ Work with local citizen groups to promote environmental programs
	+ Work to help resolve conflicts, promote free access to information about environmental issues so locals can become more educated and involved in decision-making. This also involves working with local government, educational institutions, and businesses.
* Wildlife Protection
	+ Presentations in local elementary and high schools to teach children how to prevent illegal trafficking of wildlife and flora from the Mendoza area
	+ Participation in local events and fair, organize courses and conferences, work with volunteer inspectors who work to enforce laws that protect animals, plants, preserves, and fisheries
	+ Promote health and environmental control by policing roads and highways of the Province in search of infractions of the laws governing wildlife protection

Animal Protection

* Animal Protection
	+ Recover and rehabilitate wild animals that have been stolen or surrendered, principally from zoos.
	+ Work with teams of volunteer veterinarians, biologists, and other animal health care workers.
* Aconcagua State Park
	+ Oversee the welfare of the mules that work in the park, and tracking cases of abuse and providing clear evidence
	+ Ensuring that injured animals are given time off to recover. These mules face many physical challenges, crossing rivers, climbing mountains, etc.
* Circus without Animals Program
	+ Prevent abuse of animals forced to perform in circuses
	+ Educate the public, especially children, to not see animal suffering in unnatural situations as a form of entertainment
	+ Work toward developing laws to completely prohibit circuses with animals
* Animals Matter to Me
	+ Considers the mistreatment, whether direct of indirect, of animals as a link to delinquency, family violence, sexual abuse, and even homicide, by tracking and reporting cases of animal abuse