**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