

Luz Social Services, Inc.
AmeriCorps Program
Fact Sheet

- Luz's AmeriCorps was recently awarded a 3 year grant by the National Council of La Raza as a National Direct program. We are one of 10 sites across the country.
- Luz's AmeriCorps program provides *Direct Service* to Luz-Guerrero Early College, Guerrero Middle School, Luz Southside Coalition, Adelante Juntos Coalition, and El Ultimo Suspiro Inhalant Abuse Project.
- AmeriCorps members serve as tutors, mentors, and serve in the community to provide capacity building.
- Our Performance Measures are based on Tutoring, Community Strengthening, and Member Development.
- Members are at least 17 years old with a high school diploma or equivalent.
- AmeriCorps members are not volunteers. Most receive a stipend and are called Members because of the work they do.
- Members are prohibited from serving in a capacity of a secretary or office assistant. They cannot do office work just to help out. All work they perform must be directly related to the service they are providing.
- Members are prohibited from taking part in political, lobbying, advocacy or religious activities as part of their service.
- Each member makes a commitment to complete a certain number of hours during their term of service. This can range from 1700 hours (full time) to 300 hours (minimum time). Our current term ends December 31st and the new term runs from September 1, 2004-August 31, 2004.
- Following their completion of service, members receive an Education Award good for tuition or for student loan repayment. The award is between \$4,725 and \$1,000, depending on how many hours they complete.
- Most members are college students, thus their schedules will fluctuate.
- At Luz, Esperanza Lumm serves as AmeriCorps Program Director. Members report to her as their direct supervisor. Esperanza reports to Ricardo Jasso. Members assigned to work at Luz Southside Coalition and Adelante Juntos Coalition report to the Associate Director at their offices prior to reporting to Esperanza.