



## **Immersion Experience**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Dream Center Esperanza Immersion Experience! Our purpose is to provide you with practical ministry training within the context of outreach ministry. If accepted, you will have the opportunity to work side by side with our ministry teams as they seek to bring holistic healing to both individuals and communities that have been degraded and devalued.

Dream Center Esperanza's purpose is to reconnect isolated people to God and a community of support by providing human and community services that address immediate and long-term needs in the areas of addiction, abuse, and poverty.

Our desire is to build a community of resilient people whose lives have been redeemed by God's love. The men, women and families we help also go on to share that love with others, to pass on the hope they have been given, and to make transformation possible for those in their respective communities. As part of the Immersion Experience, you will participate and further the vision and mission of Dream Center Esperanza by reconnecting isolated individuals and communities to a God who loves them--in a word, you will bring Heaven to Earth.

The Immersion Experience is not a program. It is not clinical in its approach or structure. Rather, it is intentionally created to be an organic, raw, and holistic experience that will challenge you mentally and spiritually while also creating space for relationship, community, and rest.

We dare to do great things because we serve the God of the impossible. Join us as we strive to bring Heaven, in all of its glory, to our broken and desperate world.

Daniel & Yolanda Rivera  
Executive Directors  
Dream Center Esperanza

## **Program Eligibility**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and single (not married).

*\*Because of space, we are not able to accommodate married couples or children*

### **Please submit your application with the following:**

- Application Fee
- Completed Application
- References
- Personal Testimony (250-1000 words) – please include as a separate document

Once **ALL** required items are complete, you may submit them via email to [info@dreamcenteresperanza.org](mailto:info@dreamcenteresperanza.org)

### **Application Fee:**

- **The \$50.00 non-refundable application fee** may be paid via credit/debit card or via check/money order.
- **For credit/debit card:** please go to <https://dreamcenteresperanza.org/donate> and select “Donate” and input the \$50.00 amount
- **For check or money order send to:**  
Dream Center Esperanza  
P.O. Box 2684  
Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00613-2684
- Make checks or money orders out to **DREAM CENTER ESPERANZA**
- On your check or money order, please write **MISSIONARY FUND** in the memo line. Please **DO NOT** write your name anywhere on the check or money order.
- In order for your account to be credited for this, you must return this application via mail or email to [info@dreamcenteresperanza.org](mailto:info@dreamcenteresperanza.org)

**PERSONAL/CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Allergies (including food allergies):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List any medical conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List any and all prescription medications:**

**Prescription Name:**

**Dosage:**

**How Often:**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Contact #1**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact #2**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status (circle one) :** Single / Married / Separated  
Divorced / Widowed / Partnered

**List all Languages spoken:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one): Fluent Conversational Limited
  
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one): Fluent Conversational Limited
  
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one): Fluent Conversational Limited

**All participants are required to start in our 3 month program before extending to our 10 month program. Are you interested in extending to serve the full 10 months if an extension is approved?**

- Yes
- No, I am only interested in serving 3 months

**Have you previously applied to the Immersion Experience program?**

**Circle one: Yes or No. If yes, please fill out the information below:**

- If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_
- If yes, were you accepted into the program? \_\_\_\_\_
- If yes, did you successfully complete that program? \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about Dream Center Esperanza?**

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The Dream Center Immersion Experience provides an opportunity for participants to gain practical ministry training in outreach ministries. Please identify which experience you feel called to.

**Outreach Ministries Include:**

\_\_\_ Homeless

\_\_\_ Youth/ Young Adults

\_\_\_ Food

\_\_\_ Intercession / Prayer

\_\_\_ Kids

\_\_\_ Community Clean Up

\_\_\_ Elderly

\_\_\_ Discipleship / Bible Studies

## EDUCATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate? Yes or No

College/University (undergraduate): \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate? Yes or No

Major/Degree: *Bachelor of* \_\_\_\_\_ *in* \_\_\_\_\_

College/University (graduate): \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate? Yes or No

Major/Degree: *Master of* \_\_\_\_\_ *in* \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

Are you a licensed minister?      YES      No

If YES, where did you receive your credentials? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in any other ministry training programs, bible schools, Master Commission, leadership schools, etc.? If so, please list, including approximate dates:

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Have you ever participated in any mission trips or local outreaches? If so, please list, including approximate dates:

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Have you ever been dismissed from any ministry or volunteer work? If so, please explain:

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## REFERENCES

*Please list THREE references below that we may contact.*

### PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

*This should be an employer or supervisor who knows you well but is not a relative.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years known: \_\_\_\_\_

### PASTORAL REFERENCE

*This may be a pastor, youth pastor, etc. OR ministry leader in your church who knows you well but is not a relative.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years known: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATIONAL OR MENTOR REFERENCE

*This should be a teacher, professor, or mentor who knows you well but is not a relative.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years known: \_\_\_\_\_



**PROGRAM COSTS**

The financial obligation for the Immersion Experience includes a monthly program fee of \$\_\_\_\_ (please see [dreamcenteresperanza.org/immersion-experience](http://dreamcenteresperanza.org/immersion-experience) ). The 3 month program **MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ARRIVAL (\$2250)**. Month to month payment of fee is approved after the completion of the 3 month program for the duration of the 10 month program. Please describe how you plan to pay for the program fees. Include fundraising, savings, parental support, or any other support you may have:

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**Is there anything you would like to be taken into consideration about your financial circumstances?**

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Listed below is a brief program description for each outreach ministry.

### **Kidz Jam**

Kidz Jam Ministry provides Christian education and values to children in the communities we serve. The volunteers give their time to serve children from disadvantaged backgrounds and provide spiritual direction, resources, and guidance in an effort to create positive opportunities for youth. Volunteers can help out by participating in games, sports, teaching bible lessons, mentorship, and more.

### **Street Ministry**

This initiative provides support and resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. Volunteers can help with meal preparation and distribution, provide hygiene kits and clothing, and offer emotional/spiritual support and encouragement to those in need. This is a great way to make a direct impact on the lives of those who are struggling and in need of assistance.

### **Senior Home Delivery**

This ministry can make a real difference in the lives of seniors who are immobile and/or in need of additional care. By participating in this ministry, volunteers can help deliver groceries and/or meals, hygiene items, and other services to these seniors on a regular basis. This program provides a valuable service to the community and helps ensure that seniors receive the care and support they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

### **Hot Dog Cart**

The Hot Dog Cart is a unique and powerful way to bring joy and support to Puerto Rico's communities. Volunteers help prepare and serve hot dogs, cold drinks and more to people in neighborhoods that don't have access to regular

food resources. This ministry also brings positive energy with Christian music as well as prayer and words of encouragement. It's an excellent way to bring encouraging messages of hope directly into the community. For us, it's never about the hot dog; it's always about the people and the connections that are made.

### **Prayer Walk**

Volunteers walk through different neighborhoods and communities, praying for the people and places they encounter. This is a great way to connect with the local community and show support for those who may be struggling. It's also a way to promote peace and unity in the area. Volunteers are welcome to participate in this meaningful and impactful activity.

### **Community Clean Up**

The Community Clean Up Ministry is a great opportunity to make a tangible impact on the environment and the community. Volunteers work together to clean up litter and debris from public spaces, such as parks, beaches, and streets. This not only improves the appearance of the community, but also helps to prevent pollution and protect wildlife. It's a great way to get some exercise, meet new people, and make a positive impact on the environment.