COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT COVENANT HOUSE TEXAS
Covenant House was founded in 1972 in response to the growing problem of kids living unprotected on the harsh streets of New York City. Since then, the organization has become the largest private shelter organization for homeless kids, with 21 locations spanning North and Central America.

Covenant House Texas (CHT) opened its doors in 1983 to provide shelter for homeless, abused and abandoned youth ages 18 - 24. After more than 30 years of service, CHT is still one of the only service providers in Texas of its type, offering an extensive continuum of care to the homeless youth population in Houston/Harris County.

The mission of Covenant House Texas is to offer homeless and runaway youth a safe haven from the dangers of street life and abuse as well as provide them with the necessary skills, training, and emotional support to choose positive life alternatives and develop into self-sufficient adults.

CHT carries out this mission by offering an array of services including walk-in services, a crisis shelter, free medical care, comprehensive case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling, educational and vocational training, life skills training, a transitional living program, a permanent housing program, spiritual guidance and counseling, street outreach services, a runaway prevention program, and an aftercare program.

OVERVIEW
The Community Leadership Program will give you the opportunity to not only learn about the homeless population in Houston and the services that are available to them, but focus on the needs and unique experiences of homeless youth 18-24. By learning how our four main buildings act alone and in concert it will provide a holistic view of our program and the impact it has in the Houston community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Specific duties include, but are not limited to:
• Provide support for Intake, Crisis Shelter, and Rights of Passage residents through various activities and programming
• Identify ways to engage homeless youth more effectively
• Proactively engage residents, volunteers, and staff to help further CHT’s mission
• Provide support for daily activities and community service project
• Provide support for daily activities in the clinic and administration building

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
• Learn about CHT and its mission by attending meetings with departments to understand the interrelation between the programmatic and business side of a nonprofit
• Learn about how an effective community engagement strategy help CHT’s overall mission.
12 WEEK SCHEDULE

This proposed schedule covers Covenant House Texas’ primary programs in its mission to help homeless youth. Some modifications to the schedule may occur depending on student need and current CHT programming.

- Week 1
  - Introduction to Covenant House Texas, campus tour, expectations, Q&A
- Week 2
  - Intake: Street Outreach Program
- Week 3
  - Intake: Program Overview, process and operation
- Week 4
  - Crisis Shelter: Men’s program overview
- Week 5
  - Crisis Shelter: Women’s program overview
- Week 6
  - Crisis Shelter: Residents with children program overview
- Week 7
  - Rights of Passage: Resident program overview
- Week 8
  - Rights of Passage: additional programs
- Week 9
  - Administration overview
- Week 10
  - Clinic overview
- Week 11
  - Community Engagement: how individuals, groups, and organizations help CHTs mission
- Week 12
  - Putting it all together/CHT reflection and next steps