

Service Immersion Recap:

This year we did 5 day-trips to Tijuana, Mexico for service immersions. Each of the visits included service at Hogar Infantil La Gloria Orphanage from 1 pm- 7 pm, while the March trip included a full-day of visiting other non-profits including the orphanage from 9 am- 7 pm. Students worked to plan and organize activities to lead and facilitate with the children at the orphanage prior to each visit. These social activities included but were not limited to: pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, coloring, jewelry making, yard games, painting and other crafts. Each visit included unstructured play time with the children, the planned activity, Mass and sharing in community stories. Often students would return multiple months in a row, so they were able to establish and develop friendships with the children at Hogar Infantil La Gloria.

The extended service day on March 9th included a prayer service at the border wall, and a donation drive to help organizations aiding asylum seekers. We visited a shelter for asylum seekers in Tijuana, MX and were able to hear the stories first-hand from asylum seekers as to why they were forced to leave their country of origin. We ended the day with a visit to Hogar Infantil La Gloria orphanage

The dates of the visits were:

Saturday, October 20th

Saturday, February 9th

Saturday, March 9th, 2019 (full day)

Saturday, April 13th, 2019

Saturday, May 11th, 2019