

Internationaler Jugendfreiwilligendienst in Italien

VENERABILE CONFRATERNITÀ DI MISERICORDIA

Place:

Sinalunga is a town and commune in the province of Siena, in the Tuscany region of Italy. The municipality of Sinalunga has 11.782 inhabitants and covers an area of 78,6km². It rises 364 metres above sea level. The town lies on the hills separating the Chiana valley from the Ombrone valley.

The local economy is based on the mechanical, electronics, wood and pottery industries. The agricultural production includes wine, cereals, oil, fruits and vegetables.

One of the largest of several celebrations taking place in Sinalunga is the traditional "Saint Martin's Feast", patron saint of Sinalunga, held yearly on November 11th.

Hosting project:

The organisation offers the following services:

- Transport to hospital 24 hours/day
- This organization is part of the emergency services in the region of Tuscany. The service is offered 24 hours a day and can be reached under the free phone number 118.
- Emergency centre with a doctor present 24 hours/day
- Accompaniment and support of people with disabilities:
 - transport to a day centre with recreational activities
 - organization of activities and projects in order to further the integration of disabled people in the professional world
- Accompaniment and support of elderly people in their daily life
 - shopping
 - music therapy
- Running of local projects with various not-for-profit projects and organizations in Sinalunga
- The organisation is also active in civil defence and intervenes in cases of natural disaster
- The organisation plans to develop a new office in the field of health

Tasks for the volunteer:

The volunteer has mostly the same tasks as the other voluntary co-workers of the Misericordia. Mainly the volunteer works with old, ill or handicapped people.

The following tasks can be undertaken by volunteers:

- Transport of ill, old or handicapped people to the doctor and accompaniment to the different wards in the hospitals
- Transport of the handicapped people into the day centre
- Transport of children with migration background to the integration project
- In special cases and in previous arrangement with the hosting project, additional tasks can be undertaken such as the distribution of flyers
- Support of the patients in ambulances (no emergencies)

Specifics:

The volunteer needs a driving licence of the class B, since he will spend most of his time driving a passenger car or minibus. The project prefers male applicants, because the patients must often be put into beds or carried down stairs.

Board, lodging and pocket money:

The volunteers will be sharing double rooms in the building of the organization. Food will be provided within the organization, and pocket money is of 150 euros per month during 12 months.

Working time and holidays:

Each volunteer has 26 days of vacation – the volunteer must agree with the hosting project when to take these days.

Language course:

Volunteers have the opportunity to practice Italian free of charge at a computer station, during the opening times of the language centre. However there is no instructor and no real course.