

ANGEL HEART INTERNATIONAL

Summer 2018 Gansu Trip Application

Deadline: **April 29, 2018** at 5pm PDT

Introduction

The Gansu Trip Program is a four-day trip to the city of Lanzhou that allows volunteers to build relationships with AHI's patients and their families. Over the course of the program, volunteers engage with the patients at different stages of their journey with AHI. While in the city, volunteers will visit the children in the hospital, prior to and following the surgery. They may also have the unique opportunity to shadow surgeons in the operating room while the patient undergoes surgery. During the family visit portion of the program, volunteers accompany members of the China team to the homes of potential patients to acquaint volunteers with the more administrative processes of the patient selection process such as application, an initial medical evaluation and informing the families of AHI's structure and the steps involved. In addition, the Gansu trip often features a patient reunion that occurs on the same day as the family visits, during which volunteers meet previous patients.

AHI believes that its relationships with its patients do not end once the child has successfully recovered from surgery. In keeping with this belief, the Gansu Trip Program as a whole fosters lifelong connections between patients, their families, and AHI volunteers.

Application Process

Prior to completing the application, please review AHI's [mission statement](#) and methodology. Other helpful links to help you prepare for your volunteer opportunity include AHI [newsletters](#) and [volunteer reports](#). Two to three youth volunteers will be selected to participate in each trip.

All applicants must submit with their application a recommendation letter written by a board member. This board member should be able to speak to the applicant's character and experience in AHI.

Selected applicants will be invited to interview with a member of the Board of Directors. If accepted to participate in the program, you will need to attend a pre-trip workshop in May which will cover trip logistics. If a surgical operation is scheduled during the duration of the trip, volunteers must obtain approval from the hospital and the AHI China team leader in order to enter the operating room.

You will be responsible for writing a journal chronicling your trip experience for the AHI Newsletter.

Submission Details

Please submit your completed application and recommendation to summergansu@angelheartintl.org and volunteering@angelheartintl.org. Save your files with the name: "LastName_FirstName_GansuTrip2018Application/Recommendation"

Please direct any inquiries to the program mailbox (summergansu@angelheartintl.org). For additional information, please refer to the Gansu Trip section of our website at <http://www.angelheartintl.org>.

Thank you for your participation in Angel Heart International and your interest in the Gansu Trip Program! We look forward to reading your application!

Name _____
Email _____

Age _____
Phone _____

When did you begin volunteering for Angel Heart International? _____

What team are you currently on? _____

Which board member do you work most closely with? _____

Trip Preference (check all that apply):

___ **July TBD**

Interview Availability (check all that apply):

___ Sun 5/6 ___ Mon 5/7 ___ Sat 5/12

For the dates you indicated, please tell us what time you prefer (i.e. Sunday 3-6 pm):

Part I (maximum 50 words each)

1. Tell us about yourself (can be in bullet points):
 - a. Who or what inspires you? What is your favorite book?
 - b. List six adjectives your friends or family would use to describe you.
 - c. What extracurriculars are you involved in? What would you like use to know about you?
2. Due to scheduling and timing, we cannot guarantee that volunteers on the trip may enter the operating room. Given the opportunity to enter the OR, would you be interested and why?

Part II (maximum 300 words each)

1. Please describe why you joined Angel Heart International.
2. Please describe your volunteer contributions to AHI thus far.
3. Which patient's story have you found particularly compelling, and why?
4. What are your expectations for this trip and what do you hope to gain from the experience? Because visiting patients and their families is an integral part of this trip, please specify how you see yourself interacting with them.
5. How will you use your experience on this trip to enrich your future contributions to AHI? What specific ideas or plans do you see yourself working on?