



**Franciscan Renewal Center**

## Volunteer Position Description

**Title** Valley Interfaith Project (VIP) Level 3 Core Team Member

### **Importance of the position to the Franciscan Renewal Center**

VIP is a broad based, non-partisan organization of institutions committed to building power for sustainable social and economic change at the state and local levels. As a founding member of the Valley Interfaith Project, the Casa is integral to this valley-wide organization. Participation by Casa members furthers our social justice imperative to engage in creating a just society.

**Responsible to** Strategy Team Leader

### **Definition of Duties**

- Participate in regular monthly meetings and Casa based training activities
- Identify leadership in others using one-on-one techniques
- Participate in and help plan activities according to the *Cycle of Organizing* including House Meetings, Research and Power Analyses, Civic Academies and Public Actions
- Commit to participate in one regional issue-based Action Team or take leadership role in an election year public action such as Candidate Forum or Ballot Initiative Forum
- Help organize and participate in event turnout, which will include staffing tables at masses for sign-ups
- Participate in regional activities including: training retreats, issue based action teams, research actions and large public actions
- Participate in visits to the Arizona Legislature during its business day sessions
- Participate in meetings with elected officials within the district area of the Casa
- Keep informed on political status of issues relevant to the ministry

**Length of Commitment** 1 year, renewable

**Time Required** 5 – 8 hours per month and 1 day at legislature per annual session

### **Qualifications**

- Interest in the process of effecting structural societal change
- Willingness to take on tasks and develop leadership abilities
- Commitment to developing effective public persona including ability to interact with public officials
- Willingness to meet people to continue to facilitate relationship building
- Commitment to growing and developing this ministry within the context of the overall outreach and justice ministries at the Franciscan Renewal Center
- Safe Environment certified



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### **Training Provided**

- Casa-based trainings on the *Cycle of Organizing*
- Regional workshops include 2 – 3 sessions involving an evening and a Saturday
- Participate in regional and/or national training from Industrial Areas Foundation to include 3 to 8 day workshops (tuition may be required)
- Continuing education based on readings from VIP
- Safe Environment training
- Casa Volunteer Welcome – what it means to be a Casa volunteer

### **Evaluation**

Annually by Strategy Team