

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Leander House

*in USA, hosted by SCI-IVS USA*

<b>Theme:</b>	Disabilities
<b>Location</b>	Great Barrington, Massachusetts
<b>Duration:</b>	applications for 2014 - 12 months
<b>Application:</b>	decision within 2 weeks
<b>Vacancies</b>	8
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <b>Local:</b>	English

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Leander House, Inc. is a residential life-sharing organization for adults with developmental disabilities. It is made up of several life-sharing houses in the Southern Berkshire region of New England, which is 2 hours from both New York City and Boston. Some of the houses are located within walking distance to the downtown area of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In addition to the houseparent(s), each house has a potential capacity of 3 residents and 1 or 2 volunteer co-workers.

**Work:** The volunteers have 6 weeks of vacation per year, during which time they are free to travel, if they choose. There are ample opportunities for the volunteers to socialize with the other volunteers from other local lifesharing homes. The volunteers primary responsibilities include transportation, direct care of the disabled adults and help in the household with cleaning, cooking, and grounds work. There is also the possibility of the volunteers offering something that they may wish to share (for example, a foreign language class, cooking class, sport club, etc.). Trainings while in service include First Aid, CPR, Human Rights, Applied Non-Violence, Fire Safety and a few others. More information can be found on our website at [www.leanderhouse.org](http://www.leanderhouse.org).

There are two kinds of work: 1) helping with the needs of others, and 2) working around the house.

**Requirements:** : Willingness and ability to help and care for adults with disabilities; willingness to be around children; ability to work on a team; ability to be left alone and in charge of the household; willingness to join in; international or US driver's license, at least 6 months driving experience, no criminal history, at least 18 years of age and a graduate of high school. We are a smoking and alcohol-free facility.

**Food:** provided

**Accommodation:** private room and shared bathroom

**Pocket money:** 175 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

**Fees:** None

**Visa:** SCI will provide documents for visa

**Others:** Trainings while in service include First Aid, CPR, Human Rights, Passive Restraint, Fire Safety, and an optional English Language course. Extended time traveling, should be done during vacation times (when the special needs people are away for the holidays) or before or after the end of your time with us, and at your own expense. no alcohol no smoking preferred.