The Center for Global Health is sponsoring a nine-day trip to the Dominican Republic for the purpose of expanding global public health understanding and providing community service. The trip is being organized in conjunction with Community Service Alliance, a not-for profit Dominican organization founded and run by a SPH alumnus/DOH Axelrod Scholar. This will be the fifth service-learning trip to the Dominican Republic organized by the Center for Global Health.

The trip, like the previous ones, combines learning about the health care delivery system in the Dominican Republic with the opportunity to serve those who are less fortunate. The service learning project will focus on basic needs such as water, sanitation, nutrition, and youth development. There is no language requirement to participate. Space will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

The estimated costs associated with participation on the trip are presented below. These costs estimates do not include things such as personal entertainment, the purchase of souvenirs, etc. and may vary slightly.

Community Service Alliance (CSA) Program Fee: $1,200
Center for Global Health Trip Registration Fee: $50
Airfare booking (with travel agent at Fly for Good): $600 - $700
Round-trip ground transportation to/from Newark Airport: $140
Tourist Card to be purchased upon arrival in the DR: $10

The CSA Program Fee covers all programmatic meeting and site visit costs (including the final day of relaxation on the beaches of Isla Saona), all program related ground transportation, as well as all of our meals and accommodations while in the DR. You can learn more about this trip by contacting John Justino (jjustino@albany.edu) or Carol Whittaker (cwhittaker@albany.edu).

Those interested in the trip must sign up by January 15, 2016. Please note, for logistical planning purposes we need a minimum of ten trip participants for the trip to take place.

Interested participants must sign up on the web using this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ServiceLearning_DR_March2016_SignUp

Please contact the Center for Global Health with any questions you may have.

Thank you. John and Carol