

“Here Come the AMA’s”

Introducing the 2019-2020 AMA Volunteers



CHAPARRAL, NM



I am Sammy Kominiarek. I'm so excited to be serving as an AMA in Chaparral, New Mexico. I am from North Attleboro, Massachusetts where I live with my mom, dad, and younger sister. We love going on hikes with our dog and eating ice cream. I attended Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA and majored in Elementary and Special Education. I enjoyed having the opportunity to form community with students at SJU and with people from Philadelphia, such as my 3rd grade students that I student taught. I'm looking forward to being in Chaparral and being immersed in the community there.



My name is Mattie Carroll and I am from Connecticut. I recently graduated from Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, where I majored in Spanish and Latin American Studies. During my time at Holy Cross, I was an intern with the Community-Based Learning (CBL) office, which is how I first came in contact with the Assumption Center. It was also through the CBL office that I had multiple volunteer experiences with refugee and immigrant populations in Worcester. I became passionate about gaining an understanding of the immigration system in the U.S. and the global refugee crisis. Additionally, I studied abroad in Perú and Argentina during my junior year, and it is my hope to travel more in the future. I have 3 siblings and a dog named Teddy. I am very excited to be serving in Chaparral, NM this coming year!

PHILIPPINES



My name is Kathryn Sullivan, and I grew up living around the world as part of a military family, moving eleven times before finally arriving at Boston College to study International Relations. Four years at BC is now the longest I have lived in any one place, but by far the most formative. I have always found great joy in dancing and kept it up throughout college, along with singing in the chorale and leading in the outdoor club, but the most important thing I did was sign up for a spring break service trip in my junior year. From then on I found service, as rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, to be the center of the rest of my college experience and beyond. I became a leader in the program and was involved with liturgy, where I found the community that helped me discern post-graduation service. I love working with kids, I am a feminist, an environmentalist, a Catholic, silly, contemplative, and passionate. I am heading to AMA Philippines for a year and couldn't be more excited to grow with and learn from the people there. Above all, I believe that we are all connected by love and that God's call is to love those who are often unloved.

I am Serafina Bon Tempo from Milford, Massachusetts. In May 2018, I graduated from Wheaton College with a double major in Italian Studies and International Relations with a concentration in the Middle East. Shortly after I graduated, I served in Worcester, MA and now Antique, Philippines. In Worcester, I assisted the sisters in their community programs. During my time, I assisted in the Mentoring Program for school-aged children, an adult ESL program, Knitting Group, and the Community Garden. These programs indescribably impacted my life; from connecting with children with different backgrounds to trying to communicate and create connections with immigrant ESL adults. I loved every moment of my service with the sisters. I felt moved and connected to a group of strong women who positively impact their community. All of their hard work was reflected by the members of the programs. Currently, I am in Chaparral, New Mexico at the sister's summer camp for children.



My name is Katrina Gorres and I am from Silver Spring, MD. My family is from the Philippines and I am very excited to embark on this journey of service in the Philippines, a much different experience than what I'm used to when visiting family. I've lived in NYC for the past 9 years for college and various jobs that revolved around youth education and international affairs.

ENGLAND



My name is Kimberly Mariani and I am from Exton, Pennsylvania and recently graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Communication with a specialization in Media Production. I have two older brothers and have a passion for television, art, and social justice. I decided on Kids Kabin because the placement seems like an organization that my skills would be useful at, but also challenge me.



My name is John Killian from Groton, Massachusetts. I graduated from Assumption College with a Major in Music. I have one brother and two sisters. I enjoy beekeeping, listening to music, and singing. I decided to do a year of service through the wonderful experiences I had at Assumption College and the development of my faith there.

WORCESTER

My name is Conner Morgan and I hail from Minnesota. I can barely contain my excitement for serving as an AMA in Worcester this year! Massachusetts has mild winters, right? I attended Saint Mary's University of Minnesota where I received a bachelor's degree in Psychology. I now pay for that degree as a project manager for a flooring company with whom I've worked for six years. I enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities, working on cars, reading, and cooking. *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo changed my life; it's my favorite book. I have competed in multiple trivia competitions based on "The Office" (US) television series; it's my favorite show. I'm looking forward to joining the community in Worcester!

