

**Angel Heart International
Summer 2016 Gansu Trip Application
Deadline April 30, 2016 (midnight)**

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. 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.

Prior to completing the application, please read AHI's [mission statement](#) and [methodology](#). By doing so, you will enhance your own experience in the program, if selected, as well as further AHI's mission. Other helpful links to help you prepare for your volunteer opportunity include AHI's [newsletter](#) and [patient stories](#).

Selected applicants will interview with a member of the Board of Directors to assess your interest in the program. If accepted to participate in the program, you will need to attend a pre-trip workshop in May which will cover trip logistics. You will also be responsible for writing a journal chronicling your trip experience for the AHI Newsletter.

Please submit your completed application to volunteering@angelheartintl.org and summergansu@angelheartintl.org, saving your application as "LastName, FirstName GansuTrip2016Application"

If you have any questions, please email Carissa Chen at volunteering@angelheartintl.org or Dr. Shouyan Lee at slee@angelheartintl.org. For additional information, you can also visit the Gansu Trip section of our website at 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):

___ June (6/19 – 6/22)

___ Late July/Early August

Interview Availability (check all that apply):

___ Sun 5/8

___ Mon 5/9

___ Sun 5/15

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

Part I (maximum two sentences each)

1. Tell us about yourself (can be in bullet point format):
 - 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 all volunteers on the trip will be allowed to enter the operating room. Given the opportunity to enter the OR, why do you want to?

Part II (maximum 500 words each)

1. Please describe why you joined Angel Heart International and what you have contributed to the organization. Do you have any plans for what you would like to contribute to Angel Heart International in the future?
2. How has healing (does not have to be limited to physical healing) or illness impacted you, your friends, family, or community?
3. Is there a patient's story that you found particularly compelling (You can access past patient stories by visiting the News and Events section of our website)? Explain.
4. What are your expectations for this trip and what do you hope to gain from the experience? In particular, because visiting patients and their families is an integral part of this trip, please explain how you see yourself interacting with them.