



Brianna Perez

Neighborhood Development Coordinator

Specialties

- Community outreach
- Data management
- Research and analysis

Philosophy

Communities are sustainable when people are empowered to take ownership in creating positive, lasting changes.

Education

- B.A. Interdisciplinary (Art, Engineering, Math) - Calvin College
- Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia (Denia, Spain; Study Abroad Program)

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Brianna joined Agape Community Center as a Neighborhood Development Coordinator in August 2011 through the AmeriCorps*VISTA program. Brianna has played an active role in expanding the reach of Agape's Neighborhood Development team into a new neighborhood. Through careful research that uncovered a historical context for the neighborhood and thorough outreach that evinced its current makeup, Brianna has begun to lay the groundwork for continued work in the Fairfield neighborhood. Brianna has also created and published a Fairfield neighborhood brochure, profile, and quarterly neighborhood newsletter, all of which have been key components building the capacity of the Neighborhood Development team. Most recently, Brianna helped to create a Home Resource Guide for the Agape Service Area in collaboration with another AmeriCorps*VISTA team member.

A recent college graduate, Brianna comes to Agape with a variety of experiences in the private and nonprofit sectors. She has worked in communities as diverse as prominent urban centers in the heart of the Midwest to rural indigenous villages nestled in the rainforest of Costa Rica. Throughout her undergraduate experiences, Brianna has been engaged in working with under-resourced populations and communities to develop local partnerships that have extended beyond her tenure in each place.

At the core of Brianna's interests are the social implications of the built and natural environment. Well-designed spaces that support and encourage human interaction are part of the foundation that is needed to build strong, equitable, and resilient communities. These types of communities will be cultivated when they incorporate places that allow relationships to flourish. In turn, Brianna believes, these strengthened relationships can serve as an impetus that encourages people to collaborate and commit to make enduring contributions in their communities.