Roxana Barranco’s Story

Roxana Barranco has been involved with Corazon since 2012, through her participation in the Teen REACH program. As a participant, Roxanna learned some new key life skills, which later allowed her to take on leadership roles such as the Teen REACH Youth Council; where she took part in a few Service Learning projects. When Roxana outgrew Teen REACH she began to volunteer her time helping mentor new Teen REACH members.

Currently, Roxana is a part of the Fuerza Youth Center, where she comes daily to do homework, eat lunch, participate/lead activities and take part in field trips. The youth center has provided a second home for Roxanna and staff that have helped guide her through difficult times. As part of our core leadership team, she is a part of the Stay In School Initiative program. The program works with high school youth, that participate in monthly workshops with Exelon and United Way. These workshops focus on team building, skill building, networking and personal strength recognition. Participating youth have opportunities to interview for paid internships at Exelon and United Way, as well as a scholarship for high school seniors. The program has allowed Roxana to continue developing as a young leader in the community and be a mentor for others.

“I want to become a good leader….leaders inspire many without knowing it at times….I would love to be a person others can look up to for guidance.”

Roxana wants to go to Medical School to become a Doctor. Her hope is to help people not only physically but emotionally as they go through hard times.

“Corazon is a Safe Haven for youth. Not everyone has the best life at home and even if you do, youth need a place of their own with opportunities to get involved in something.”