Missoula Food Bank AmeriCorps VISTA

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Contact Abby Zent (azent@mt.gov) for questions regarding the application
Contact Paige Ely paige@missoulafoodbank.org for questions regarding the position responsibilities

Responsibilities

- Create and hold a Photovoice project for seniors experiencing hunger
  - Gather a group of 10 seniors experiencing hunger to take photos of their lives, struggles, and what is important to them.
  - Workshop to gather their stories and what their photos mean to them
  - Hold an event exhibiting the photos and bringing awareness to the issue of senior hunger
- Create volunteer advocacy positions
  - Examples could be creating a team to call our network on contacting representation about issues such as cuts to SNAP, creating a volunteer position to table at the senior center to do nutrition raffles and bingo to reduce the stigma associated with SNAP
- Plan and provide support for new programs
  - Missoula Food Security Initiative- a group of 10 people from organizations working toward solutions to reduce hunger
  - Client Connection Luncheons- a space for clients to meet monthly to socialize over lunch and learn about a community resource and how to become their own best advocate
  - Food for Thought Community Discussions- a monthly discussion open to the community on food insecurity and the causal issues of hunger
  - Hunger Tours- quarterly tours of Missoula Food Bank for representatives, peer agencies, and general public to learn more about local food insecurity and Missoula Food Bank’s programs
- Plan Missoula’s first Hike for Hunger fundraiser
- Update Hunger 101 Curriculum
  - Expand these activities into high school classrooms
- Collect new data on childhood hunger with an existing survey
- Collaborate with Good Jobs Missoula on Ethical Guide to Dining
- Continue to conduct the SNAP Challenge at university classes, clubs, and community groups
- Provide support for Missoula Food Bank fundraisers and events such as Can the Bobcats, Turkey Distribution, and CANdemonium
- Create a UM Practicum position for 2016-2017 academic year

Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- Works well with a diverse group of people
- Ability to handle several tasks at once
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Experience leading groups and discussions preferred
- Knowledge on food insecurity/hunger in America preferred
- Commitment to the organization’s values of dignity, respect, and equity
**Missoula Food Bank Advocacy Practicum**

Contact: Paige Ely, 549-0543 ext 104, paige@missoulafoodbank.org

Responsibilities

- Manage “Voices of Missoula Food Bank” project
  - Collect client stories, photos of clients, and photos the clients have taken
  - Create a blog space on experience and thoughts about hunger in Missoula
- Work with and provide support for the VISTA on a Photovoice project for seniors experiencing hunger
- Work with and provide support for the VISTA on the SNAP Challenge
- Plan and provide support for Food for Thought Community Discussions - a monthly discussion open to the community on food insecurity and the causal issues of hunger
- Work with the VISTA on creating a volunteer advocacy position
- (If time permits) Plan and provide support for Client Connection Luncheons
- (If time permits) Plan and provide support for Missoula Food Security Initiative

Qualifications

- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- Works well with a diverse group of people
- Ability to handle several tasks at once
- Timely and consistent
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Ability to lead groups and discussions
- Commitment to the organization’s values of dignity, respect, and equity

**Missoula Food Bank Store Practicum**

Contact: Krystin Gehrich, 549-0543 ext 107, kgehrich@missoulafoodbank.org

Responsibilities

- Flexible schedule with a preference during distribution hours: 10am-1pm Monday-Friday
  - For example: 10am-1pm Monday-Friday or 8-1pm three days a week
- Provide store support
  - Working one-on-one with clients to refer to community resources and assist with SNAP applications in the store
  - Working with the store manager and volunteer coordinator to direct volunteers in stocking during distribution hours (10am-1pm)
  - Providing new clients tours of the store
  - Filling in volunteer positions as needed
- (If time permits) Assist with volunteer trainings

Qualifications

- Timely and consistent
- Works well with a diverse group of people
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to respond in a calm and rational manner in crisis situations
- Ability to handle several tasks at once
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Commitment to the organization’s values of dignity, respect, and equity