A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
MIC, is collaboration of faith communities, social agencies, businesses and government offices committed to working together to address community challenges. For example, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, businesses and social agencies collaborating to develop affordable housing. MIC, conducts grassroots community organizing among congregations and builds leadership among the people most affected by the issues we are working on.

Hours: 15 hours per week during the school year: total of 450 hours over 2 semesters.

Stipend: $500 per semester from Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

If interested, there is potential for receiving national community organizing training.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

Faith communities, homeless individuals, people affected by poverty and hunger.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The position will focus on a few community issues, namely sexual violence, homelessness and hunger. This work will provide direct experience in the areas of community organizing, event planning, research, leadership development, diversity training, and small group facilitating and non-profit board development.

We do not have a faith statement requirement for this position, but we do require that this person be open to and respectful of a wide variety of faith perspectives, and can work with people from any of those perspectives.

Interested second or first year MSW students should contact Casey Dunning for an interview. Selection will be made based on qualifications and fit for our organization.
D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

The job duties include:

1. Conduct individual listening sessions with members of congregations to hear what issues they care about and build buy-in for community action.
2. Coordinate steering committees in charge of planning for MIC Initiatives.
3. Support MIC, community event planning and implementation.
4. Support grant writing if skills and interests align.
5. Participate in planning and facilitating MIC Board meetings.

Applicants should be able to work well with others on a team, take direction when needed from a supervisor, be flexible as plans change, and be able to take initiative on their own. They will need to communicate well with peers, supervisors and people from a variety of campus and community agencies. They should have solid organizing skills, competent computer skills, and the ability to carry a project through from start to finish. They must have their own laptop. MIC will provide adequate work space, a printer, a local phone, wireless internet, weekly supervision, funding for programs and advertising as needed.