Position Description: Operations Support VISTA

Organization

Founded in 1987, Our House is a comprehensive program for the working homeless serving over 2,000 clients annually. Our House’s mission is to empower homeless and near-homeless families and individuals to succeed in the workforce, in school, and in life through hard work, wise decision-making, and active participation in the community. Operating on a 7-acre campus in central Little Rock, Our House provides working homeless and near-homeless individuals and families with shelter, housing, job training, education, children’s programs, and more to equip them with the skills to be successful in the workforce, the community, and their own families.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Facilities Manager, the Operations Support VISTA will:

- Conceptualize, design, and implement group and community-engaging projects which benefit Our House residents and the larger community
- Guide and support volunteers as they complete projects particularly in regard to grounds-maintenance and resident success
- Identify potential sources of donations and establish relationships with local material providers
- Collect materials to be used for campus improvement projects
- Prepare documents, respond to contractors, and gather quotes for material and labor costs
- Engage potential volunteers and explain current and future projects
- Organize materials and documents related to campus improvement projects
- Coordinate and manage the logistics of maintaining and improving campus safety

Compensation

This is a full-time national service position that provides a living allowance of approximately $12,456 over the course of one year plus a $6,095 Segal Education Award at the completion of a successful year of service. Health insurance is not available but some additional health benefits are available to VISTAs to help with the cost of co-pays and other medical expenses. Childcare assistance and relocation assistance are available to VISTAs who qualify. Life insurance and 1 year of non-competitive eligibility are also available. Some professional development training opportunities are offered and paid for by Our House. You are responsible for your own housing and other living expenses.

Qualifications

All year-round VISTAs will be thoroughly committed to Our House’s mission and to national service. The ideal candidate will embrace Our House’s Guiding Principles of Hard Work, Wise Decision-Making, Community, Initiative, Integrity, Safety, and Heart. All candidates should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking skills.
- Strong people skills. Able to form effective working relationships with a wide range of people.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to drive multiple simultaneous projects to completion.
- At least 18 years of age.
- Must be able to lift 35 pounds.
- Must have a valid driver’s license.
- A United States Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident.
- Bachelor’s degree preferred.
- Must commit to serve full-time (40 hours a week) for one-year starting August 31, 2020.

To Apply

Send a resume and cover letter to vistaleader@ourhouseshelter.org. In the subject line, include the title of the position or “Year-Round VISTAs at Our House” if applying to more than one. There are two more steps to the application process after we receive your resume.

This position must be filled by July 17th. Priority will be given to applications received by July 1st.

Our House is a drug-free workplace.