



2022 Advocacy Intern Description

Work with a leading Central Massachusetts non-profit organization as they continue to improve operations and expand their reach of healthy produce to Worcester County's most vulnerable. Gain valuable experience and learn about a sustainable farm and volunteer organization and the basics of non-profit operations. Explore your future as part of a dynamic team aiding hunger relief in Massachusetts.

The Advocacy Intern would help launch a resource library providing information on the interconnectedness of hunger and other human rights and dignity issues. This library would provide current CHP volunteers with information on the root causes of hunger, and encourage them to use their newfound knowledge to advocate for policies that increase quality of life for communities.

Responsibilities

- Research current advocacy priorities for MA
- Research hunger advocacy resources
- Create library of advocacy resources for CHP website
- Draft content for social media posts and email communication
- Attend local policy group meetings on behalf of CHP (Worcester Food Security Task Force, Worcester Food Policy Council, Central MA SNAP Coalition)

Educational Components

- Sessions with Interim Executive Director to learn about non-profit management, including grant writing, financial management, strategic planning, community relations, marketing, strategic planning, and working with a Board of Directors.
- The intern will have the opportunity to work with and learn from all staff members of the non-profit and will gain insight into the multi-faceted operations of the organization.

Requirements, qualified applicants will:

- Recognize the importance of CHP's mission and help promote it.
- Be an excellent communicator and demonstrate previous leadership responsibility
- Work independently, be self-motivated, and have great attention to detail
- Be available 10 hours a week

Stipend and travel reimbursement available to BIPOC qualified students. BIPOC Scholarship Funding Eligibility -

- Student is currently a candidate for graduation and in good academic standing
- Student to complete a full internship, funding is dependent on start date and completion through December 16, 2022
- Receiving maximum Pell Grant for educational support
- Preference for this award is to first be given to students as close to Zero EFC as possible (Expected Family Contribution) as determined by the FAFSA. Should no qualifying students with Zero EFC apply, CHP may select a qualifying student with the next highest EFC not to exceed \$5,000. Students will be required to provide proof of eligibility through their respective financial aid office.
- Represent an underserved community; first-generation student, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous or People of Color) or low-income eligibility
- Provide written recommendations from one professor or faculty member and one community leader

Organization Information:

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Community Harvest Project (CHP), a 501(c)3 organization and Points of Light Certified Service Enterprise, is dedicated to engaging and educating volunteers to grow fruits and vegetables for hunger relief. Through their volunteer farming, education, and leadership programs they bring thousands of community members together annually. In 2021 CHP hosted 4,428 volunteer visits resulting in 289,662 pounds of fruits and vegetables grown and donated through partnerships including the Worcester County Food Bank's hunger relief network, Community Servings, and Hector Reyes House. Community Harvest Project provided over 1,331,500 servings of fresh produce for individuals and families in need, who otherwise may not have had access. For more information about locations, programs, and impact, contact Wayne McAuliffe 774 551-6544 wayne@community-harvest.org and visit www.community-harvest.org