

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana CARE Program Outreach VISTA Summer 2022

Help neighbors in and around Indianapolis with food insecurity through building relationships with community partners and first responders!

- Term of service: June 6, 2022 – August 8, 2022
- To apply: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=109539>
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Service Description:

The mission of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana is to lead the fight against hunger. Since 1980, Gleaners has distributed more than 520 million pounds of food through a committed network of more than 550 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, and community partners throughout our 21-county service area. Gleaners' CARE Mobile Pantry Program was started in 2015 to address the issue of hunger in key "intersections" in Indianapolis. The CARE Program Outreach VISTA will focus on community engagement, relationship building and education to improve our services. During this program, relationships will be built with first responders, community partners and most importantly, neighbors in need. We are looking for a candidate with great people skills, outgoing personality and strong relationship building skills.

The position also offers:

- Camaraderie with several other VISTAs serving under the Indy Hunger Network umbrella
- Team engagement activities, including bi-weekly meetings to discuss projects, socialize, and hear from guest presenters
- Mentoring, one-on-one coaching, and professional development trainings
- Assistance preparing for life after VISTA (resume review, interview prep, etc.)
- Opportunities to work with leaders in the hunger relief space
- Opportunities to work independently and lead on projects

The position is housed at Gleaners Food Bank on the southwest side of Indianapolis and will involve some travel. At Gleaners Food Bank, Indy Hunger Network is also housed there. There will be 5 other VISTA members serving in the same building. Indianapolis is easy to navigate, has a growing indie restaurant/craft beer/coffee scene, and lots of places to play and recreate!

Member Duties:

The CARE Program Outreach VISTA will:

- Identify new ways to further enhance overall engagement with the program from first responders in and around the Indianapolis area
- Develop a plan to help spread the word about CARE and helping neighbors in need
- Create a Nutrition 101 class for Cadets interested in learning more about CARE and the growing issue of food insecurity impacting neighbors in and around Indianapolis

During your VISTA term, you will be one of several VISTA members serving under the umbrella of the Indy Hunger Network (IHN). IHN regards its VISTA members as a cohort moving through a transformational year-long experience. To help you maximize this experience, we employ a VISTA Coordinator to provide mentoring and professional development to the VISTA.