

Feeding Wisconsin Network Engagement AmeriCorps*VISTA

Feeding Wisconsin is the statewide association of the six Feeding America food banks that work to end hunger with 1,000 local food programs throughout the state. Our vision is a hunger-free Wisconsin and our mission is to help our food banks and partners fight hunger, improve health and strengthen local communities so that everybody in Wisconsin has access to the food and benefits they need to work, learn, play and live healthy lives. We assist our food banks to raise statewide food and funds, increase awareness about hunger in Wisconsin, strengthen public and private solutions to hunger and food insecurity, and catalyze statewide public-private partnerships. Feeding Wisconsin is based in Madison, WI, ranked in the top 25 for the most bike-friendly cities in the USA. Madison is a wonderful place to live and work with great restaurants, wonderful outdoor recreation, and friendly people.

The Feeding Wisconsin Network Engagement AmeriCorps*VISTA member will work to improve our statewide strategies in engaging staff across our network, those with lived experiences of hunger, and partners to drive impact that addresses short and long term food security. The VISTA Member will perform assessments; organize convenings, including a virtual statewide conference; develop and implement a communications strategy to expand awareness of hunger and hunger relief efforts in our state; and create additional opportunities for participation of those with lived experiences of hunger.

An ideal candidate will have strong communications and facilitation skills; have efficient time management and organization skills; and think innovatively and strategically to consider new opportunities for engaging our network and those we serve to lead to greater impact. This position will provide the VISTA member an opportunity to network with various stakeholder groups. The VISTA will also get much experience with technology and communications platforms.

Member Duties:

The VISTA member will have four main priorities:

- 1) Support our efforts to give power to those with lived experiences by compiling and publishing pantry client survey results, conducting phone interviews, and exploring other ways of engaging and empowering those with lived experiences.
- 2) Convene member food bank network staff to support multiple aspects of food banking to create a forum for sharing of best practices and building capacity through partnership.
- 3) Planning a virtual statewide Hunger and Health Summit bringing together stakeholders aligned with ending hunger work.
- 4) Support the creation and execution of a communication plan to expand community knowledge of regional and statewide food insecurity and current ending hunger efforts.

Program Benefits:

- Training
- Choice of Education Award or Service Stipend
- Relocation Allowance
- Living Allowance
- Education award upon successful completion of service
- Childcare assistance if eligible
- Health Coverage*

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit: <http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare>

Terms:

- Permits attendance at school during off hours
- Permits working at another job during off hours

Service Area:

- Hunger
- Community Outreach

Skills:

- Communications
- Writing/Editing
- Non-Profit Management
- Community Organization
- Leadership
- Team Work
- Computers/Technology

Applicants for this position will also be required to apply on the [AmeriCorps Website](#).

With questions, please contact Stephanie Dorfman, sdorfman@feedingwi.org or 608-960-4517.