



## HESED HOUSE YEAR-LONG VISTA!

**Please share the year-long position below with your networks!  
Here is some basic information about the AmeriCorps VISTA program  
and benefits:**

- This position is part of the Housing Action AmeriCorps Network, an AmeriCorps VISTA program managed by Housing Action Illinois since 2010. Hessed House has been a part of this network for quite some time.
- VISTA stands for Volunteers in Service to America. This is a full-time, year-long commitment to serve your community!
- Summer Associates are paid a stipend (not a wage) through the AmeriCorps VISTA program. The stipend is a little over \$1,000 per month. Upon completion of service, there is also a Segal Education Award for over \$6,300 that can be used to pay off student loans, future classes, or deferred to a family member if the VISTA Summer Associate is over the age of 55.
- Year-long positions are 35-plus hours per week for an entire year. Start dates are scattered from June through August. Exact start dates are determined upon being awarded the position from Hessed House and the Housing Action AmeriCorps network, and having all necessary forms filled out for Housing Action AmeriCorps Network.
- The Hessed House Year-Long position is below!!! Please contact Bruce at [volunteer@hesedhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@hesedhouse.org) with any questions, or send your resume to Bruce to begin the application process!

## **Volunteer Marketing and Training Coordinator**

At Hesed House, our mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. We serve by attempting to provide basic needs to those who are experiencing homelessness so that they can focus on other higher needs. We continue to find ways to serve the most vulnerable in our community at our homeless shelters despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic decimated the on-site group volunteering program at Hesed House, a former 7,000 volunteer per year system vital to the long-term sustainability of the shelter. Hesed's shelters run on a Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) framework which doesn't survive without the ability for the community to serve our guests in program.

This AmeriCorps VISTA position will safely re-introduce on-site group volunteering at Hesed House by determining COVID volunteer safety protocols and new volunteer roles for our new men's shelter, women's shelter, daytime drop-in center, and family shelter programs, as well as other volunteer programs as applicable such as the donations sorting team, clothes closet team, building and grounds teams and children's program teams.

After creating volunteer manuals for all four PADS shelter programs as well as a general volunteer manual, the VISTA will create marketing and training materials to assist in recruiting potential recurring groups. The VISTA will then recruit, train and manage volunteer groups into the new COVID-aware programs.

The ideal candidate for this position should possess excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as a positive persona and drive to help community members understand and meet the needs of our guests. The ideal candidate should also be proficient in all Microsoft Office software, possess good organizational skills, work well as part of a team, and be a highly motivated self-starter.