Opening for an AmeriCorps*VISTA
Microenterprise and Community Kitchen Program Coordinator
Full Time Year of Service with Stipend at a Maryland Non-Profit

The following position is a one year (July 25, 2014-July 24, 2015) AmeriCorps* VISTA position at Crossroads Community Food Network in Takoma Park, MD and sponsored by Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC). Crossroads Community Food Network (Crossroads) aims to combat hunger and increase community food security through models mutually supportive of those who produce food and those who consume it.

Create innovative economic opportunities for low-income residents by launching a local food microenterprise training program at a new community kitchen. The Crossroads Community Food Network, along with a coalition of dedicated community volunteers, a local church, and other agencies, envisions the successful launch of the Community Kitchen in spring 2015. To complement the kitchen, the VISTA will launch a microenterprise training program so that local residents living in poverty can become successful food entrepreneurs. The VISTA will:

- Conduct a needs assessment with potential microenterprise training program participants;
- Coordinate, launch, troubleshoot, and evaluate the initial microenterprise program offerings and kitchen operations;
- Develop and finalize systems and resources to sustain the program long-term.

Crossroads is in the early stages of planning an ongoing microenterprise training program, to be held at its soon-to-be constructed community kitchen. A VISTA member will help ensure the successful opening of the kitchen and launch of the microenterprise training program. In one year, a VISTA member will help Crossroads realize its vision of having more locally produced food prepared by entrepreneurs who can build their financial security by producing the foods they love to make.

AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is not a job per se, but a full time national service opportunity. Benefits include: living allowance, relocation assistance, health coverage, $55/month travel stipend, choice of an education award or cash stipend, and non-competitive eligibility for federal employment upon completion. Preferred candidates will have a college degree or equivalent work experience, leadership potential, and motivation to serve.

GHCC’s mission is to build and strengthen vibrant urban communities. For more than four decades, GHCC has secured the resources of VISTA members to build sustainable change and fight poverty in our neighborhoods. GHCC-sponsored AmeriCorps*VISTA members receive a solid foundation of skills they can use as a springboard for careers in government, non-profits, education, and much more. For more information please contact Allison Wilhite, VISTA Leader, at awilhite@greaterhomewood.org or (410) 387-0088.

To apply please visit www.greaterhomewood.org/give-to-ghcc/americorpsvista/

Application Deadline: May 16, 2014
Start Date: July 25, 2014 (non-negotiable)