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All of the opportunities below will begin July 26, 2010.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Annapolis, Maryland

Create new adventures for students through service-learning! Be involved in creating protocols for new multimedia tools and use new technology to promote communication with our partners.

The Service-Learning Office in Anne Arundel County Public Schools works to ensure that Maryland students complete the mandatory 75 hours of service-learning necessary to graduate high school. Our mission is to provide meaningful service-learning opportunities for our students. As part of the mission, the Service-Learning Office provides staff development, partnership coordination, service-learning project lessons, and materials to support the teachers providing the instructional leadership with the service-learning in their classroom.

The VISTA member will develop ways to merge new technology with the recruitment of community nonprofit partnerships in order to support and provide service-learning opportunities for our students. Technology protocols and procedures will also be developed for use within each of the service-learning projects.

For more information, please contact Don Sholl at 410-222-5457 or dsholl@aacps.org.
To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=36003>

Arts on the Block Wheaton, Maryland

www.artsontheblock.com

ISO Creative Sleuth. Put those Facebook skills to good use! Looking for an individual who is part Sherlock Holmes, part George Gallup to locate and interview 200+ alumni of a youth art program.

For teens in and around Montgomery County, MD who are passionate about art, ARTS ON THE BLOCK (AOB) is a place to learn about the world of art, the world of work, the community, and themselves. It is a place to make new friends, make art for real clients, and make plans for successful futures. Through its signature program "Pour Your ART Out," AOB provides opportunities for youth to earn an educational stipend while working with established artists/mentors on commissioned artwork and entrepreneurial projects.

In collaboration with ARTS ON THE BLOCK staff and consultants, the AmeriCorps VISTA member will develop an evaluation plan reaching out to over 200 alumni to develop a better understanding of ARTS ON THE BLOCK's long-term impacts on alumni, and ideas for continued program improvement. Activities will include: learning about the program to be evaluated; determining the focus of the evaluation; drafting an evaluation plan; finding and communicating with alumni, and completing the evaluation. Along the way, the VISTA will



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also have the opportunity to develop the means for alumni to keep in touch with Arts on the Block, as well as an array of non-profit management skills

Candidates with an interest in evaluation and/or non-profit management AND proven effectiveness building an organizational following through social media strongly preferred. Candidates must email a cover letter to jgoldstein@artsontheblock.com describing interest in the program and project, and any unique qualifications.

For more information, please contact Jan Goldstein at 240-645-0730 or jgoldstein@artsontheblock.com.

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<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35921>

Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation Baltimore, Maryland

www.BannerNeighborhoods.org

Enjoy the freedom to use your own original ideas to make a positive impact while working with a progressive organization. Join a fun and supportive staff engaging diverse and dynamic communities.

Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation's mission is to promote resident-based leadership, support neighborhood pride and stability, and to provide direct services that contribute to the overall viability of 10 communities in southeast Baltimore. Established in 1982 as a small experimental project to help senior citizens on a fixed income maintain their homes and live independently in their neighborhood as long as they possibly can, we have grown through the years to provide direct services to over 130 elderly homeowners and more than 300 neighborhood youth, while also acting as an umbrella organization for the neighborhood associations surrounding Patterson Park.

This VISTA member will work with staff and volunteers to define or refine the themes to be used in resource development communications with various types of stakeholders. The VISTA member will create new materials and tools to be used in resource development and incorporate new ways of reaching out to individual donors. The VISTA member will also build our database of individual donor and prospect contact information, and train staff and volunteers on how to use it.

For more information, contact Jolyn at 410-585-8810 or info@bannerneighborhoods.org.

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<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35771>

Centro de Apoyo Familiar Silver Spring, Maryland

www.mycaf.org



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Assist low-income families by promoting financial literacy! Create a model that connects families with resources that encourage savings, home ownership, and foreclosure prevention.

Centro de Apoyo Familiar or Center for Assistance to Families (CAF) is a non-profit organization committed to building healthy communities by providing social service referrals, counseling and support services, and opportunities for economic empowerment to low-income families. CAF has been in operation since 2006 forming a strong network of collaborating organizations and a strong sense of leadership in the communities we serve. CAF's network of collaborating organizations consists of local and national partners that provide essential services to the community. These partnerships create opportunities for institutions such as churches, community-based organizations, schools, and banks to better serve and reach the Hispanic community, and assist CAF in expanding its resources in areas where Latino population growth has been dramatic. CAF believes that partnerships are essential to achieving improvements in the socioeconomic status of the Latino community.

The VISTA member will assist the Casa y Comunidad Program in organizing available community resources and creating a resource database.

For more information, contact Elsy Garcia at 301-328-3292 or egarcia@mycaf.org.
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<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35981>

CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc Baltimore, Maryland

www.chaibaltimore.org

Seeking a creative and computer savvy Media Associate to market our programs. Polish your professional skills by updating the website, creating ad campaigns, brochures & flyers.

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.'s (CHAI) mission is to develop and support thriving, stable communities in northwest Baltimore. CHAI accomplishes this mission by: developing and managing affordable housing; rehabilitating housing and providing supporting repair services; supporting neighborhood organizing and neighborhood development; undertaking neighborhood organizing and work in public schools; providing services to seniors; promoting homeownership; providing loans for the purchase and upgrade of homes.

The VISTA member will develop marketing and outreach strategy for CHAI and its Housing Services Programs. With the support of the Director of Neighborhood Investment, the VISTA member will update and improve CHAI's website and expand CHAI's use of web based media.

For more information, contact Aryeh Goetz at 410-466 or agoetz@chaibaltimore.org.
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<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=36082>



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Citizenship Law Related Education Program (CLREP) Baltimore, Maryland

www.clrep.org

Aspiring to make a difference in the lives of economically at-risk youth? This is your golden opportunity! Join a team of dedicated professionals, and leave a lasting impression!

The Citizenship Law-Related Education Program (CLREP) was established in 1975 to promote law-related education in public and private schools. CLREP has created and maintained a number of initiatives that provide educational, real-world opportunities for young people to enhance their knowledge of and appreciation for our legal system – in effect, *bringing the law to life*. Major programs include the MSBA High School Mock Trial Competition, Law Links Student Internship, Baltimore City Teen Court, Summer Center for Law & Government, Maryland Judicial Training Institute, MYLaw Academy, and MSBA Law Day Conference.

In collaboration with an agency-wide marketing and outreach plan, the VISTA member will improve the technological infrastructure and lead innovative marketing strategies for CLREP. As such, the VISTA will survey existing strategies and evaluate the level of efficacy for each. Additionally, the VISTA will identify specific strategies and develop products that will enhance marketing and outreach efforts, particularly to our at-risk youth populations, and those interested in helping at-risk populations. These include, but are not limited to: Facebook, LinkedIn, website features, and print materials. Through the use of Web 2.0, and other outreach methods, the VISTA will outreach to past program participants in order to gather anecdotal information and increase support from program alumni.

For more information, contact Shelley Brown Wojciechowski at 410-706-5360 or sbw@clrep.org.

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<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35800>

Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Salisbury, Maryland

www.cfes.org

Help people find their passion! Be part of a dynamic team promoting volunteerism throughout the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) is a public, charitable foundation serving the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, specifically the counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester. Established in 1984, CFES currently employs 7 full-time staff members and approximately 85 community volunteers including our Board of Directors and various committees. The mission of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is to strengthen the community by building charitable funds, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants,



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and providing leadership to address community needs. CFES offers an array of grant programs and services for nonprofit staff and volunteers and, in 2009, brought the the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center under its umbrella.

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is training, marketing and technical support that helps to match existing resources and needs in the community through efforts to recruit and match volunteers with nonprofit organizations. The ShoreCAN Coordinator is integral in helping to connect people who care with causes that matter.

The VISTA member will provide support to the CFES Program Officer in the operation of the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The primary objective is to support residents seeking opportunities to serve the community and organizations in need of valuable human resources. The VISTA member will identify potential volunteer opportunities and provide technical assistance to ensure that the opportunities are included in the 1800volunteer.org database. The VISTA member will attend meetings of existing volunteer programs, facilitate communication through a listserve, and identify sources of potential volunteers. The VISTA member will maintain a mailing list to allow for regular communication with partners and potential volunteers, and maintain an online presence for the Volunteer Center through social networking sites. The VISTA member will also work with the Program Officer to develop and implement training programs to support nonprofit organizations.

For more information, contact Erica Joseph at 410-742-6638 or joseph@cfes.org.
To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35776>

GapBuster Learning Center Riverdale, Maryland

www.gapbuster.org

*“Educate, Elevate and Empower” yourself and others at GapBuster Learning Center!
Help create opportunities for disadvantaged youth through Creativity, Resourcefulness and Friendship! Join the GapBuster “social network” Today!*

GapBuster Learning Center, Inc (GBLC) is 501(c) (3) non-profit, woman-owned, minority business founded in 1999 by Yvette Butler, MD. GBLC serves over 200 students on a regular basis. Our students attend school in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. GapBuster Learning Center Inc (GBLC) is dedicated to teaching young men and women to use their gifts and talents to address and overcome barriers that impede them from reaching their full potential. Our mission is to Educate, Empower, and Elevate young minorities in grades K to 12 while nurturing their hopes and aspirations for the future.

The VISTA member will research and coordinate fund raising and marketing efforts for GapBuster Learning Center’s youth programs. In collaboration with the organization’s executive



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team, the VISTA member will both assist and lead in the development and implementation of a multilayered fundraising and marketing campaign to expand community awareness and participation in GapBuster Learning Center.

For more information, contact Sheila Clyburn at 301-799-4252, or gblc_office@yahoo.com. To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35781>

Maryland CASH Campaign Baltimore, Maryland

www.mdcash.org

It's as easy as A-B-C: Assess, Build & Connect. Explore innovative marketing technologies and help us develop an engaging strategy to connect our partners and communities to financial stability!

The Maryland CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Campaign is a statewide network of organizations that promote financial stability for working families. Our campaign includes: a coalition of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) partners that provide free tax preparation services, asset policy for access to high-quality financial services, and financial education classes and coaching through the Maryland CASH Academy.

As a team member of the Maryland CASH Campaign, the VISTA member will identify and employ appropriate marketing tools and technologies to engage our partners and communities across the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore. The VISTA member will also explore and recommend database management systems for subsequent use.

For more information, contact Shani Gibson at 443-692-9425 or shani@mdcash.org. To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35773>

Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA) Silver Spring, Maryland

www.mdvietmutual.org

Are you looking for an opportunity to make an impact on the lives of Vietnamese Americans? Do you want to be exposed to a non-profit that was selected as one of the best small charities? Then join MVMA!

Started in 1979 by a group of volunteers to help with refugee resettlement, the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc. (MVMA) is the oldest Vietnamese American community based organization in Maryland. Over the past several years, we've shifted to a major player in



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the non-profit arena and we were selected as “one of the best small charities in the Greater Washington Region.”

To support our programs and our great work, MVMA seeks an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to focus on the sustainability and financial health of the organization through grants and fundraising efforts.

For more information, contact Diane Vy Nguyen-Vu at 301-588-6862 or info@mdvietmutual.org.

To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at

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Metropolitan Community Development Corporation Silver Spring, Maryland

www.mcdcorp.org

Emerging and dynamic non-profit seeks a motivated and enthusiastic individual to work on fundraising projects! We serve mainly African Immigrants in an exciting multicultural environment.

Metropolitan Community Development Corporation (MCDC) is a new emerging and dynamic nonprofit in downtown Silver Spring that provides social and economic development programs to mainly low income and African immigrant families. MCDC was founded by Bethel World Outreach Church (BWOC) to address the emerging social, legal and economic problems of its large immigrant base. MCDC’s mission is to improve the quality of life for African immigrants in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area through programs and services that engage the community in meeting their own physical and emotional needs, and that close gaps in education, health, income, and family well-being. Our goals are to help meet the basic needs of African immigrant families, to position them toward becoming economically self-sufficient, to enhance the leadership, cultural, and academic abilities of African immigrant children, and to become well known and respected for our work with African immigrant families.

The VISTA member will work with the Executive Director in developing capacity building activities, grants research and writing, and grants database development and maintenance. The VISTA member will also develop template letters and proposal packets, and conduct outreach to potential funders. In addition, the VISTA member will identify and implement other fundraising opportunities.

For more information, contact Amie Jallah at 301-588-4947 or amiejallah@att.net.

To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at

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Moveable Feast, Inc. Baltimore, Maryland

www.mfeast.org

Feed People. Fight Disease. Foster Hope. Moveable Feast saves lives and we need your help to strengthen our marketing and technology. Use your skills and creativity to help us grow.

Moveable Feast delivers nutritious meals to people who are living with HIV/AIDS or breast cancer. We are based in Baltimore City and deliver in the city, surrounding counties and along Maryland's Eastern Shore. We serve 1,100 people each week that are poor, isolated, and sick and in need of the nutritious foods that we provide.

The VISTA member will be a part of the development department and work with 3 other development team members to analyze our current technology, both website and internal database. The VISTA member will be instrumental in making recommendations and implementing changes to both. The VISTA member will also review marketing materials and facilitate use of all social media, including Facebook, YouTube, blogs, etc. We will look to the VISTA member to make recommendations and implement changes to both current marketing and technology that is in use, in order to strengthen our message and fundraising.

For more information, contact Ted Blankenship at 410-327-3426 ext. 33 or tblankenship@mfeast.org.

To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35779>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metropolitan Baltimore Baltimore, Maryland

www.nami.org/sites/namimetrobaltimore

Be a catalyst for change... Help NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore transform the attitudes of persons in the community that live and work with persons diagnosed with mental illness and families.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metropolitan Baltimore's core strength is our ability to use personal experiences to transform ourselves, the community and the systems that impact us. Our peer programs transform the lives of people diagnosed with mental illness and their families by providing support, education, and system-wide advocacy programs. We call them peer programs because they are led by intensively trained relatives and individuals with mental illness. Teachers, mentors and support group facilitators provide families with the information and hope they need to transform from simply living with the effects of mental illness to being effective advocates for themselves and their loved ones. Program participants become valuable ambassadors in the community and advocates for systems change. We teach them to use their personal experience to present outreach and informational workshops to educate and transform the attitudes of persons in the community that live and work with persons diagnosed



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with mental illness and their families. More than 4,000 people participate annually in NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore's education and community outreach workshops.

The VISTA member will lead innovative marketing strategies for NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore. The VISTA member will help NAMI collect personal stories from program participants using FLIP video technology, and work with the organization to develop an overall outreach and marketing plan to using these videos. The marketing tools that will be used will include the website, e-Newsletter, social networking sites, and other electronic media.

For more information, contact Stacey Harrison at 410-435-0355 or sharrison@nami.org. To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35924>

Parks and People Foundation – Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN) Baltimore, Maryland

www.parksandpeople.org

Help build strong, urban community gardens by expanding Baltimore City's community garden resource network. Everyone needs fresh food and safe outdoor spaces – you can make it possible.

Since 1984, the Parks & People Foundation has worked to improve the quality of life of Baltimore City's neighborhoods by creating and supporting educational, recreational, and environmental programs and partnerships that work to unite citizens and open spaces. The Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN) is a collaborative membership program started in 2008 to address the self-identified needs of Baltimore City's community gardeners and greeners by providing the resources (including seeds, plants, soil, and tools), education (in the form of workshops, trainings, and a shared calendar), and connections they need to be successful. Studies show that urban greening and gardening can play a significant role in revitalizing communities and reducing the impacts of poverty. By coordinating the resources of many area organizations and gardeners, and creating a comprehensive and consistent network, CGRN builds the capacity of resource-limited individuals and organizations to combat poverty by allowing them to more easily convert vacant land into productive gardens, farms, and green space; and sustain existing, valuable, community green spaces.

The final year of CGRN's three-year implementation plan will focus on resource development and fundraising to build CGRN's capacity to operate as a sustainable program. The CGRN Coordinator is also responsible for coordination of all program components, which include membership, volunteer recruitment, material distribution days, monthly newsletters, coordinating horticultural and community building workshops, and communicating with partner organizations.



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For more information, contact Sarah Krones at 410-488-5663 ext 114 or sarah.krones@parksandpeople.org.

To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=35805>

Parks and People Foundation – Schoolyard Greening Baltimore, Maryland

www.parksandpeople.org

Work for urban sustainability! Help Baltimore City schools create vegetable gardens, schoolyard habitats and other environmental projects that serve low-income communities.

Since 1984, the Parks & People Foundation (Parks & People) has worked to improve the quality of life in Baltimore's neighborhoods. Parks & People co-sponsors the Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN), a collaborative membership program started in 2008 to address the self-identified needs of Baltimore City's community gardeners and greeners by providing the resources (including seeds, plants, soil, and tools), education (in the form of workshops, trainings, and a shared calendar), and connections they need to be successful. In the past year, CGRN launched a new schools membership to address their specific needs (curriculum, summer care, etc), and created partnerships with education-related organizations to begin working on these tasks. Parks & People is also a Maryland Green center that helps schools to nurture the culture and practice of sustainability. We encourage schools to apply to become a certified "Green School" through the Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education.

The VISTA member will coordinate the newly-established Green Schools Coalition of non-profits and city agencies who support Baltimore City schools in nurturing the culture and practice of sustainability. One of Parks & People's main goals is to foster educational and sustainable gardens and green spaces at Baltimore City schools, to help them achieve Maryland Green School status, and to nurture youth in learning the life skills that will help them create pathways out of poverty. The VISTA member will coordinate quarterly Green Schools Coalition meetings, and will carry out the organization's plans. Possible projects include creating a website, researching curriculum or creating a database of school projects. In addition, the VISTA member will help to coordinate school-related greening workshops for the Community Greening Resource Network.

For more information, contact Mary Hardcastle at 410-448-5663 ext 127 or mary.hardcastle@parksandpeople.org.

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Project PLASE – Funding for the Future Baltimore, Maryland

www.projectplase.org

You could literally open doors for the homeless! Join PLASE as a Funding Project Coordinator and give our clients the start they need. We will challenge you and reward you with great experiences.

The mission of Project PLASE is to house and service homeless citizens who have special needs (AIDS/HIV, mental health, psychiatric needs, chemical dependencies, developmental disabilities), in a temporary housing situation with 24 hour supported supervision, case management and counseling, with a focus on helping the individual function at the highest level.

This unique VISTA position will make a lasting impact on the development work at Project PLASE. The project goals are to engage donors as partners in the mission of serving the homeless, develop the process to create a pipeline of appropriate funding opportunities, and finally to help ensure a steady supply of household furniture for clients moving into stable housing. The purpose is to build capacity in and ensure fundraising sustainability for our organization. This development role will blaze a trail in numerous capacities and then develop materials that will assist the organization to capture, own and build on these initiatives. The Funding VISTA member will work to create a sense of community among donors and develop their commitment to supporting Project PLASE. This responsible position will require excellent communication skills, a love of adventure, a dedication to seeing the task through, the ability to think ahead and a great sense of humor.

For more information, contact Andy Dubosky at 410-837-1400 or adubosky@projectplase.org.
To apply, visit the My AmeriCorps Portal at
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