



**Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps State Program
Summer Position Description**

Position Title:	Healthy Eating Advocate	Category:	AmeriCorps Service Member
Host Site:	The Village Summit	Site Supervisor:	Dorothy Armstrong
Stipend:	\$3,200	Position Type:	Quarter time, 450 hours
HR Contact:	AmeriCorps Program Manager	Dates of Service:	April 25 – September 2, 2016

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Organizational Information:

The Village Summit is a “micro community center” created in 2008 servicing the Fabulous Acres neighborhood. The Village Summit promotes community cohesiveness through volunteerism and personal services. Our goal is to improve the quality of life through education, social conciseness, and access to information/resources. The Village Summit provides numerous youth programming/services year round, with an increase in frequency of service in the summer months.

Role and Responsibilities:

Member will manage, support and recruit volunteers to assist in the following programming: Summer Lunch Program, community and youth gardens, nutrition education and access to healthy affordable foods. Member will complete these tasks by:

- Organizing gardens, recruiting & educating neighbors on the benefits of gardening, techniques, and the importance of garden upkeep
- Plan and implement strategies on the distribution of produce from community raised beds to adults, elders, and the differently abled neighbors.
- Engage neighbors to increase participation in nearby Allen Street and Southside Farmers Markets
- Plan and implement nutrition education workshops, classes, and cooking demonstrations that will engage neighbors on the benefits of eating healthy.

Minimum Qualification:

- Be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must have HS diploma, GED or working toward the completion of one.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Pass the following checks: State of Michigan, DHS Central Registry Clearance, FBI Fingerprinting, and State & National Sex Offender Registry
- Valid Driver’s License

Preferred Skills

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work well independently and in a group
- Ability and willingness to establish relationships with a diverse group of people from different ethnic, income, ability, age and other socio-economic variables
- Knowledge and skill in using common computer programs
- Ability to recruit and manage people
- Some knowledge of gardening, healthy eating, and local food systems

Compensation:

Members will receive a living allowance of \$3,200 distributed bi-weekly from **April 25th-September 2nd, 2016** and receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Upon successful completion of service an education award in the amount of \$1,527.78 will be issued. Members will serve ~25 hours/week. All interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps Program Director, Andrea Villanueva at avillanueva@ingham.org no later than **February 26nd, 2016 by 5p.m.**