



Nonprofit Servant Leadership Program—DC Service Corps

About DC Service Corps:

[DC Service Corps](#) is a service-leadership program including direct service, leadership training, professional development, mentoring, faith formation, and educational seminars inspired by Catholic Social Thought. Intentional community with fellow volunteers is another component of the program, and it focuses on simple living, prayer, reflection, and living the Gospel mission of "service and action for a more just and humane world."

About Franciscan Mission Service:

As Franciscan followers of Christ, we build partnerships with Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe – and to bring the transformative experience of mission to North American societies and churches as advocates for peace, justice, reconciliation and care of creation.

How It Works:

The DC Service Corps members engage in **12-months** of full-time direct service with a non-profit in Washington, DC, working directly with the marginalized to cultivate relationships of peace and justice. The DC Service Corps members live together with other Franciscan Mission Service volunteers in an intentional community, sharing dinner together, gathering for prayer, and participating in fellowship activities.

Benefits:

- Gain an understanding of the inner-workings of a nonprofit as well as one's own core skills, abilities and interests that can be applied to the non-profit sector
- Fully-furnished bedroom in an intentional community house
- Modest monthly living stipend
- Health insurance
- Initial orientation and formation plus two retreats during the year
- Monthly spiritual direction and facilitated community reflection
- Professional development and network building: "one-on-ones" with nonprofit leaders and monthly mentorship meetings
- Coverage of transportation costs to and from service sites
- Metro-accessible location: live within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA station (10-minute train ride to downtown DC; access to multiple bus lines)

Requirements:

- Be between the ages of 21 and 35
- Have a desire to actively develop one's servant leadership skills to address the world's needs
- Have a demonstrated commitment to service, peace and social justice
- Have a demonstrated commitment to one's spiritual development and openness to learning about the Franciscan charism
- Have a desire to engage in the FMS intentional community

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DC Service Corps: Immediate Openings

Start date is flexible, but we are looking to fill this position as soon as possible.

Client Advocate

Position Description:

The Client Advocate volunteer will serve with [Street Sense](#), a local non-profit that “elevates voices on poverty issues and creates economic opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.” This entry-level position works directly with the most vulnerable of vendors, the men and women who comprise Street Sense’s newspaper sales force and seek employment, community, and a pathway out of homelessness.

Roughly 80% of vendors fall into one or more of the following risk categories: women who have experienced violence; persons with a chronic mental illness who are not currently engaged in treatment; persons who are elderly, medically frail or have a physical disability; persons who are unsheltered/reside outside; persons under the age of 25; and persons recently released from prison.

The goal of this position is to provide outreach, engagement, and then case management that leverages a vendor’s existing relationship with the organization to draw him or her closer to needed housing, social services and public benefits. This position works closely with, and under the direct supervision of a licensed clinical social worker.

Below lists the responsibilities of the Client Advocate position:

- Engagement-oriented relationship building with vendors identified as being “vulnerable”
- Develop a fluency with existing social services available to persons who are homeless
- Manage a client caseload under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker
- Maintain accurate case files
- Attend community meetings
- All other duties as assigned
- Gain behind-the-scenes perspectives into the non-profit sector by assisting staff with agency-wide projects and initiatives

Qualifications:

- Background clearance
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Bachelor’s degree or background in social work, counseling, psychology, sociology, or human services helpful but not required

To Apply

Application forms and submission instructions are available on the Franciscan Mission Service [website](#). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis now through **November 20, 2015** or until position is filled.

For more information about DC Service Corps contact info@franciscanmissionservice.org or call 202.832.1762 x8.

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