Street Outreach Internship

Location: Waterloo or Mason City Office

Reports to: Outreach & Division Specialist

Dates/ Hours Anticipated: 20-30 Hours/ Week

Status: Unpaid Internship



Summary:

Street Outreach Interns will work closely with the Outreach & Diversion Specialist to provide resources and referrals and conduct housing assessments to individuals currently experiencing homelessness through direct street outreach.

What You Will Do:

- Meet individuals experiencing homelessness where they are with direct street outreach in Black Hawk County, North Central Iowa, and/or Northeast Iowa
- Assess service needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and make the necessary resource referrals
- Conduct housing assessments with individuals in person
- Provide drop in/ office hours in the community for those who may be trying to access our services
- Create and maintain relationships with community organizations, local landlords, etc.

Internship Requirements:

- Demonstrate FOF's 5 core values: People First, Discover & Do, Equity and Inclusion, Grit
- Believe in our 10-year vision: Everyone Has a Home
- Respect the confidentiality of clients receiving services through FOF and donors
- Exhibit a belief in non-violence and willingness to advocate on behalf of populations affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or other violent crimes and homelessness in a non-discriminating manner
- Ability to pass a criminal background check
- Ability to complete Victim Counselor Training, Empower DB training, Confidentiality, Housing First Trainings

Internship Qualifications:

- Recommended for students looking to complete a 300-400 hour internship
- Attending college for a degree in Family Services, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, Communication, Education, Human Services, or another related field.
- Ability to complete university required service hours during normal office hours (M-F 8-4:30)

For more information, please email the Volunteer Manager Madison Gaffney, at madison@fofia.org with the subject line 'Street Outreach Internship."