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Position Title: Supertime Meals Coordinator

StarkFresh is pleased to announce we have an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer position available through Think Tank, inc.

Organization Information:

StarkFresh is a small, but mighty 501(c)3 nonprofit located in Canton, Ohio and servicing Stark County, Ohio. Our mission is tackling the causes of hunger by creating realistic pathways out of poverty.

StarkFresh runs Northeast Ohio's only Mobile Grocery Market, which provides healthy food access to areas throughout the county that are in *food apartheid* areas and to those with low mobility challenges. This *Grocery Store on Wheels* takes produce and other groceries into the community where they are sold at a reasonable cost.

Recently, StarkFresh opened Stark County's only nonprofit Grocery Store, The StarkFresh Grocery Store, located at our Food Justice Campus on Cherry Ave NE, is just two blocks from the main SARTA bus terminal, making it a convenient and affordable place for people in our community to purchase their grocery necessities.

Some of our other programs include our free Seed Library distribution network, our three urban farms which include our Urban Teaching Farm, Training Farm, Cooperative Farm. From our Food Justice Campus, we operate several programs including; Food Incubation Center, shared commercial kitchen and office spaces, mushroom farm, educational programming, food safety programming, nutrient-dense food delivery service and small grocery store. In addition to all of that, StarkFresh is a founder of *Courageous Conversations*, a group created to explore race inequalities in Canton, and through education and action undo decades of racially-motivated policies that have created the wealth gap and exasperated poverty throughout our community.

To find out more about what StarkFresh does, visit us at www.starkfresh.org

Position Summary:

In our continued efforts to build a vibrant community where food insecurity is no longer a leading factor in the lives of the residents, we are looking for assistance in the capacity building of a new pilot program designed to bring nutrient-dense, affordable and tasty food to the community. The success of this project is crucial in helping lead the community, through partnerships and volunteers, towards the goal of increasing healthy food access, creating meaningful job opportunities, and impacting the lives of residents through an increase in personal improvement and revenue generation.

The VISTA member will:

- Be interacting with community members, partners, and volunteers through a variety of methods including, online, in-person, and community settings.
- Be expected to convey StarkFresh's goals and funding needs to these groups in a coherent and helpful manner.
- Continue to expand and create new systems, coordinate activities, and training while setting up for future sustainable practices. Evaluation and recommendations of changes and best practices are also encouraged.
- Be a strong self-starter and be able to take guidance to create a meaningful outcome for StarkFresh and the community.

The VISTA candidate should possess some college-level education. However, all are welcome to apply because skill sets will supersede education levels.

Skills and/or Experience Qualifications

- Effectively communicates with individuals of diverse backgrounds & enjoy meeting new people
- Effective writing and editing skills & proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Creative ideas, high energy & community organization
- Some level of nutrition education or cooking skills
- Fundraising/grant writing
- Driver's license and access to reliable transportation
- Must enjoy working outdoors in all types of weather, getting your hands dirty, & having fun
- Minimum age requirement 21 years old

Americorp VISTA benefits

- Monthly cost of living allowance stipend (estimated \$1,026 per month)
- End of service stipend/education award (estimated Education stipend \$6,095 or Cash \$1,800)
- Health care support (varies)
- Child care support (varies)
- Monthly housing stipend (\$200 per month)

This Americorp VISTA volunteer position starts in November 2020 and ends November 2021 with the possibility of extending service until July 2022.

This is an extremely flexible schedule position, intended to be full-time, Monday-Friday.

That being said, we emphasize results over actual logged hours so all are invited to apply, regardless of your availability.

Interested candidates must apply for the position by sending a resume via email to tomp@starkfresh.org