Mission Statement:
We seek to equip and serve the youth of Church Hill to make transformative decisions. Through after-school programming, life-skills classes, mentoring, and other contexts, we are working to inspire youth in their potential, and give them the skills, resources, and networks needed to excel academically, secure employment, and become active and caring members of their community. We believe the potential of our youth is not limited by the statistics of our community. CHAT encourages and supports personal growth through education, teaching life skills, leadership development, mentoring & community life, for both youth and staff.

Internship Title:
Nutrition and Community interaction Intern:
These Interns will play a role separate, but connected to, the general interns, where they will directly explore and execute the healthy eating component of programming, while also engaging in relational activities with the youth. The programming is used alongside relationship building, wherein the interns learn how to meaningfully engage with a cultural different from their own, and to equip the youth to grow and excel, academically, socially, and personally. The hope is that interns will take this new or expanded skill set into their communities.

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Additional Contact:
Interns will also be under the supervision of Summer Day Camp staff, Jessie Greene, Director of Summer Day Camp and a lead cook.

Duties/Project Description:
- Healthy Eating and Nutrition
  - Interns will work to plan and prepare meals to feed 100+ youth and adults at the Summer Day Camp, Tuesday through Friday
  - Interns will plan and prepare meal options for weekly trips
  - Interns will manage the food inventory, make purchases, and receive/pick up deliveries from local farms and the food bank
  - Interns will assist, as needed, with various components of the Urban Farming program, potentially including prepping beds, harvesting crops, and selling them at farmer’s markets; this will be done alongside youth working in the Urban Farming Entrepreneurship.
○ All of this will occur directly within the community, in direct contact with neighborhood youth and families. This will offer opportunities to process through the issues within the community, and how these efforts may help.
○ Interns will also work alongside, and help lead, teens employed by CHAT, and will have opportunities to continue the process of equipping and training them.

● Youth Engagement
○ Interns will engage with youth, and the surrounding community, through opportunities including, but not limited to:
  ■ Assisting with “Huddle groups”, a time of discussion with a small group of youth through the summer, wherein they discuss weekly topics and how relevant scripture may apply.
  ■ Life Skills classes, where interns will assist in teaching an array of electives, from a “Running club” to woodworking.
  ■ Trips, where interns will interact intentionally with youth outside of their normal context.
  ■ Home visits, where interns will meet and build relationships with the families of the youth.
○ Interns will also work alongside, and help lead, teens employed by CHAT, in this context as well.

● Community
○ Interns will engage with the general summer internships through meetings, book studies, and small group meetings
○ Interns will engage with the community through serving at various events, interacting with families, etc., allowing them to directly engage the challenges, and allowing them to cultivate skills and perspectives relevant to education, civic involvement, and urban employment.
○ Interns will process their experience within the community through regular blogs

Qualifications:
Interns should be:
● Comfortable working with youth
● Interns are not required to be Christian, but should be willing to engage in conversations that involve related topics
● Willing to serve within a culture that may be different from their own
● Willing to engage in conversations on topics like Racial Reconciliation, Poverty, etc.
● Physically able to work outside during summer weather
● Flexible with schedule changes
● Committed to the existing processes within the internship
● Basic cooking experience

Orientation Plan:
General interns will be participating in three weeks of training and preparation, beginning Monday, May 25th. Due to the time frame of this programming, an abbreviated training will be crafted to work with SHECP interns’ June arrival.

**Supervision/Mentor Schedule:**
Interns will have regular, informal supervision, and meetings as needed. They will meet with their supervisor/mentor ideally on a weekly basis during morning planning time. Interns will have daily interaction with the lead cook.

**Non-English language requirement?**
No non-English language requirement.

**Working Conditions:**
Interns will be working primarily on-site at the Summer Day Camp location, where there is ample space for desk work. A kitchen is on site as well, which includes a large stove, sink, and a large preparation space; there will also be weekly use of a large propane grill. Urban Farming occurs at one of two existing plots. A loaner laptop may be available as needed.

**Preparation:**
Interns will be provided with materials for study upon arrival, and we can provide a modest list of readings when the intern placement is established for further study if interested.

**Is the organization accessible via public transportation?** YES

**Does the internship require use of personal vehicle?** Not required.