2016 Internship Opportunity

Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (CSAH)

Savannah, GA, 31401

Organization Mission - CSAH Mission: To lead the effort to build and sustain community practices to eliminate homelessness.

Primary Service Area - Community and Individual Services

Primary Groups of People Served - Adult men and women who are homeless, Homeless

Website URL and Facebook, or other information links, if available - www.homelessauthority.org,

Title of Internship - Tiny House Community Development

Primary Duties of Intern - 1) Participate in the development of Housing Association Covenant documents for a newly designed Tiny House Community serving 12 homeless veterans. The Covenant will serve as the model for future Tiny House communities.

2) Work directly with potential residents (homeless persons) to create community guidelines for living as a basis for the Covenant structure.

3) Work with the Executive Director and CASH Lead Team to create a management structure and implementation guidelines for operation of the new Tiny House Community.

Seeking Skills and Interests, including: Direct Client Relations, Writing, Alternative housing development for homeless persons. Important Work Qualities include - Self-motivated, Problem-solver, Team player. Seeking Personal Qualities, include - We are seeking an intern who is empathetic, has the ability to reserve judgment with respect to clients served (get to know them before first), is creative and can be client centered (instead of rule bound), and is
somewhat adventurous (at times we will be in the woods in one of our 20 permanent homeless camps).

**Percent of time internship is likely to spend with direct Client Contact - 0.5**

**Details**

**Does the Organization require its own Application process?** Phone conversation to confirm a good match

**Orientation for Intern** - The Executive Director will be primarily responsible for the orientation process. This will be done via conversation about the state of homelessness in Savannah as well as an historical overview that helps the intern understand the long entrenched homeless situation in our community. The intern will also receive relevant material to read (again, specific to our area). Probably the most useful will be visits to the key homeless serving agencies to meet with staff and clients as well as visits to our homeless camps. The intern will also review Tiny House plans, visit the Tiny House model (walk around in it and feel what life will be like living in one) and see the site designated for housing development.

**Supervisor/Mentor Schedule** - Daily initially until goals are clear, weekly thereafter. On call as needed at any time.

**Physical Work Space** - When in the office, the intern will have a cubicle equipped with typical office machines.

**Is this Organization Accessible via Public Transportation?** It is available but may be a challenge. Intern should have the ability to walk regularly on uneven terrain. **Does this internship require the use of a car?** A vehicle may be needed from time to time but we can work it out if this is not feasible. The critical factor will be where the intern is housed. **If on the job work requires use of a car, will the agency reimburse?** No. However, when visiting clients during the day, the intern will be driven in the CSAH van. Depending on the lodging location, we may work out a pick-up/drop off to and from work (shared by CSAH staff).

**Personnel Background Security** - If done by the school, unnecessary. If not, we will submit a background check. - Background check only **Will your agency coordinate prior to internship?** Upon arrival, we will submit the document. Yes

**Is this a new offering in 2016?** Yes

**May more than one SHECP Intern fill this Position?** We could work with a pair of interns (on the same project). **Is this Organization offering other different SHECP Internship Placements?** No. One is perfect.

**Recommended Readings for internship preparations?** Please review the data on the HUD website about national homeless statistics. Also review the CSAH website to better understand our homeless serving agencies. Read the CSAH strategic plan posted on our website. Finally, find an article on Housing First and become familiar with the concept and support data underlying this best practice.