



**INTERNSHIP
AND/OR
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
01/14**

Title: Summer Visitor

The main goal of the Summer Visitor Program is to bring a Summer Vacation experience to elders who are unable to participate in our "out of town" vacation experiences. In order to make this happen, Summer visitors will provide special summer visits to isolated elders who are not part of the Summer Vacation Program. As well, summer visitors will have an opportunity to engage with elders through participation in our regular visiting program, monthly outings, etc.

Supervisor: Summer Team Leader

Specific Job Skills required

- Sensitivity to the needs of the elderly people who are growing old alone
- A personal value system which emphasizes respect for the individual and a belief that friendship is essential in the lives of elderly people
- Effective human relation skills, especially the ability to listen attentively and to initiate conversation with elderly who have limited social contacts
- Strong interpersonal skills and creativity
- Valid US or International driver's license and car insurance
- Strong team work and ability to work independently to reach team goals
- Have a reliable car.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Visiting elders in their homes, Nursing Homes, or other senior facilities
- Planning and execution of the summer homebound program
- Preparation and assistance with various activities such as homebound celebrations and small group outings with their peers
- Constant interaction with the elderly, i.e. initiating conversation, listening to and sharing stories, documenting personal histories of elders
- Collect Holiday gift ideas from each elder visited
- Other duties as needed
- Participate in the weekly meeting
- Participate in Saturday events

Time Commitment

- June - August: 10-12 weeks
- Full Time

Benefits

- Excellent training and experience in the field of aging
- Opportunities to meet and work with a diverse group of motivated and committed volunteers staff and wonderful elderly people
- Stipend of \$600 per month prorated on starting and ending dates
- Cell phone stipend of \$40 per month. Mileage is reimbursed

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