



More than a Chance, A Change

Community Engagement Coordinator Nashville, TN

ABOUT DISMAS INC.

HOW IT WORKS

For the formerly incarcerated, having a place to stay in a supportive environment is the first step toward successful re-entry to society. Having a home, and not just a house, can make all the difference.

Upon their release, returning citizens who have been carefully screened, live at Dismas House as they transition back into the community. They find a safe haven and a family-like atmosphere amid college students, staff and many volunteers who become part of their daily lives. Typically, residents live for 6-9 months in Dismas House, which is built on a framework of support, self-sufficiency, and personal accountability. Professional caseworkers help to match them with resources to meet each person's unique needs. For their part, residents stay for a minimum of 90 days, uphold positive standards of living, participate in a holistic programming model, are active members of the household and broader community, and pay a modest program fee. They leave with a stable income, a supportive network of friends, a greater sense of self-worth, a fresh chance and real hope for the future. In this way, Dismas House combines a mission of caring with a unique form of crime prevention. It works.

POSITION SUMMARY

Working from the Nashville campus and reporting to the Vice President of Operations, the incoming Community Engagement Coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and implementing all volunteer-related programming and events associated with Dismas House of Nashville. We are looking for a compassionate, care-driven professional who believes in facilitating wellness for residents and their families. Responsible for planning and coordinating volunteer efforts and effectively communicating with volunteers, residents and Dismas staff as well as supporting the VP of Operations in some day-to-day responsibilities. The ideal candidate will have flexibility with work hours including the ability to work some evenings and an occasional weekend as needed.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Organizes, coordinates, and implements the recruitment of volunteers for departments, programs and special events. Maintains updated records on all volunteers.
- Main point of contact for all volunteers and volunteer activities.
- Works with social, civic, and local organizations to develop partnerships to develop and/or utilize volunteers.
- Oversees the orientation and training programs for all volunteers including updating the Volunteer Handbook and leading Volunteer training.
- Oversees and coordinates Volunteer Community Dinners.
- Recommends and develops ongoing volunteer utilization.



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- Promotes volunteering internally and externally through recruitment, publicity strategies and campaigns.
- Prepares specialized reports and presentations as it relates to the progress of projects and initiatives.
- Works with Marketing Director to advertise volunteer and job partnership needs.
- Provides tours to present donors, community partners, future volunteers, and board members.
- Establishes, grow and nurture second chance jobs partnerships.
- Tracks feedback for all volunteer programs
- Develop and implement community service programs by coordinating with local non- profit agencies.
- Tracks key project milestones and adjusts project plans to meet the needs of work effort.
- Develops and maintain In Kind donation database, establish monetary value (Dismas purpose), and issue letters and thank you notes.
- Assists the VP of Operations in writing volunteer job descriptions & setting organizational goals.
- Other duties that occur, as needed.

DESIRED BACKGROUND & PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or a related field from an accredited college or university or equivalent job experience.
- 3-5 years of experience working with volunteers and providing volunteer leadership in a non-profit setting.
- Effective presentation skills and a capacity to communicate effectively to the board, staff, volunteers, and the public in a concise, focused, and convincing manner.
- Individual must possess a high degree of initiative and have a positive attitude, good flexibility, and attention to detail.
- Demonstrate a passion and commitment to the mission of Dismas House.
- Strong organizational skills and an ability to continuously improve systems, procedures, and protocols.
- Excellent computer skills and knowledge of database programs.
- Experience with volunteer or project management, implementation, and/or coordination.
- Ability to create effective written communication.
- Must have good driving record.

Benefits

Permanent Part Time Position approximately 25 hours weekly.

Generous holiday and paid time off package.

Interested parties should send resume and cover letter to careers@dismas.org. No phone calls please.

Dismas Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, and LGBTQ applicants.