



kinship

COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER

FORMERLY RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY
EST 1979



Mission House Internship

COMMIT TO A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

*NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!*

ABOUT KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER



who are we?

OUR COMMUNITY OF GENEROSITY

Recognizing that everyone has gifts to share, Kinship Community Food Center is a community food center that engages volunteers and community residents to end hunger, isolation and poverty. Our innovative programs nourish health, belonging, and economic opportunity.



what do we do?

OUR FOOD CENTER MODEL

Food centers go beyond traditional food pantries. This new approach is a dynamic response to our community's desire for deeper kinship, greater wellness programming, and expanded support to advocate for housing and employment stability. It empowers residents to create nourishment, belonging, and prosperity in low-income communities through the power of food. It draws people from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds into a deeper community of mutuality.



where are we going?

BE PART OF A GROWING ORGANIZATION

Join us in building a community food center! Your passions and ideas will help shape our work and form who we are becoming as you gain hands-on experience and learn about nonprofit work.

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OUR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY



the need is real...

Milwaukee has the greatest segregation among the poor than any other metro region in the country. 41% of children in Milwaukee live in poverty. In the Riverwest and Harambee zip code of 53212, 60% of people need food assistance to make it through the month.

...so is your help!



SAMPLE INTERN JOB DESCRIPTIONS

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - Assist the recruiting, scheduling, training, and forming of volunteers

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT - Assist with donor database, revenues, gifts, and deposit procedures for donor outreach

FOOD WELLNESS AND ACQUISITION COORDINATOR - Acquire the healthiest inventory, strategize food distributions

URBAN FARM COORDINATOR - Assist operations of a 27,000 square vegetable farm and manage volunteers

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - Assist with social media and expand ways to communicate to our community

INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR - Provide the technological support and implementation for programs

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR - Help coordinate mentoring and crisis assistance for community residents

jobs are tailored to interest & experience

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MISSION

COME BE ON MISSION WITH US

*everyone gives.
everyone receives.*

Here, our work is not just about sharing food. Being human means hungering not just for food but for kinship as well. We find this hunger everywhere – from our grandmother’s kitchen all the way to the Last Supper.

We believe that right here in our city, we find Christ in each of our neighbors. By living a life of action and contemplation we understand that it is God Himself who hungers and thirsts for each of us.



what you can expect to experience:



PRAYER

We cultivate silence to encounter God and more deeply encounter each other. This is punctuated by Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, readings from Scripture, and the lives of the saints.

COMMUNITY

We are committed to intentionally living and working with one another in a community, in the heart of the neighborhood we serve, so that the care we have for each other flows into the larger community.

SERVICE

We walk with those in our community through our collective meals, mentoring, and other opportunities. We also develop nonprofit management skills in day-to-day Community Food Center operations.

FORMATION

We discuss our experiences from the Food Center to foster growth in our spiritual and personal lives. Together, we explore Catholic spirituality, community living, and social justice.



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LIVE A LIFE OF SERVICE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR



a day in the life of a missionary

7:30-8:30 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-11:30 FOOD CENTER PREP

12 MASS

1 LUNCH AND FORMATION

2-4 INDIVIDUAL JOBS

6:30-8:30 COMMUNITY NIGHT

*EACH DAY VARIES SLIGHTLY

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Year long Mission Interns commit to 13 months of service starting in August and ending in the following August
- Summer commitment is available, for those looking for short term commitment
- Housing is provided within the neighborhood we serve, living alongside other missionaries
- A stipend is offered at \$400/month plus benefits
- An educational award available with a partnership with AmeriCorps
- Inquire for more information!



is this the next step in your life?

ARE YOU READY TO...

- Commit to a lifestyle of generosity and learn that everyone has something to give and receive no matter their walk of life?
- Live a life of simplicity, pursuing a deeper knowledge of Christ's love?
- Be challenged in your way of seeing the world and those that are a part of it and grow in love for those around you?
- See each person as your neighbor and learn more about the ways that we can create change for the betterment of others?
- Share in the experience that is a life of prayer and community?

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QUOTES

HEAR FROM PAST MISSION INTERNS

**TEMESGEN
WESSEL**
HUMAN SERVICES
COORDINATOR
CLASS OF 2021



"I HAVE WORKED WITH COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOTHING BUT ARE STILL SO GRATEFUL. THIS YEAR HELPED ME TO SEE THE BEAUTY IN THE SIMPLICITY OF LIFE."

Temesgen joined us from Minnesota, and even though he planned to only be a summer intern, he stayed for a whole year because he realized that his gifts fit the needs of our community. His work in our Stride Program strongly impacted Temesgen's view on poverty.

"I HAVE GROWN IN MY APPRECIATION AND PRACTICE OF SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGICAL PRAYER OF THE CHURCH."

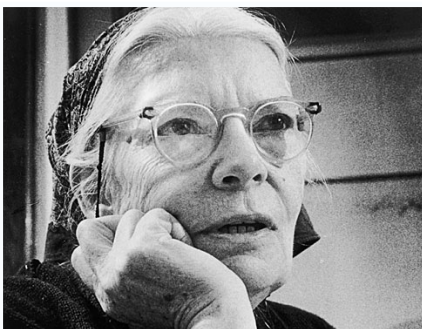
Maria came here because she felt called to do a year of service in Milwaukee. When the pandemic hit, she continued to stay and serve, immersing herself in this community. During that time, silent and liturgical morning prayer sustained her and helped her to see how it is a foundation for everyday life.



**MARIA
FULLER**
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR
CLASS OF 2020

...AND FROM THOSE WHO INSPIRE OUR WORK

**DOROTHY
DAY**
SERVANT
OF GOD

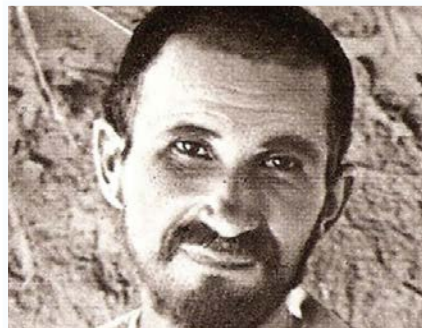


"WE HAVE ALL KNOWN THE LONG LONELINESS AND WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION IS LOVE AND THAT LOVE COMES WITH COMMUNITY."

Dorothy Day was an American journalist and social activist, who, along with Peter Maurin, founded the Catholic Worker Movement. The recognition of deep isolation that many people were experiencing, especially the poor, motivated Dorothy in her work.

"ABOVE ALL, ALWAYS SEE JESUS IN EVERY PERSON, AND CONSEQUENTLY TREAT EACH ONE NOT ONLY AS AN EQUAL AND AS A BROTHER OR SISTER, BUT ALSO WITH GREAT HUMILITY, RESPECT, AND SELFLESS GENEROSITY."

St. Charles de Foucauld was a priest who later moved into the desert devoting his life to contemplation and prayer. Recognizing how Jesus came among us during his life inspired a deeper understanding in St. Charles of how all of us are to relate to and be among others.



**ST. CHARLES
DE FOUCAULD**

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APPLY

WHO ARE WE SEEKING?



COMMIT TO A LIFE OF
generosity

*the mission house internship
is available to:*

- Young Adults approximately ages 21-26
- From any background of study
- Seeking a deeper prayer life and open to Catholic Spirituality



the application process includes:

1. Conversation with the Mission Intern and Formation Manager or Missionary
2. A written application
3. Two stages of interviews
4. Possible on-site visit to volunteer at the Food Center to know the neighborhood and the life of the Mission House

APPLY NOW

See our website to download an application:

kinshipmke.org/mission-house

Contact our Mission Intern and Formation Manager, Samantha Vosters, for an initial conversation: **samantha@kinshipmke.org**