



VISTA
Volunteers in Service to America



AmeriCorps VISTA Development Specialist at Bridges of Hope

Bridges of Hope (Bridges) helps children and youth develop healthy coping skills – and avoid negative coping skills – that increase the chance that a child & family will avoid the downward spiral that the death of a family member so often creates.

While Bridges has steadily grown the number of children served each year, Bridges nearly doubled its service delivery in the 2021-2022 year, as a result of a more comprehensive approach to grief support. Bridges is seeking a VISTA member to develop strategic plans to increase revenue by building a stronger donor base through creative new fundraising strategies. As Bridges recognizes it is imperative for the sustainability and growth of the organization to direct efforts to increase revenue

You'll Be Successful If You:

- Understand that this position is an AmeriCorps VISTA opportunity to build capacity for Bridges & are dedicated to completing a full one-year term of service
- Want to gain experience in working & growing a small non-profit
- Have strong interpersonal communication skills
- Are flexible & adaptable in your work style and environment
- Work well individually, as well as with a team
- Can problem-solve through different challenges
- Have a passion for working with children
- Pay attention to detail even when managing different projects
- Take pride in your work
- Demonstrate a strength in relationship building & public speaking
- Are comfortable using & learning technology systems (e.g. G Suite, Microsoft Office, Salesforce, Constant Contact)
- Have access to reliable transportation
- Have not completed **more** than 3 prior AmeriCorps or VISTA service terms

What We Offer:

- AmeriCorps VISTA members earn a Living Stipend \$513.94 bi-weekly
- AmeriCorps VISTA members can earn an Education Stipend of \$6,495.00
- Supplemental housing stipend based on need provided (*case by case consideration*)
- Experience growing a small non-profit
- Opportunity to foster skills in volunteer management and program evaluation
- Mileage reimbursement for service-related travel
- Health Benefits
- Childcare Benefits (for those who qualify) *If you have children under the age of 13, you may qualify for the AmeriCorps childcare benefit offered to members serving with the VISTA program. Your approved benefit rates will be your childcare provider's rates or the maximum allowable rate in the state in which the childcare is being provided (whichever is the lesser of the two).*
- Professional Training & Development

Things You Need to Know:

- Service Term: AmeriCorps VISTA members serve **full-time** (approximately 40 hours per week, occasional weekend hours) from **July 2022 to July 2023**.
- Travel: AmeriCorps VISTA Program Coordinator will regularly travel locally around the Lowcountry to meet with volunteers, community partners, and program sites. Access to reliable transportation will be necessary.