

Project Manager Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY

[The Regional Food Bank](#) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that collects donated food from the food industry and distributes it to 1,000 charitable agencies in 23 northeastern New York counties. The food provided by the Food Bank helps to feed 350,000 people each month. In 202, the organization distributed 37.7 million meals to food insecure people throughout the service area via partner organizations and direct service programs.

We are excited to introduce you to the Regional Food Bank/ The Patroon Land Farm and our mission to lead a network of partners to alleviate hunger, prevent food waste, and nourish the communities we serve. The Regional Food Bank is a non-profit organization, and all donations are fully tax-deductible.

We are seeking an enterprising person to take the lead assisting with the development of the Regional Food Bank's Patroon Land Farm. Become part of a corporate team that will initiate research and identify corporate partners as we build up our community connections. We need a VISTA Member who wants to see the farm thrive and takes leadership in creation and expansion of new educational and volunteer opportunities.

Goals and Duties of The Position

- Full understanding of the farm's role/place within the Regional Food Bank
- Review the history of the Farm's yield, capacity (staffing and infrastructure), and benefits since 2006
- Maintain relations and seek out grants/ organizations to help aid further construction of our High Tunnels.
- Assist in promoting the Farm through marketing and social media, to gain and retain volunteers.
- Work hands on with volunteers to develop relationships and improve the volunteer experience up at the farm
- Identify opportunities and innovations for building the farm's financial sustainability, such as through education programs and corporate retreats.

- Share opportunities and innovations with stakeholders to build buy-in and improve ideas. Further relationships with CHA
- Assess the Farm's intangible benefits (good will, volunteer opportunities)
- Research and identify opportunities for the farm's education mission – including partners and available grants
- Research other food bank farm models and freight farms
- Investigate and report on Volunteer recruitment and management
- Compile summary information for all options and work with staff to make recommendations
- Have a well-rounded knowledge of the Farm to be able to give presentations on the Farm's history and current developments.

Professional Development

VISTAs will develop skills in public speaking, career management, and community connections. During your tenure as project manager, you will have the opportunity to utilize and develop your skills of communication, critical thinking, leadership, organization, patience, team management, team building and time management. Your work with community partners will broaden your professional network. Resources from Siena and the Regional Food Bank will support you daily as the pieces of the plan begin to coalesce.

We pride ourselves on being informed, caring, and intentional members of our communities and take the time to analyze our own roles in society.

As a part of the ACE program, VISTA members take part in our monthly team building days, attend AmeriCorps trainings, and have access to Siena's faculty to learn more about their areas of interest.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must have an Associates level education or higher
- Have a growth mindset
- US citizen or have permanent resident status

Living Allowance:

VISTAs earn a living allowance for their service. The annual living allowance is \$22,882, which is \$877.66 on a bi-weekly basis.

Benefits:

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- Supportive cohort of peers
- Ten free meals a week at Siena College
- Loan deferment for qualified student loans
- 10 paid personal and 10 paid sick days
- Siena Gym/Library/Career and Internship Center Access
- CDTA bus pass
- [Non-competitive eligibility for federal employment](#)
- \$6,345.00 Education Award upon successful completion of full-service term

Note: VISTAs and VISTA Leaders do not have access to on-campus housing.

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