Organization Name: International Rescue Committee in Atlanta

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Organization’s Mission Statement:

The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to thrive in America. Each year, thousands of people, forced to flee violence and persecution, are welcomed by the people of the United States into the safety and freedom of America. These individuals have survived against incredible odds. The IRC works with government bodies, civil society actors, and local volunteers to help them translate their past experiences into assets that are valuable to their new communities. In Atlanta and other offices across the country, the IRC helps them to rebuild their lives.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:

The IRC in Atlanta supports refugees upon arrival with case management, employment assistance, and English language learning services, and continues to support the refugee and immigrant community with extended immigration, educational, employment, and social adjustment services.
Intern’s title: New Roots Intern

Number of interns requested: 1-2

Internship project/job description:

The New Roots program intern reports directly to the New Roots Program Coordinator and supports efforts under the IRC’s New Roots program. New Roots focuses on bringing refugees together to build connections with their new homes through nutrition, healthy lifestyles, and community gardening. The New Roots intern will provide support for our Youth Food Justice. The Youth Food Justice program includes FoodCorps programming, a youth internship program at Clarkston High School, a garden club, and classes on nutrition and healthy eating throughout the community. The New Roots intern will also support adult education initiatives around healthy eating, food access, and community gardening.

Qualifications:

- Interest or experience in education, especially with high-school-aged youth;
- Strong interest in working with international clients and excellent spoken and written communication skills;
- Ability to work independently and take initiative;
- Basic experience in gardening and ability to lift up to 50 pounds strongly preferred;
- Proven ability to work with consideration and respect for cross-cultural differences;
- A clean driving record and reliable vehicle.

Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here:

Interns must undergo a background check investigation and orientation before beginning their service.

Will the internship require that the student have a car? Yes.
Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?
Yes. We are on the MARTA bus line 125.