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ReEstablish Richmond: Housing for Richmond's Refugee Population

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Address: Volunteer sites located at 4103 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230 and Stoneyridge Apartments (3462 Howard Rd, Richmond, VA 23223), Colonial Apartments (next to Henrico High School)

Mission/Site Synopsis: ReEstablish Richmond is a 501c3 charitable organization that was formed in 2010 to fill a void with initial refugee resettlement. ReEstablish Richmond's mission is to aid in the successful resettlement of newly arrived refugees. They promote self-sufficiency for refugees through four programs: housing, Agri-Culture, transportation, and job preparedness. They collaborate with resettlement agencies, residential property owners, educators, faith communities and other organizations to ensure that every refugee resettled in Richmond has the opportunity to establish roots and build community. The organization is in the center of Richmond city, on the bus line. They have a 400 square foot garden close by where they host their Agri-Culture program in partnership with VCU. We are looking for interested interns who want experiences working in a multi-cultural environment and learn how a small nonprofit works.

Special Skills/Abilities Needed: Must be 18 years or older. Students should have some previous experience working with the international population or with those for whom English is not their first language, or with tutoring. Volunteers who are able to communicate in Arabic, Farsi, Kinyarwandi, Napali, Burmese languages, or Spanish are a plus.

Site Activities:

- Job-Preparedness Workshops- repeating series of 4 2-hour workshops; alternating middle of the day and the evenings.
- GED and ESL tutoring with Congolese (Howard Rd. Location)
- ESL class as one-on-one language partners with Burmese (Colonial Apartments next to Henrico High School)

Time Commitment: Workshops are offered monthly, and are alternating middle of the day and evenings. Tutoring with the Congolese will be 11-1pm on a weekday (TBD). ESL class with the Burmese is currently held on Wednesday evenings. We are currently looking for someone who could commit to 10-15 hours per week.

Start Date: as soon as possible

End Date: can be determined based on intern's availability.

We are a small nonprofit, which means that interns will get hands on experiences right away. They will also have the opportunity to help develop new programs and see how a nonprofit grows. We will connect you with current and past interns if you want to know more about what being an intern with ReEstablish Richmond looks like.

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