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Rock River Community Clinic Seeking Applicants for AmeriCorps Vista Program Positions

Whitewater, WI, October 10, 2022 - Rock River Community Clinic is currently accepting applications to fill two AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer positions for the 2022-2023 school year.

“Through our membership with the Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (WAFCC), we are proud to continue serving as a host site for AmeriCorps VISTA positions,” states Olivia Nichols, CEO/Executive Director of Rock River Community Clinic. “We are looking for individuals who have a passion for, and interest in, the healthcare industry and who are looking to gain experience within a role that can have a real positive impact on the patients and communities we serve.”

The benefits of the year-long program offered to VISTA members include, but are not limited to, bi-weekly living stipend, \$100/month housing allowance, \$750 relocation reimbursement (if eligible), AmeriCorps health allowance, End of Service Segal Education Award (\$6,495) or cash stipend (\$1,800), student loan forbearance/deferment (if eligible), and more. The benefits are fully supported and provided by the AmeriCorps Program.

“The AmeriCorps VISTA program provides a great opportunity not only for our organization, but also for those interested in learning more about the healthcare industry,” Nichols adds. “These positions provide our team with the additional support needed to advance our programs and initiatives within the community.”

WAFCC VISTA members and associates help create access to quality health care for the uninsured and underserved populations in Wisconsin. They focus their efforts on building the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of safety net clinics. Projects may include reducing substance/opiate abuse, implementing Standards of Excellence, researching grants, and gathering data on social determinants of health.

Rock River Community Clinic is specifically seeking applicants to support the growth of their behavioral health referral services, and another that would be focused on advancing and improving clinic systems and procedures.

“Accessing behavioral health services is a critical need in the community and one we’re dedicated to supporting,” Nichols states. “This VISTA member would assist with deepening our referral process, the integration of behavioral health care opportunities, and the optimization of telehealth to increase patient access. Our systems and procedures position would focus their efforts and talents on improving our data dashboards, supporting quality improvement initiatives, and leading outreach efforts for clinic initiatives.

Full details of the program, including complete job description of the two Rock River Community Clinic positions available, can be viewed on the RRCC website at: <https://rockrivercommunityclinic.com/ameri-corps-vista-volunteers/>.

Interested applicants or individuals with questions can contact Nichols at RRCC directly at 262.472.6839 or director@rockrivercommunityclinic.org or Connor Doppler, WFACC Manager at 763.567.9572 or Connor.Doppler@wafcclinics.org. Applicants will be considered until November 1st.

Rock River Community Clinic (RRCC) provides comprehensive and cost-effective health care services to ensure all community members have access to the care they need. Serving families in Jefferson, Dodge, and parts of Walworth County, RRCC includes three medical clinics located in Whitewater, Watertown, and Jefferson, and one dental clinic located in Fort Atkinson. Referrals for behavioral health care services will be available in Whitewater and Watertown locations soon.

At RRCC, all community members are welcome and accepted, regardless of ability to pay, with discounted prices for patients who are uninsured or underinsured (high deductible plans). RRCC also provides care coordination services to help patients overcome barriers to accessing healthcare (e.g., transportation), and helps to coordinate referrals. Bilingual staff (Spanish & English) are available to support patients and their families. By increasing access to health care services, offering care at affordable costs, and assisting with healthcare navigation, RRCC works to create a healthier, more equitable, community. For clinic hours and directions, visit www.rockrivercommunityclinic.org

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