



**Serving in the Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps Field  
Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity**

### **Construction Services AmeriCorps, *Rock the Block*<sup>®</sup>**

**Reports To:** Director, Rock the Block<sup>®</sup>

**Position Type:** AmeriCorps State volunteer serving through Habitat for Humanity of Iowa; approximately twelve months of full-time service (1,700 hours minimum).

#### **Expected Schedule**

This position is full-time, 7:30-4:30PM Monday-Friday with work on some evenings required throughout the year. Holiday, sick leave, and vacation time do not count towards member minimum service hour requirements.

**Position Description:** The member will help Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (GDM Habitat) repair safe, decent affordable housing and transform neighborhoods. This includes helping Habitat staff welcome, orient and guide volunteers and Habitat partner families at Rock the Block<sup>®</sup> neighborhood revitalization sites, as well as assisting Habitat staff to prepare sites in all kinds of weather. Position duties may also include assisting with outreach to area residents and helping GDM Habitat's Construction team build or renovate homes.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Help load and maintain organization of tool trailers and/or site containers
- Assist GDM Habitat Rock the Block and Construction team members to ensure needed tools and materials are on-site
- Assist with neighborhood relations and/or outreach as assigned
- Organize tools and materials when returning to warehouse
- Assist in material pick-up, lot cleanup, home repairs or improvements, and home construction as assigned
- Help welcome volunteers to GDM Habitat sites and ensure that they have safe, productive volunteer days
- Assist with documenting home repairs, improvements and weatherization projects as assigned
- Lead small groups of volunteers in completing assigned home repair and neighborhood revitalization tasks as assigned.

## **Requirements**

- Willingness to coach and serve alongside Habitat staff and volunteers in all kinds of weather, indoors and out
- Able to hear in order to listen to questions and instructions onsite and during meetings
- Able to give detailed information through verbal communication
- Demonstrated ability to organize, prioritize and pay attention to detail
- Desire to serve with diverse team of staff, volunteers, partner families, and neighborhood residents
- Committed to GDM Habitat's mission, vision and values
- Adaptable and able to thrive in a home repair or construction environment
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds and serve on uneven surfaces of Habitat service sites
- Able and willing to regularly climb ladders and/or use scaffolding scaffolding for purposes of home repairs, home construction or other neighborhood revitalization activities
- Valid driver's license
- Previous construction or repair experience preferred, but not required

## **Benefits**

- Taxable AmeriCorps quarter-time living allowance: \$14,500.00 before taxes
- Education award: \$6,095.00 contingent upon successful completion of term and member eligibility
- Worker's compensation
- Student loan forbearance may be available

*This position is not expected to have regular, scheduled and anticipated recurring access to vulnerable populations through their service.*

*GDMHFH is an equal opportunity employer.*

*Member understands position placement is contingent on applicable National Service Criminal History Checks such as National Sex Offender Public Website, State of Service and State of Residence Criminal History Check, and FBI fingerprint check.*