Full-time Residential Volunteer Program Overview

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**OVERVIEW**

Training, housing and stipend of $196 per 2-weeks are provided. Volunteers may assist with education, livestock, maintenance, gardens, food service, gift shop and/or office work but all volunteers are a part of helping to provide experiential education that inspires, challenges, and engages people. Learning Center volunteers have a passion for Heifer's mission to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. They enjoy working with people of all ages from diverse backgrounds, are able to put in a good 40+ hour week, spend time outdoors in all types of weather and are willing to learn and help out however they can.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Time Commitment:**
Preference is given to volunteers who can commit to one of the following time commitments.
- End of January thru mid-August
- Mid-August thru mid-December

**Schedule:** 40-50 hours a week including some evenings, weekends and holidays depending on scheduled programming.

**Perks:**
- On-site, communal-style housing provided;
- Cost of Living Reimbursement Stipend of $196 per two-week stipend period;
- Access to Heifer vehicles for local transportation;
- Help to end hunger and poverty while living in community with other wonderful volunteers;
• Increase your knowledge and skills in education program facilitation, agriculture and development.

**Responsibilities:** Vary by positions listed below and detailed full position descriptions are available upon request at lcvol@heifer.org.

• **Global Education Volunteers** lead tours, education activities & programs with mostly youth participants; Assist with livestock chores and periodically in the Visitor Center.

• **Farmer Chef Volunteers** assist part-time with meal preparation for program participants and part-time with gardening; periodically lead education programs.

• **Farm Hand Volunteers** assist in all farm work associated with livestock, maintenance, construction, and janitorial; periodically lead education programs.

• **Garden Volunteers** (Heifer Farm) assist with all aspects of gardening & crop production; Assist facilitating large groups of garden workers; periodically lead education programs.

• **Guest Operations Volunteers** (Heifer Ranch) greet drop-in visitors, lead tours, answer phones, work in the gift shop, and assist with community outreach, light housekeeping and data entry. Training with livestock chores is also available.

**Basic Requirements:**

- Must be at least 18 years of age by starting date of volunteer service
- Must pass background check
- Must be fluent in English and possess excellent verbal communication skills
- Must meet the physical requirements which vary by position and duties
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively particularly with youth and groups
- Excellent customer service skills with a friendly, “can-do” attitude, people skills and patience
- Ability to perform as an effective team member and work cooperatively and positively with a diverse group (gender, age, religion, ethnicity, etc.) of guests and coworkers
- Possess a clear understanding of and appreciation for the mission of Heifer International
- Ability to follow procedures, expectations and policies, with or without direct supervision
- Willingness and ability to work outdoors during inclement weather (hot and cold)
- Demonstrated ability to complete assigned projects independently and to multi-task
- Willingness and ability to share housing (including room) with a diverse group of volunteers and participate in the household community including housekeeping chores.

**To Apply:** Email lcvol@heifer.org your resume, three professional references and a cover letter including your dates of availability for service.