



INTERNSHIP, WORK STUDY AND/OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Title: Summer Intern - Rochelle House

Vacations for Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Chicago Chapter seniors reveal the true essence of our organization: enabling lonely elders and people of good will to enjoy life together. For many of our Old Friends, this is the only time they leave the city. The LBFE Rochelle vacation home is a 15 room house set on 7 acres of land, two hours outside of Chicago, in Rochelle, IL. The site includes an expanded outdoor recreation patio. Volunteers, staff and interns help in every way, from sharing stories and getting to know each other to assisting with meals and driving. Although challenging, vacations are often the most rewarding intern experience at LBFE. This is a unique experience to discover the real needs of older adults. We welcome students with majors in nursing, premed, sociology, gerontology and psychology.

An intern will be one of the team helpers (volunteers, staff and others interns) who, together with the elderly, organize and go on vacation to the LBFE vacation home.

Supervisor Program Director

Specific Job Skills Required

- Sensitivity to the needs of the elderly people who are growing old alone.
- A personal value system which emphasize respect for the individual and a belief that friendship is essential in the lives of elderly people
- Effective human relations skills, especially the ability to listen attentively and to initiate conversation
- Strong interpersonal skills and friendly style
- Valid US or International driver's license
- Bilingual: Spanish / English is a plus

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Constant interaction with the elderly, i.e. initiating conversation, listening to and sharing stories and animating the group
- Preparation and / or assistance with various group activities, i.e. picnics, arts & crafts, parties, exercises, discussion groups, games, fishing, swimming, etc.
- Help with personal hygiene, like bathing and helping an elderly getting dressed
- Assistance with meal preparation, serving and cleanup
- Driving passenger van during outings

Benefits

- Excellent training and experience in the field of Aging
- Opportunities to meet and work with a diverse group of motivated and committed volunteers and staff and wonderful elderly people
- Room and board and a stipend of \$200.00 for a period of seven weeks commitment

Time Commitment

June, July, August

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Chicago Chapter will assist you in receiving college credit for your internship if applicable. (See your college advisor prior to applying.)

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