

AmeriCorps Opportunities with Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity

Community Outreach Coordinator - 2022-23

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Tentative start - Summer 2022 or open until filled

For one year, you can get paid to build sustainable solutions in a community, gain valuable hands on experience and prepare for your future. This **full-time AmeriCorps service position** offers a great opportunity to make a real impact in the lives of others while building your own knowledge and skillset.

[AmeriCorps National](#) members serve the community in direct service and capacity building activities.

What will you do?

The community outreach coordinator plays a critical role in strengthening relationships through planning, coordination and implementation of projects in partnership with the community. These relationships with community residents, local organizations, elected officials and stakeholders will help you identify areas where Habitat for Humanity's housing and community development solutions can intersect with identified needs and aspirations.

*Build relationships and partnerships with community residents, local organizations, elected officials and community stakeholders.

*Identify community improvement projects and implement them from planning through completion.

*Engage volunteers from local community to support local improvement projects.

*Coordinate and document the implementation of Habitat's housing and community development solution in partnership with the community.

This position will focus on home construction, home repair, homeowner services and volunteer services aspects of Habitat affiliate operations.

Where will you serve?

Evergreen, CO is a mountain town just 30-45 minutes from Denver and offers great outdoor activities in the beautiful front range of the Rocky Mountains. Hiking, ice skating, skiing, and snowboarding are all popular mountain activities, and there are

ample open space parks to explore. Red Rocks Amphitheater is a well-known concert venue. In the summer, our farmers' markets are a popular choice for locals to shop farm-fresh, locally grown food.

Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity serves several mountain communities west of Denver, Colorado including rural Clear Creek County, Park County, and mountain towns in Jefferson County. Blue Spruce Habitat began in 1990, when concerned residents identified a need for affordable housing in the area. We have built 46 homes to date and have acquired property to construct 8 townhomes and 5 single family residences over the next three years. In 2020 we started a home preservation program for local homeowners as there are many aging homes in our area which could benefit from minor repairs.

AmeriCorps members are welcomed and greatly appreciated at our small Habitat for Humanity organization. Our staff currently consists of six full-time and three part-time employees plus two AmeriCorps members. We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers, too. Our local ReStore is in Evergreen and is open four days per week, helping to support all that we do.

In addition to the standard benefits for Habitat AmeriCorps members, Blue Spruce Habitat is pleased to provide \$500 per month towards rent, paid directly to the landlord. We also provide a monthly cell phone reimbursement. Learn more about our organization and mission at www.bluesprucehabitat.org.

Benefits of AmeriCorps service

- *Living allowance \$17,000 for approximately 10 ½ months of service.
- *[Segal Education Award](#) of \$6,495, upon successful completion of service.
- *Health care benefits and enrollment in Employee Assistance Plan.
- *Personal and medical leave — approximately 10 days total.
- *Possible [forbearance](#) or deferment of qualified student loans.
- *[Child care](#) benefits, if you qualify.
- *Worker's compensation insurance.

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident at least 18 or older and have a high school diploma or GED.

Preferred Qualifications

- *Knowledge of, and willingness to promote, the mission and activities of Habitat for Humanity International and AmeriCorps.
- *Ability to work with a diverse group of people.
- *Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- *Strong research skills.

*Detail oriented and highly organized.

*Experience working with volunteers, teaching or group facilitation.

*Experience working as a member of a team.

*Knowledge of community development practices.

*Basic experience with Microsoft Office Suite, especially Word and Excel.

Location:

Evergreen, CO

State/Region:

Colorado

Job Type:

Volunteer Opportunity

Employment Type:

AmeriCorps

Travel:

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