



Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

Internship Announcement

Position: Sojourner for the Exodus Journey Program

Description: The Exodus Journey, one of the core programs of the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center (OAC), serves homeless guests (clients) by ministering to the whole person – body, mind, and spirit—focusing on the goals of addiction recovery, employment, and housing. Each guest has a sojourner who assists with identifying and overcoming obstacles to self-sufficiency. The sojourner walks with guests on their journeys from homelessness to self-sufficiency, assisting them to become housing ready, job ready and life ready, and providing the support necessary to accomplish their goals.

Duration: September 15, 2010 to May 15, 2011 (start/finish dates are flexible).

Hours: Workdays are flexible. The intern is expected to work at least one morning and one afternoon each week with additional hours as needed for a total of 400 hours during the internship.

Compensation: A stipend of \$2,500 plus reimbursement for FICA/medicare taxes.

Organization: Central Outreach and Advocacy Center, Inc.
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Mission: Compelled by faith in Jesus Christ and God’s call to “do justice,” the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center works in partnership with individuals and families to assist them to avoid or recover from homelessness and to advocate on their behalf.

Organization: The OAC seeks to be a passionate and well-respected voice in the community on behalf of the homeless and is committed to collaborating with area service providers to significantly reduce the risk and prevalence of homelessness in Atlanta. It was established as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997, as a means of continuing Central Presbyterian Church's history of service to people who are homeless or near homeless. Last year, over 10,000 men, women and children sought assistance from the OAC.

The OAC works to overcome barriers to employment, housing and health care for the homeless and near homeless in the greater Metro Atlanta area in two ways:

- (1) Outreach: serving guests one-on-one, addressing critical basic needs, and offering innovative, transformational services that empower them to become self-sufficient with a stable income and permanent, affordable housing; and
- (2) Advocacy: serving as a crucial voice for and with people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, challenging public policies and practices that contribute to or bolster homelessness in Atlanta.

Leadership: Board of Directors: 15 members. Staff: six full-time, two part-time.
Volunteers: Approximately 50 volunteers, interns and seminarians provided over 6,000 volunteer hours in 2009.

2010 Budget: \$420,358

Supervision: Kimberly Parker, Director of Outreach Services, is responsible for the supervision of interns serving in the OAC. She is a Master of Divinity graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and has been with the OAC since August 2004. Previously, she served as a Presbyterian Campus Minister, was a supply preacher and worked in Christian Education. In her work with the OAC, she has supervised theological students from Candler School of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center, and the Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Clinical Pastoral Education), as well as baccalaureate students from Georgia Southern University (social work) and Hendrix College (anthropology).

How To Apply: Send a letter of interest and resume to:

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or by email to: cbowen@cpcatlanta.org

Deadline: Letters and resumes should be received by September 1, 2010.

Questions: Chuck Bowen, Executive Director, (404) 601-3173, cbowen@cpcatlanta.org or
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