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### **Healthy Acadia Seeks AmeriCorps VISTAs to Help Combat Hunger**

In partnership with Hunger Free America, Healthy Acadia is seeking two, full-time AmeriCorps VISTA service members to combat hunger and poverty in Downeast Maine through the Anti-Hunger & Opportunity Corps (AHOC) project. These one-year, 40-hour per-week service positions begin June-July 2017 and are based out of Healthy Acadia's Ellsworth and/or Machias office(s).

The national Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps project (AHOC), an initiative of Hunger Free America since 2010, with support from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Walmart Foundation, is one of the largest anti-hunger AmeriCorps VISTA projects in the country. Its main focus is to fight hunger and improve nutrition, primarily by breaking down barriers to accessing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and expanding economic opportunity and ensuring healthy futures for all Americans, mostly through the SNAP Employment and Training program. Members also serve to increase the capacity of anti-hunger community organizations to help meet the needs of low-income community members, particularly to seniors, working families and non-English speaking populations. For a full position description, please visit: [https://healthyacadia.org/documents/VISTA\\_Position\\_Jun17.pdf](https://healthyacadia.org/documents/VISTA_Position_Jun17.pdf).

Program Benefits include a biweekly living allowance, health benefits, modest housing assistance and training support, relocation and childcare assistance (if applicable), optional life insurance, one year non-competitive status for federal government positions, Segal Education Award (\$5,815) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,500), the potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service, and a support network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums.

VISTA service positions are highly competitive and will be filled as suitable applicants are found. Please send resume, cover letter, and references in a single document to Katie Freedman: [katie@healthyacadia.org](mailto:katie@healthyacadia.org). Please indicate whether you are interested in serving in Hancock or Washington County, or both.

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