



D.C. Hunger Solutions

Ending hunger in the nation's capital

Volunteers Needed!!

In Washington D.C., a family of 3 with one full-time minimum wage worker struggles to get by on \$14,560 a year. Imagine trying to cover just the basic necessities for three people in D.C. on that amount. You can make a huge contribution to a family's well-being by helping them access the Earned Income Tax Credit and Food Stamps.

From late January to April, low-income individuals from across the District go to free tax preparation sites to get help filing their taxes. D.C. Hunger Solutions needs volunteers to conduct food stamp outreach in conjunction with these sites so that low-income families that are strapped for time and money can access multiple benefits in one stop.

A family of 3 with one minimum wage worker could receive an average of:

\$6,367 in Federal and District tax credits

+

\$3,504 in Food Stamps

**** totaling nearly \$10,000 dollars ****

Together, these benefits can provide a powerful boost to low-income working families. Help us make it happen. Flip the page to read about specific volunteer opportunities.

Skills Desired

- We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with people.
- No prior knowledge of food stamps is needed – FREE training will be provided!
- Access to a laptop would be helpful, as would Spanish ability

Commitment

Volunteers must commit to attend a 3 hour training session and do a minimum of 4 sessions of outreach. In addition, volunteers should be available to provide follow-up phone assistance to applicants.

There will be two trainings. The first will be offered on:

- Wednesday, January 23th, 5:30 – 8:30pm
- *Location:* D.C. Hunger Solutions, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 540 Washington, DC (walking distance from Dupont Circle metro).
- Refreshments will be served (Second training date TBD)

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help us promote the importance of food stamps to low-income families and pre-screen for program eligibility at community sites. Volunteers will also agree to provide telephone support to individuals to assist them in completing their food stamp applications.

We are asking that volunteers commit to attend a minimum of four outreach sessions.

- **Option 1:** Manning booths at “Super Saturday” fairs where clients can access a host of services, including credit counseling, food stamp information, and tax preparation. Volunteers are needed to explain food stamp basics to passers-by and pre-screen clients.

Volunteers are needed from 10am – 4pm on the following Saturdays:

Jan 26, Feb 16, March 1, March 15, March 29, and April 12

Location: Ophelia Egypt Health Center, 3937A Minnesota Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20019 (walking distance from Minnesota Avenue metro stop)

April 5th

Location: THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave, SE Washington, DC 20020
(walking distance from Southern Avenue metro stop)

- **Option 2:** Food stamp pre-screening at tax preparation sites. Volunteers are needed to explain food stamp basics, as well as use a pre-screening software tool to alert people that they are food stamp eligible and tell them approximately what their benefit level would be.

Volunteers are needed from January 29 – April 16

4:00pm – 9:00pm Tuesdays through Thursdays

9:30am – 4:30pm Saturdays

1:00pm – 4:00pm Sundays

Location: Martin Luther King Memorial Library, downtown at 901 G Street,
NW Washington, DC 20001 (walking distance from Gallery Place or Metro
Center stops)

To Sign Up

Please contact Srinidhi Vijaykumar at svijaykumar@frac.org. Please include your:

1. Name, Email Address, and Phone Number
2. Volunteer opportunity and date(s) (if specific) that you are interested in; volunteers can also sign-up for specific slots at the training session
3. How you heard about us