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| Service Position Title | Construction Crew Leader |
| Service Location | <p>Various locations in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, LA</p> <p>The Lower Ninth Ward is a neighborhood in New Orleans, about 4 miles downriver from the French Quarter. This historic neighborhood was the first in the city where African-Americans could own property and they began settling here in the late 1800's. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina rendered 100% of properties in this neighborhood uninhabitable. Today, the area has only 36% of the population as compared to prior to Hurricane Katrina. Many homes remain in blighted condition.</p> |
| Immediate Supervisor/Title | Charlotte, Volunteer Coordinator, charlotte@lowernine.org , 504-278-1240 (office), 978-505-9989 (mobile) |
| Service Position Summary | <p>About us:</p> <p>lowernine.org is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working towards the long-term recovery of New Orleans' historic Lower Ninth Ward from Hurricane Katrina and the levee breaches of 2005. Our main goal is to support residents in rebuilding their storm damaged properties, but we also assist the community in other ways, helping with blight mapping, and any other neighborhood recovery initiatives.</p> <p>Founded in 2007, lowernine.org has completed 87 full rebuilds and numerous smaller projects to help people remain in their homes. We have worked with over 9,000 volunteers from 32 different countries. A small, but hardworking organization, lowernine.org aims to bring home pre-Katrina residents of the Lower Ninth Ward who wish to return to their neighborhood.</p> <p>The ideal Corps member for this position will be well-organized, proactive and committed to New Orleans' recovery from damage suffered in the 2005 levee breaches following Hurricane Katrina. S/he should possess a basic knowledge of rebuild construction skills and a familiarity with tools and their functions (or a willingness to learn). S/he should possess strong leadership skills, be capable of leading groups of up to 50 volunteers, and be able to give instructions in a clear concise manner. Our most common rebuild projects are framing, installing insulation, installing sheetrock, tiling, painting, and siding.</p> <p>This position will take place primarily on work sites and include some support responsibilities. The majority of time will be spent leading and teaching volunteers in the field, and other construction-related responsibilities such as assuring adequate materials are available. In an average week, the AmeriCorps member may spend up to 8 hours in an office environment. During our busiest times (January, March, June) the work week will be entirely in the field instructing volunteers. The Americorps member will lead the development of a crew leader training program for lowernine.org. Construction knowledge is preferred. We will designate time to train the Corps member in all tasks they will be expected to teach.</p> |

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| | <p>Duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a Construction Crew Leader. • Lead groups of volunteers on worksites, instructing them in proper building methods and safety. • Teach volunteers the skills they need to complete their building tasks. • Complete work on worksites: tasks will include a wide variety of rebuilding and repair tasks ranging from roofing to flooring to drywall install/finishing to painting, etc. • Develop Crew Leader training program for lowernine.org • Support Project Manager in coordinating work schedules for each project and assure there is enough work for all incoming volunteers. • Assist skilled carpenter and other skilled consultants with site assessments, as needed. • Work with the Volunteer Coordinator and other crew leaders to assess how many volunteers can be handled on each site. • Assure that each site has the appropriate materials and tools. • Keep records of each project. • Attend weekly project meetings with Crew Leaders, Executive Director, and other relevant parties • Responsible for tool and materials maintenance. • Secure job site at day's end. <p>Goals:</p> <p>Support the work of rebuilding houses in the Lower Ninth Ward by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Crew Leader Training program for lowernine.org • Leading groups of up to 30 rebuild volunteers at a time on designated worksites. • Teaching volunteers the construction skills needed to rebuild. • Assuring building quality. • Leading volunteers on 20 different project sites throughout the year. <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive attitude, flexible nature; • Independence tempered by the ability to follow directions and abide by a workplan; • Ability to interact professionally with staff and associates; • Basic building/construction skills, preferred; • Strong organizational skills evidencing attention to detail • Ability to be a self-starter. <p>For more information about us, check out www.lowernine.org, on facebook.com/lowernine.org, or instagram @lowernineorg!</p> |
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| Commitment Required | Monday-Friday 7:45 am-4:00 pm. Occasional Saturday work days required (at most 1 per month). September 10-July 30. |
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