



40 Years Serving America

# AmeriCorps\*VISTA

Becoming an AmeriCorps\*VISTA is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. It's a chance to apply your skills and ideas toward helping others and meeting critical needs in your community.

AmeriCorps\*VISTA is open to U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents age 18 or older. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive either an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans, or a \$1,200 stipend. During their service, members receive a living allowance, as well as health care, childcare, training, relocation expenses, and liability insurance.

FIGHT POVERTY WITH PASSION

The goal of a VISTA member is to help alleviate poverty in America. VISTA members are assigned to nonprofit organizations and public agencies that fight illiteracy, improve health services, reduce unemployment, increase housing opportunities, and expand access to technology for those living in rural and urban areas of poverty across America. At McCauley Family Learning Center for LifeLong Learning, we address the community's needs through educational programs:

- ❑ **Project LIFT “Learning is Fun Together”** is a mentoring and tutoring program that builds strong academics in reading, writing, math and technology while strengthening study and organizational skills. Creative teaching methods are utilized to help students feel good about learning, because we believe that knowledge builds confidence and confidence builds self-esteem.
- ❑ **Creative Kidz Arts & Academic Summer Camp** provides arts/crafts, science projects, global awareness, character building activities and five hours of tutoring to sharpen academic skills. This program runs for ten weeks during the summer. Each week's themed activities are geared toward enhancing team work and youth leadership skills.

VISTA members generally do not provide direct services, such as tutoring children or answering phones. Instead, they focus their efforts on developing programs to meet a need, write grants, and recruit and train volunteers.

## WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are people like you who want to make a difference in their community and in their own lives. Although there are no monetary benefits, volunteering can be extremely rewarding in a number of ways especially when working with children. McCauley Family Learning Center needs volunteers. We need YOU!

If you are interested in becoming an AmeriCorps\*VISTA or a volunteer, please contact our office at 336.227.1118 or email us at [lifelonglearning@bellsouth.com](mailto:lifelonglearning@bellsouth.com).