

HARTFORD CITY MISSION SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2012

Hartford City Mission (HCM) is looking for young adults who have a passion to serve God, children, and youth in a marginalized neighborhood in Hartford, Connecticut for the summer of 2012. Summer interns will have the privilege of living and working in the north end of Hartford while also examining God's Word on issues such as poverty, racism, and social justice. Interns will work with Camp Noah and YoungLife (see job description below) but will also engage in evening activities that will encourage and challenge spiritual, personal, and community growth and an understanding of God's work among and concern for the marginalized of our society.

Job Description

During the summer of 2012 Hartford City Mission (HCM) intends to employ a few young adults to assist in the oversight and execution of its summer ministry initiatives. Responsibilities of the summer interns will include organizing and leading HCM's **Camp Noah**. Camp Noah is a half-day summer camp for neighborhood children who will have completed 1st - 5th grades. The camp will run approximately seven weeks from the end of the school year (mid-June) until the first week of August. Summer interns will assist HCM's Children's Director in programming for the camp and, more importantly, develop critical discipling relationships with children and their family members. Camp activities led by the interns include songs, interactive Bible lessons, skits, games, crafts, and field trips.

Summer interns will also work alongside of and assist in the supervision of *Street Leaders*, high school workers from HCM's **YoungLife** program employed by HCM to help with Camp Noah. Interns will volunteer with YoungLife weekly throughout the summer and develop relationships with urban teens.

Daily direction will be provided by HCM's Summer Internship Director/Children's Director. Interns will live in housing provided by HCM and will be able to participate in regular activities such as Bible study and community dinners. Interns will also be mentored and will develop relationships with the extended Community of the Vine (HCM ministry house).

DATES:

The HCM Summer Internship will begin on Wednesday, May 30th and finish on Sunday, August 5th.

HOUSING:

HCM will secure furnished housing for interns in the northend of Hartford during the internship period. Typically, the interns live in community with one another. The first week of the program may consist of an orientation trip outside of Hartford.

COMPENSATION:

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD: WEDNESDAY 5/30/2012 THROUGH SUNDAY, 8/5/2012, 10 WEEKS, 50 WORK DAYS (No work or pay for the July 4 holiday.)

As a summer college intern you will be paid approximately \$2,050* for working approximately 40 hours per week for 10 weeks. You will cover your own food, travel, and other incidental living expenses. Upon accepting this summer position, each intern must commit to raising at least \$1,200 in support to assist in financing HCM's payroll expenses associated with your internship. Any additional funds you raise will be used by HCM to further diffuse internship-related expenses. \$600 of support must be received by Wednesday, May 30th, and the remaining \$600 must be received by Friday, August 3rd. Help with the fundraising process will be provided upon your request. We believe in God's provision for you even if you aren't sure how it might happen.

* Your pay will be approximately \$2,050 after HCM housing/expense deductions are withheld but before regular payroll taxes are withheld. These housing/expense deductions are a total of \$100/week from your actual gross pay for the rent of your room and other internship program expenses.

CRITERIA FOR HCM INTERNS:

- You must be a Christian;
- You must be presently an active member of *or* regularly attending a Christian church;
- You must be willing to live in the city of Hartford during the internship period;
- Due to safety concerns associated with working independently in urban neighborhoods, you must be: at least 20 now *or* turning 20 during 2012 *or* a junior in college in the fall of 2012;
- You must have a passion for working with kids in an inner city environment;
- You must be highly self-motivated, organized, flexible, and able to work independently.

About Hartford, Connecticut: *While it is the capital city of the second wealthiest state in the country, Hartford is one of the five poorest cities in the United States, with nearly 1/3 of the city's residents living below the poverty line. In the city's northend, home for Hartford City Mission's ministries, the portion of residents in poverty jumps to more than 40%.*

Once a neighborhood predominantly populated by Jewish families, Hartford's northend is now approximately 80% African American, with the remaining residents of Latino or West Indian and Caribbean descent. Only about 50% of adults in the northend have completed high school and only 5% have graduated from college.

Hartford has a rich history as one of the oldest cities in the US, and is nicknamed the 'Insurance Capital of the World'. Following the Civil War, Hartford was the wealthiest city in the country. The City boasts the oldest public art museum in the US, the oldest public park, and the oldest continuously-published newspaper.

More information about **Hartford City Mission** can be found at www.HartfordCityMission.org