Dutchess County Tenant Canvasser (Part Time)

Community Voices Heard

Community Voices Heard (CVH) is a member-led, multi-racial organization principally comprised of women of color and low-income families in New York State. CVH tackles tough issues and builds power to secure racial, social and economic justice for all New Yorkers. Through grassroots organizing, leadership development, policy changes, and creating new models of direct democracy CVH is creating a truly equitable New York State.

We seek a society in which all people are able to work with dignity, have access to a sustainable quality of life, and can obtain unconditional support in their time of need. We seek a society in which governmental structures are transparent and based on community needs. We seek a society in which policies address the needs of all people and strengthen our communities. We believe in a society where “experts” do not have all the answers but rather a society in which the people most directly affected are the ones making the decisions.

For more information please check out our web page at: www.cvhaction.org.

BACKGROUND ON POSITION:

Community Voices Heard is seeking a part time (20 hours / week) canvasser to build power with people at risk or experiencing eviction in Dutchess County, based out of the Poughkeepsie office.

Successful applicants will have experience engaging in the relational organizing model.

The Tenant Canvasser will be responsible for:

- Door Knocking, canvassing, phone banking to meet low-income renters impacted by eviction - tenants rights in zip codes most directly impacted by the housing crisis.
- Identifying people impacted by the eviction crisis and invite them to Community Voices Heard meetings and events.
- Identifying renters who are at risk of eviction and refer them to the legal support necessary through legal partners.
- Working with legal partners to coordinate know your rights training and other information sessions.
- Identify renters to engage in ongoing CVH tenant work.
Candidates will be particularly appealing to us if they also have:

- Experience creating and conducting leadership development activities
- Bi-lingual (English/Spanish)
- Ability to work independently and at times a fast-paced environment
- Demonstrated experience and ability to work/organize across racial and cultural lines.
- Experience working in a grassroots membership organization or other type of social justice organization
- Demonstrated commitment to building long-term power for low-income people of color, their families, and their communities.

**COMPENSATION:**
$25/hour.

**HOW TO APPLY & TIMELINE:**
Please email a resume, names of two references, and a cover letter detailing your interest in this position and the organization to: jobs@cvhaction.org with “Dutchess County Tenant Canvasser” in the subject line. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, CVH strongly encourages people of color, women, and LGBTQ individuals to apply. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.