Community Canvasser (part-time, temporary position)

Rise St. James is a faith-based grassroots organization that is fighting for environmental justice as it works to defeat the proliferation of petrochemical industries in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

About the Community Canvasser

The Community Canvassers will be responsible for a range of activities designed to help grow the support and membership base of Rise St. James. The priority constituency are residents of St. James Parish, as well as nearby communities, though the Community Canvasser may also be engaging with Louisiana residents in other parts of the state. The Community Canvassers will be supervised by the Chief Operating Officer of Rise St. James.

Responsibilities include:

- **Going door-to-door** in targeted neighborhoods to have conversations with people, explain Rise’s work and educate people, collect signatures and testimony related to Rise’s campaigns, invite people to participate in the work and attend events, and identify potential new volunteers/grassroots leaders.

- **Making phone calls and sending text messages** to people from targeted lists to have conversations, collect signatures and testimony related to Rise’s campaigns, invite people to participate in the work and attend events, and identify potential new volunteers/grassroots leaders.

- **Attending community events and going to organizations** to have conversations with people, explain Rise’s work and educate people, collect signatures and testimony related to Rise’s campaigns, invite people to participate in the work and attend events, and identify potential new volunteers/grassroots leaders.

- **Tracking** accurately daily work and progress.
The ideal candidate will be a strong verbal communicator, great listener, and able to engage strangers in conversation. Canvassing inevitably involves many people NOT wanting to engage in conversation, so strong candidates are people who can move past that regular challenge as a natural part of the work.

About you…

- **Strong verbal communication skills** – speaking and listening – particularly with strangers.
- **Driven to learn and take feedback** about how to improve.
- **Able to work within the local political environment**, where there can be conflict and the need to change tactics quickly when the situation changes.
- **Self-starter**, comfortable in an entrepreneurial, fast-paced environment
- **Works with diplomacy** and tact at all times.
- **Proficient with the technical requirements of the position**, like operating an iPad/tablet and online platforms like the Google suite, and able to learn quickly new applications the organization may use related to canvassing.

**Location:** This is a part-time, temporary position, based in St. James, Louisiana, with possible work elsewhere in the state.

**Compensation:** $25/hour, for 10 hours/week, through September 2023. Work-related car travel, excluding any commute to/from the town of St. James, will be reimbursed at $.655/mile.

**Requirements:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Must have a cleared driving record
- Must have Auto Insurance Coverage

Rise St. James is committed to building a workforce composed of individuals with diverse backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Rise St. James’ Fiscal Sponsor, Earth Island Institute is an equal opportunity employer and seeks to reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. Earth Island does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants because of race, color, religion, religious creed, sex (including pregnancy, breastfeeding, childbirth, or related medical conditions), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or any other basis protected by state or federal laws, local law, or ordinance.

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