

## AmeriCorps Economic Opportunity Corps serving at Gerard Place



### **Program Case Aide**

Full-Time (40 hours/week)

Through placement at essential Western NY nonprofit organizations, the AmeriCorps Economic Opportunity Corps (EOC) members serve to improve community members' financial resiliency, stability, and wellness. As WNY begins its economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, services in areas such as housing security and affordability, legal services, access to supportive services and benefits, education and job readiness/training services, health equity, and food security, will provide vital aid in helping our region build back better. Members join EOC from all backgrounds, and the most important characteristic of a member is the passion for assisting others in working towards the main AmeriCorps mission of eliminating poverty. In service with EOC, members will make a lifelong impact in peoples' lives for decades and generations to come.

EOC members enhance the services of local non-profit organizations by providing comprehensive financial literacy and economic empowerment services through activities such as budgeting, goal setting, job readiness, financial coaching, workshops, and linkages to other community services. Members may also assist in managing and recruiting volunteers, creating or restructuring existing programming, and conducting community outreach. EOC members provide direct and demonstrable services to economically disadvantaged adults, youth, and families. Previous financial or education experience is not necessary to apply. Training will be provided.

**Gerard Place provides housing and supportive services for low-income individuals and families on the East Side of Buffalo. Gerard Place's Preventive Services Program assists individuals and families in Erie County avoid homelessness due to evictions or unsafe/unhealthy housing conditions. As the Preventive Services Program Case Aide, the EOC member will assist with all aspects of the program as well as other community support programming in respect to financial literacy and economic empowerment. This will include a basic needs assessment, financial education, budgeting, applications for other assistance programs, job readiness training/coaching, and ongoing support and case management. The member will also integrate themselves into the other programs as Gerard Place as a source of support in financial literacy topics, such as leading small group lessons or meeting individually with clients in other GP programs.**

For more information about the program, or to apply, visit:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=105611> or contact Jacob Matteson, Director of EOC Operations at The Service Collaborative of WNY at (716)418-8500 x145 or [jmatteson@tscwny.org](mailto:jmatteson@tscwny.org).

Benefits include (\*based on eligibility and location):

- \$16,000 Living Stipend (paid biweekly)
- \$6,345 Education Award (upon completion of term of service)
- Health Insurance
- Childcare Assistance
- Loan Forbearance
- Professional and Personal Development