

INTERNSHIP POSITION INFORMATION

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| Internship Position Title: | Community Facilitator Region 1 |
| Country: | Bolivia |
| City: | Yapacani (Bolivia) & Bedford (Nova Scotia) |
| Sector: | Securing the future for children and youth Stimulating sustainable economic growth |
| Position Description: | <p>Project Description: The Salesian Society in Yapacani manages Chalice’s Sponsor Site in Yapacani, Bolivia. The Site has approximately 790 sponsored children who are dispersed in 18 rural communities who have access only to a few grades of primary school. Some older children are housed in a Site-run dormitory in the town of Yapacaní, where they are able to finish their secondary education and learn technical trades. Families of sponsored children receive food bags, as well as health and hygiene implements and school supplies. Also, families have access to workshops on health and handicrafts. In order to promote environmental sustainability, some families also receive seedlings to plant. In addition, Yapacaní Sponsor Site also works with seniors who live in impoverished conditions.</p> <p>Position Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Small Community Groups in getting started and organizing themselves (selection of executive, establishment of group rules, objectives. etc.). • Assist the Yapacani Sponsor Site team in the formation of Small Community Groups. • Provide financial literacy training to mothers, children and adolescents. • Liaise with local financial institutions to “set the groundwork” for working with families from the Yapacani Sponsor Site. • Organize seminars and workshops for children, adolescents and their families about opening a saving account at a financial institution. • Provide training, outreach and support to partners in Bolivia on the formation of Small Community Groups and on issues related to Financial Literacy. • Educate families in order to promote household savings as a human right. • Participate in other activities as necessary, such as workshops, after school support programmes, nutrition programmes, etc, which are organized by the Sponsor Site for all the families who they serve. • Writing and/or translation of Spanish-English-Spanish documents related to the tasks covered in this job description. • Conduct public engagement activities to share experiences related to international development. <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained/educated in the field(s) of International Development • Experience working with children and families • Experience in workshop, program and activity development, facilitation and evaluation • Knowledge and/or experience in micro-finance and savings • Demonstrated interest in equality and development • Team player • Fluency in English and Spanish • Preferably experienced living or working with Latin American communities |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cultural experience & sensitivity • Demonstrated interest and/or experience in public engagement <p>APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59PM AST June 5th, 2016</p> |
| Start Date of Internship: | Mid to Late August 2016 |
| End Date of Internship: | March 31st, 2017 |
| Host Organization: | Salesian Society – Yapacani Sponsor Site - Bolivia Chalice - Canada |
| Host Organization Details: | <p>The Salesian Society in Yapacani is the Social Work arm of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB) in Bolivia. The Salesians have been in Bolivia since 1963 and they have been operating and addressing social issues in Yapacani since 1974.</p> <p>The Yapacani Sponsor Site focuses on supporting and cultivating values such as solidarity through acceptance, justice and defense of the human person, equality, tolerance, responsibility, honesty, and charity. These values are promoted while working on the development of children through comprehensive training and encouraging them to achieve a dignified life in the society they live in.</p> <p>The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation’s member and Canadian partner organization for the internship is Chalice. Chalice is a Catholic charity that primarily supports community initiatives in developing countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need. Chalice began their mission in 1996 as Christian Child Care International, an independent Canadian sponsorship organization. The name changed to Chalice in January 2008. Chalice has 57 Sponsor Sites in 15 countries around the world. Children are sponsored in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Ukraine and Zambia.</p> <p>Chalice has been working with the Salesian Society in Yapacani since 2008 with the creation of a Chalice Sponsored Child. The sponsorship program supports the overall mission and activities of the Salesian Society, while also helping provide for some of the basic needs of sponsored families. The Site will be strengthening the work they do with groups of families over the next few years, while implementing a Direct Family Funding model with the same groups. Therefore, there is the need for a Community Facilitator who will help the Site develop this new initiative.</p> |