

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description Information Sheet
Summer 2010**

Organization Name: Clarkston Health Collaborative (community coalition)

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Organization's Mission Statement:

The mission of the Clarkston Health Collaborative is to establish a platform for community engagement in order to facilitate meaningful dialogue among diverse individuals and groups so that they may effectively pursue their common interests through individual and collective talents to create the conditions wherein people can be healthy.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

The Clarkston Health Collaborative (CHC) is a community-based entity comprised of private residents, business owners, agencies serving Clarkston, healthcare providers, and representatives from the local government, including the Clarkston City Hall and DeKalb Board of Health, and broad-based entities such as the Atlanta Regional Commission. The CHC catalyzes communication and promotes joint work throughout the Clarkston community. It was formed in

1994 in an effort to break down barriers to communications that prevent the community from reaching its full potential. The health collaborative seeks to address community-identified issues and prepare specific action plans or initiatives to help address those issues. Through the Collaborative, the people of Clarkston and the agencies, businesses, and faith groups working with them are creating new associations and attempting to change systems and institutions to support the development of a healthy community.

The CHC has been in existence for over 15 years. With the initial leadership of the DeKalb County Board of Health and the Mayor of Clarkston, the group was formed to guide a demonstration of community development that would lead to improved health and well being of the residents of the Clarkston area. Clarkston was originally approached because of its rich diversity in age groups, ethnic and racial groups, faith institutions, housing, and opportunities for health status improvement. It is believed that Clarkston is a microcosm of what the Atlanta region, as a whole, will experience in the new millennium.

The collaborative has adopted the World Health Organization's definition of *health* as "a dynamic state of complete physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" (WHO, 1998).

Intern's title: SLS Intern, Collaborative Intern, or Intern Facilitator

Internship project/job description:

Toward maximizing the use of current recreational assets in Clarkston, there needs to be an assessment of those assets and gaps. Therefore, a thorough mapping of existing community recreational assets needs to be completed. In the past, the CHC has worked with interns to produce both a business and a health assets map that not only identified these entities in Clarkston, but were developed to increase utilization and to stimulate the local economy. A similar set of end goals would be associated with assessing recreational assets.

As a complementary strategy, interns will leverage the coalition's relationship with the DeKalb County Board of Health and its Strategic Alliance for Health (SAH) initiative that specifically looks at ways of establishing policy, systems and environmental changes to improve physical activity, nutrition, and prevent tobacco use in Clarkston.

Specific roles include:

- mapping community assets and assisting with implementation of an active living plan
- designing and/or administering surveys (qualitative)
- conducting focus groups

- researching best practices, analyzing current policies (or lack thereof, other barriers, etc.)

Qualifications: (or Skills needed)

- mapping community assets/assisting with project plan implementation
- designing and/or administering a survey (qualitative)
- conducting focus groups
- researching best practices, analyzing policy
- basic public presentation skills

Other requirements for position (security check, drug screen, immunizations)

The only requirement is flexibility to be able to meet with coalition sub-committees between standard, monthly coalition meetings.

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

Not necessarily, however, reliable transportation is a plus.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes.