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Organization’s Mission Statement: To provide health disparities education and advocacy, build collaborative partnerships and develop best practice models with low-resourced communities and those who work with them to advance equity in health and well-being.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
The person selected for this position will assist with UHI programs that address food insecurity in metro Atlanta, including the Read-to-Me program which combines food access and literacy in children, and development of a new program on therapeutic gardening. The intern will also contribute to other UHI programs that address various health disparities as needed.

Intern’s title: Program Coordinator

Number of interns requested: 1

Internship project/job description (please include a virtual/socially distanced option if possible):
The Read-to-Me program addresses a combination of two “social determinants of health,” food access and literacy. In the Read-to-Me program, a selected children’s book is read to children age K-5th grade at an after-school daycare center located in a low-resource, food desert community in NW Atlanta. The book is selected based on having subject matter that pertains to gardening, food production, or nutrition. The reading activity is followed by a hands-on activity in a garden located at the Daycare Center, and the children are given books to keep after each session, in order to develop their own “library” of books at home. We are currently conducting this activity on-site with strict social distancing (program is run successively with small groups of kids) and with mask-wearing required. We are looking to expand the program virtually to other locations in metro Atlanta.

The intern will assist with the program by contacting book publishers (or retailers, etc.) for book donations for the program, seeking grant funding for program, videotaping the programs so that they can be posted on UHI website, and helping to plan and lead activities to go along with the book readings.

The Intern will have the opportunity to learn about other Social Determinants of Health through our health careers collaborative and other educational programs.
The student will also be working with other UHI programs/projects as needed and per their special interests.

**Qualifications:**

*Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)?*

**YES**

*If yes, please note them here:*
Undergo the onboarding process with UHI (completing CITI certification, review of the UHI Safety Manual, etc.).

*Will the internship require that the student have a car?*
It is desirable.

*Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?*
The current site is not easily accessible by public transit but student could possibly use a ride-share service (i.e., Uber) to get to the site. Other potential sites have not been identified yet, but would be within metro Atlanta. The Read-to-Me program meets twice each month at the current site, but if we expand the number of sites, that number could increase. The majority of the work will be remote.