

Meet the Rhode Island Free Clinic VISTAs! (2019-2020)



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1. What is your role at the Clinic?
 - a. In my role as the Event, Marketing & Donor Relations VISTA, I'm responsible for: tracking all individual and corporate donations that the Free Clinic receives each day, roughly \$30,000 per month; tracking membership in the Clinic's philanthropic society, the Founders' Society; organizing and running the Clinic's philanthropic gala, which raises roughly \$200,000 each year; organizing partnerships with restaurants in the Providence area to provide food for our volunteers; creating promotional material for the Clinic; and running the Clinic's online presence, including launching a new website and maintaining the social media accounts for the Clinic.
2. How has the Clinic influenced your next step?
 - a. My next step after my VISTA service year will be to seek a job in non-profit management, donor relations, or communications in the Providence area. Being at the Clinic has given me an entry point into the work of non-profit management, and I have found this work to be deeply satisfying and rewarding. The Clinic has prepared me by giving me the opportunity to build my resume and begin to build a professional network.
3. What is the most rewarding part of your job?
 - a. The most rewarding part of my job is how involved I am in the day-to-day affairs of the Clinic's administration. I feel connected to and at least partly responsible for the Clinic's successes and failures. The opportunity and trust I have here at the Clinic to start and run major initiatives based on my own ideas cannot be matched at any other entry-level position. Having that level of trust is deeply rewarding.