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GRANTS & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AMERICORPS VISTA



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Why did you choose to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA?

Graduating in the midst of COVID-19, I was looking for opportunities where I could put my skills to good use to help those most affected by this pandemic. I also have always been interested in nonprofit work, so I knew AmeriCorps would be a great stepping stone to start my career in the field. The Grants & Program Development position at the Clinic was everything that I was looking for, where I could learn crucial grant writing skills and have the opportunity to see small nonprofit operations from every angle, and where I could be on the forefront of service during the pandemic.

Where is your favorite place to go in Providence?

My favorite weekend activity during nice weather is to pick up a coffee at Dave's on South Main Street, then drive a few blocks to Prospect Terrace to read a book. It's a beautiful little park situated within a historic area of town, and it offers a great view of the Providence skyline. It's a nice, peaceful green space to spend some hours enjoying the sun alone or to have a picnic with your friends.

What advice do you have for future AmeriCorps VISTAs?

Make time to appreciate the work done by your coworkers at the Clinic. Become comfortable with your position, then see what everyone else can teach you. The Clinic is a unique environment that gives you plenty of opportunities for professional exploration and development; use the chances given to you!