2014-2015 Commonwealth Corps Host Site Partners

A few Commonwealth Corps positions are still open. If you are interested in an opening, contact the relevant host site ASAP to apply. General program information is available here.

For a general position description that summarizes the responsibilities, requirements, and benefits across all positions, click here. A summary of each agency’s positions is below.

**Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell** (Education; Lowell; full-time)
The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell is to “inspire and enable young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens through a dedicated staff and innovative programs, provided in a safe environment.” The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell will host two full-time Commonwealth Corps members in Education who will serve as a Power Hour Coordinator, for homework help and educational enrichment, and a Project Learn Coordinator, to incorporate high-yield science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities into all Club program areas. Through their service, members will expand our academic support programs for low-income youth ages 7-18, especially in STEM; improve school engagement by youth; and increase parents/guardians/caregivers’ engagement in student learning. In addition, they will leverage at least 20 volunteers that will be engaged in providing literacy and mathematics tutoring assistance for younger youth and subject area tutoring for teens in higher mathematics and the sciences.

- Full position description available here.
- To apply, submit your resume and cover letter to: Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Attn: Human Resources, opportunities@lbgc.org; 657 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01851-1410; or (fax) 978-453-9740.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County** (Education; Everett; full-time)
The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County (BGCMC) is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as caring, productive and responsible citizens. In collaboration with For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO), a multi-city after school program serving children and youth 5 to 14 years of age, BGCMC will host two full-time Corps Members to create an out-of-school time (OST) programming pipeline in the city of Everett, directly impacting approximately 80 youth and 120 parents, and indirectly impacting future middle school OST programming throughout the city. Through their service, members will focus on education and capacity building through increasing engagement in afterschool programs from elementary through high school graduation, with a specific focus on creating infrastructure and support for middle school age youth participation, by leveraging an anticipated 40 volunteers that will help bring this project to fruition.

- Full position description available here.
- To apply, email your resume and cover letter (must be attachments) to Ms. Jessica Jacob and Ms. Meghan Silk at everett.resumes@gmail.com.

**City of Cambridge-Agenda for Children OST Initiative** (Education; Cambridge; full-time)
The mission of the Cambridge Agenda for Children’s Middle School Network is to support students’ awareness about and connections to out-of-school time (OST) opportunities, which play an important role in fostering the present and future success of middle school youth. In their service as Middle School Network Liaisons, Commonwealth Corps members will help ensure that all Cambridge Public Schools Upper School students have equitable access to OST opportunities.
The Agenda for Children will host 2 full-time members who will play a critical role in reaching out to youth, families, and educators about OST opportunities and benefits, impacting over 1,300 individuals. Through their service, outreach, partnerships, and development of OST awareness materials and programming, more middle school students will participate in OST opportunities, more families and educators will understand the value and accessibility of OST, and students and adults will experience increased connectedness between school and OST. In addition, Middle School Network Liaisons will leverage 32 Youth Leadership Team participants to advance awareness efforts within their own schools and across the city.

For more information, visit https://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforfamilies/agendaforchildren.aspx.

- Full position description available here.
- To apply, submit cover letter and resume to Daniel Michaud Weinstock: dweinstock@cpsd.us.

**Camp Fire USA Eastern Massachusetts Council** (Youth Development; Weymouth; half-time)
The mission of Camp Fire USA is to foster caring confident youth and future leaders. Camp Fire USA Eastern Massachusetts Council will host three half-time Commonwealth Corps members who will serve as Community Service Coordinators, running Kids in Action community service clubs and enrichment programming based in Weymouth, MA. Through their service, members will engage school age youth in community service learning, build relationships with local schools and organizations, and help Weymouth High School develop a handbook for student service, while impacting 2,200 local youth. In addition, they will help manage 40 youth volunteers that will be engaged in projects through the Kids in Action club program and other volunteer projects.

- Full position description available here.
- To apply, submit cover letter and resume ASAP to Amy May amay@campfireema.org.

**Lutheran Social Services** (Economic Opp./Workforce Development; West Springfield; full-time)
Lutheran Social Services is called to strengthen communities by empowering people to respond to life challenges. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will host two (2) full-time Commonwealth Corps members in Services for New Americans who will serve as Employment & Education Specialists to strengthen job training and employment services for refugees in Worcester and West Springfield. Through their service, members will assist 850 refugees to become employed and self-sufficient as well as improve quality of service delivery and improve outcomes for refugee clients in terms of employment and self-sufficiency. In addition, they will leverage 235 volunteers who will engage in tutoring and assist refugees in becoming employable.

- Full position description available here.
- To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to Lisa Brennan at lbrennan@lssne.org.

**More Than Words** (Economic Opp./Workforce Development; Waltham; full-time)
More Than Words (MTW) empowers youth who are in foster care, court-involved, homeless, or out of school, to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. More Than Words will host 2 full-time Commonwealth Corps members who will serve as Volunteer Coordinators; one primarily in Boston, and one primarily in Waltham. Through their service, members will help MTW build an engaged community of volunteers- supporting 250 youth to manage their online and retail bookselling business and achieve outcomes in education, employment and self-efficacy through conducting mock interviews and education coaching. In addition they will leverage 490 volunteers who will strengthen the business and increase overall support including in-kind, book, and financial donations as well as the development of long-term advocates for the organization.
Full position description available [here](#).
To apply send a resume and cover letter ASAP to: [volunteermember@MTWyouth.org](mailto:volunteermember@MTWyouth.org) to the attention of Betsy Sylvia, Director of Administration.

**Raising A Reader MA Commonwealth Corps Final Executive Summary** (Education; Brockton, Springfield, Greater Boston, or Merrimack Valley; full-time)
The mission of Raising A Reader MA is to improve school readiness for young children living in vulnerable communities. Raising A Reader MA will host four full-time Commonwealth Corps members who will serve as Outreach Coordinators in Brockton, Springfield, Greater Boston, or Merrimack Valley and will perform outreach in four areas: volunteers, community, partners, and parents. Through their service, members will help engage our partners and the broader community as advocates for early literacy as well as recruit parents to attend educational workshops. In addition, they will leverage at least thirty volunteers that will be engaged in parent outreach and education.

- Full position description available [here](#).
- To apply, please email resume and cover letter to Sara Pollock DeMedeiros at [sara@raisingareaderma.org](mailto:sara@raisingareaderma.org). Please include “Commonwealth Corps Application” in your subject line and indicate preferred community.

**School on Wheels of Massachusetts** (Education; Brockton/Stoughton; half-time)
The mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts (SOWMA) is to educate children impacted by homelessness by providing academic support and one-on-one mentoring so children can reach their full potential. SOWMA will host three part-time Commonwealth Corps members who will serve as Academic Coaches by assessing and customizing activities for students in Brockton, MA and Stoughton, MA. Through their service, members will develop, implement, evaluate, and document a new student assessment system for our tutoring program. In addition, they will leverage 200 volunteers that will be engaged in tutoring students impacted by homelessness.

- Full position description available [here](#).
- To apply, submit a cover letter and resume ASAP to Jennifer Gold at Jenn@sowma.org.

**Veritas Preparatory Charter School** (Education; Springfield; full-time)
The mission of Veritas Preparatory Charter School (Veritas Prep) is to prepare students in grades five through eight to compete, achieve, and succeed in high school, college, and beyond. Veritas Prep will host two full-time Commonwealth Corps members to help support and develop our Family Outreach program for students in our Springfield, MA charter public school that serves over 240 students. Through their service, members will engage Veritas Prep families in their child’s learning, character education, and build capacity in families to support our scholars on their path to and through college. In addition, they will leverage parents, guardians, and family members as volunteers to create educational opportunities for all Veritas Prep parents to learn more about high schools, resources and supports available through high school, and college document preparation and financial assistance.

- Full position description available [here](#).
- Apply online ASAP to [www.veritasprepcharterschool.org](http://www.veritasprepcharterschool.org) and click on Join Our Team.

*Our other 2014-2015 Host Site Partners have already filled their Commonwealth Corps positions for next year, but information is available about the entire program [here](#).*