Emerging Initiatives and Volunteer Coordinator

JUSTIFIED ANGER

Mobilizing Madison for Change

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Employment Opportunity:

Emerging Initiatives and Volunteer Coordinator, Justified Anger

The Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development is hiring an Emerging Initiatives and Volunteer Coordinator to support its transformative Justified Anger initiative. The position will be based at Nehemiah’s office in South Madison.

This individual will provide strategies, planning, facilitation, and development services to the Justified Anger Leadership Team.

This is a great opportunity for a creative, energetic individual with strong project management skills to catalyze resident participation in developing grassroots leadership aimed at reducing racial disparities.

Please review the information that follows, and click here to apply.

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ABOUT THE NEHEMIAH CENTER FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development is the leading organization working to transform the face of leadership in Madison, with an emphasis on empowering the African American family, especially the African American male.

Nehemiah currently develops youth and adult leaders through six areas of programming:

- Youth Leadership
- Healthy Neighborhoods
- Justice & Reconciliation
- Economic Empowerment
- Arts and Culture
- Emerging Leaders

More information about Nehemiah: http://nehemiah.org/about/about-nehemiah
NEHEMIAH’S HISTORY

Nehemiah was created in the mid 1990s in response to the unmet social, academic and spiritual needs of at-risk and disenfranchised African American and biracial children in the greater Madison community. For nearly twenty years, Nehemiah has focused on empowering children, youth and families that are economically disadvantaged and socially at-risk. We have done this primarily through culturally relevant educational and social service support programs.

Nehemiah’s staff members have worked to affirm its clients and treat them like partners in their own plans of care. These services have ranged from after-school learning programs for younger children to rites of passage and youth employment programs for teens, to therapeutic mentoring services for children who were diagnosed as severely emotionally disturbed, to family counseling programs for parents who are stressed, overwhelmed and in need of advocacy.

Nehemiah has successfully served and empowered thousands of participants over the past two decades. Many of its alumni have earned high school diplomas, gained college degrees, lived drug-free lives, developed healthier families and have found meaningful employment.

Awards or other distinctions:

- 2005 Wisconsin Supplier Development Council Award of Excellence
- 2002 AFP Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award
- 1995 Madison Community Foundation's Community Asset Builder Award
- 1994 MLK, Jr. Award (City of Madison Humanitarian Award

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Nehemiah’s Core Values

Vision:

Engaging the greater Madison community to empower indigenous African American individuals, families, and communities to bring about hope, transformation, and justice.

Values:

- Connecting with people through meaningful relationships
- Rebuilding the cultural and spiritual identity of those we serve
- Respecting the inherent worth and value of each person
- Serving with cultural awareness and competency
- Honoring the wisdom and leadership within the community

Distinctives:

Nehemiah is an organization:

- That is faith-based- recognizing the inherent God-given worth and talent in each person
- That develops leaders- seeing and shaping the potential in those not often seen as leaders
- With a unique staff and approach to community development – using the expertise of culturally competent staff who have walked in the shoes of those we serve
- That serves all people but focuses on strengthening the black man and family – empowering them to become those who contribute to the health and betterment of our community
- That listens to and learns from the community – who has invited our presence and programs

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ABOUT JUSTIFIED ANGER

Wisconsin routinely ranks as the worst state in the nation for social, economic, educational and health disparities among African American children and families. Existing efforts to address these disparities are fragmented and do not adequately serve African American children or adults.

**JUSTIFIED ANGER** is a groundbreaking initiative that seeks to coordinate community-wide efforts to narrow racial disparities in the City of Madison by identifying key priorities and strategies for empowering African Americans in Dane County and beyond.

First, Justified Anger aims to foster a movement for “Our Madison” that will unite leaders in the community around a shared vision for addressing the unmet needs of Greater Madison’s African American community.

Second, Justified Anger will implement a long-term strategy for improving the lives of African Americans in Madison, expanding the availability of resources, and repairing Wisconsin’s damaged image as unfriendly for people of color.

**JUSTIFIED ANGER’S PURPOSE**

- To facilitate productive dialogue and collaboration within African American communities and within the Madison community as a whole

- To convene stakeholders and community members as authentic allies in developing strategies to reduce longstanding racial disparities

- To catalyze the voices of African Americans and to ensure they are heard by the broader community

- To serve as an ally of the African American community by fostering open communication among a diverse range of opinions and perspectives

- To evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to sustain change using sound evidence-based methods to ensure progress and efficiency

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ABOUT THE POSITION

Overview

The Justified Anger Emerging Initiatives & Volunteer Coordinator will be responsible for implementing multifaceted mobilization strategies of finding, rallying, training and deploying concerned volunteers into the problem spaces within our community as outlined in the “Our Madison Plan.” Our core belief is that the magnitude of racial disparity in this community is so overwhelming that success literally requires hundreds of individuals who will be organized and mobilized to act on opportunities and serve in a multitude of ways and through various venues. These opportunities will range from policy analysis, letter writing campaigns, and fundraising, to small project management, communications and event planning.

Key Responsibilities

- Ally / Volunteer management
  - Establish and nurture longstanding relationships with external partners for advancing Justified Anger goals.
  - Deployment of allies / volunteers for programming initiatives.
  - Managing the ally / volunteer training process ensuring members are vetted, informed, and compassionate.
  - Establish, communicate, and oversee Justified Anger “Memorandum of Understanding” process for all potential partnerships.
  - Manage and track all activities related to Emerging Initiative activities as directed by Justified Anger President or Director of Program Growth and Community Engagement.
  - Facilitate process for implementation of volunteers related to Emerging Initiative activities
  - Designing, implementing and evaluating strategies for mobilizing interested volunteers/allies into meaningful cross-cultural activities that offer support to individuals and families identified in the “Our Madison Plan”

- Interface with Director of Program Growth & Community Engagement.
  - Meet regularly with supervisor on status of Emerging Initiatives.
  - Ongoing communication of current status.
  - Attend Justified Anger team meetings as required
o Consult with Justified Anger Operation Team members to prioritize issues and determine which goals should receive focused attention at any point in time
o Collaborate with Community Engagement Organizer as appropriate

• Administrative Duties
  o Oversight of ally / volunteer database and online submissions.
  o Track service hours of deployed allies / volunteers.
  o Develop reports / metrics related to deployment of allies / volunteers.

**Ideal Candidate Profile**

• Justified Anger is looking for a creative, energetic individual with strong project management skills.

• This position requires a broad skill set centered around cultural awareness, human development and group dynamics.

• The successful candidate will be skilled in written and oral communication within a variety of settings, particularly cross-culturally with diverse populations; highly organized; and able to work collaboratively, take direction, and maintain productivity in a dynamic environment with minimal oversight.

• College degree preferred. Relevant experience in lieu of a college degree will be considered.

• 3 – 5 years Project Management experience a plus
**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Nehemiah has undertaken a structured candidate search and selection process for its new Director of Emerging Initiatives and Volunteer Coordinator.

To be confidentially considered for the position, please click [here](mailto:justifiedanger@nehemiah.org) and submit your resume.

Inclusion of a cover letter or comments describing your qualifications and the basis for your interest is encouraged.

Please include one personal and two work related references with submission of resume and cover letter.

Nehemiah will review your submission. If there is interest, someone from Nehemiah will contact you to discuss the opportunity and learn more about your qualifications.