St. Joseph’s Home

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How should students contact this agency? Email

How should students submit cover letters and resumes? Email

General description of agency or business
Nursing home which provides respectful care for elderly persons with physical limitations and/or dementia & other medical conditions.

Internship or Job Description
Music and Memory Intern

- Interview selected residents with dementia and their families to learn what music that individual most loved.
- Download “their” songs from iTunes or other sources and load them onto each individual’s personal iPod Shuffle.
- Cooperate with nursing and activity staff to offer agitated or non-communicative residents “their” music.
- Observe and document behavior changes of the participating residents. Observe and document the anecdotes from the families and staff who care for them.
- Draft a news release for local media, and follow up with reporters as needed.
- Co-write the final report to the grantmaker before the December 31 deadline.

Basic student learning anticipated
Working with St. Joseph’s Home’s Music and Memory program will help the student learn to communicate with persons with Alzheimer’s or related dementias, and to work cooperatively with their families and caregivers to improve the quality of life for their loved one. Second, the student will learn to follow the terms of a grant and write a simple final grant report.

Hours per week: Up to 20
Number of weeks: 8-16

Position Available: Fall 2016

This is an unpaid internship. St. Joseph’s Home hereby agrees to follow the Fair Labor Standards Act guidelines.

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