COMMUNITY PARTNER:

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is an internationally recognized organization that utilizes evidenced-based practices to treat and educate individuals diagnosed across various areas of developmental and learning difficulties such as Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, Speech & Language Disorders and any kind of motor or sensory issues.

In addition to treatment services, they provide inclusive educational services and a newly introduced Vocational Program which aims to prepare teens and young adults with disability for life after school. This includes developing the skills necessary for success in the workplace.

VOLUNTEERING TYPE

Skilled individual/team volunteering

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Stepping Stones is currently looking for companies to offer up to 2-week work placements to students with special needs serving within the Stepping Stones vocational program. Stepping Stones will work closely with the company to integrate the student into a meaningful work placement and will be on-hand to supervise the placement as much or as little as needed by the company, serving as “job coaches.”

Details of the work placement would be individualized based on studentability while specific roles and responsibilities would be graded by Stepping Stones own experienced staff to match the strengths of the student. Stepping Stones will meet with managers and employees of any interested companies to provide a full pre-briefing and discuss how the placement could be organized to the benefit of both parties.

Any manner of work placement will be considered but work roles which provide a greater level of structure are preferred over those which demand a higher level of free thinking or initiative.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

1 person will need to be the main contact/supervisor of the placement

COST TO COMPANY

No cost.

LOCATION

At the placement site’s office.

TIME COMMITMENT

2-week period for each placement. Stepping Stones would like a company to host a number of placements for individuals within the vocational program.

DATES

October 2013 - June 2014
Sunday - Thursday 9am to 2pm
(Dates and working hours are flexible based on the needs of the company)

HOW TO TAKE PART

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