



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

# Bilingual Community Liaison

### What is the Position?

Real Food for Kids is seeking an English/Spanish bilingual liaison to support our SNAP Outreach program in Northern Virginia.

This is a six (6) month, part-time, paid, position with possible extension and the potential to grow within our organization. The position is for a candidate keenly interested in connecting community members with food and nutrition resources and building a skill set in nonprofit program operations. Along with a resume, applicants should provide a cover letter detailing what interests them in applying for this position, what they hope to learn, and detail any relevant background and/or experience. This is a hybrid position that requires access to a vehicle for local travel. Applicant must be able to commit to a minimum of 20 hours per week, but not more than 30, with some flexibility.

### What qualifications are required?

- Fluent English-Spanish bilingual, spoken and written.
- Access to a vehicle for travel to outreach sites and transporting program materials.
- Personal computer loaded with Microsoft Office Suite.

### What additional qualifications are preferred?

- This position requires an energetic, thoughtful, and proactive individual whose skills and passions complement our team and who is looking for a workplace with the potential to grow into a larger role.
- Applicants with lived experience and/or experience working with low-income communities will be highly considered.
- Excellent verbal and written skills, outgoing and comfortable talking with a variety of people, particularly low-income residents, in public settings.
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to manage deadlines and logistics.
- Creative, solution-focused troubleshooter.
- Strong technical skills with eagerness to learn new programs such as learning management platforms and training software. Experience in Microsoft Office Suite. Basic graphic design skills a plus.

### What is the SNAP Outreach Program?

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (previously called Food Stamps), provides grocery benefits to eligible low-income households. By supplementing food budgets, SNAP helps reduce hunger, alleviate nutrition insecurity, and improve health outcomes, particularly for children, yet the program remains underenrolled due to a variety of barriers. Real Food for Kids' SNAP Ambassadors Program is the only SNAP outreach program of its kind in Northern Virginia, a public-private partnership between a nonprofit organization and county governments, designed to drive enrollment through collaboration with community partners in the safety net space. The core tenet of Real Food for Kids SNAP Ambassadors is to meet people where they are in settings where a level of trust exists and is extended. The program's overarching goal is to normalize access to

information about SNAP and the support to enroll through authentic engagement and remove the stigma often associated with federal nutrition programs by reframing SNAP as a benefit opportunity for all who are eligible.

### **What Are the Responsibilities?**

- Working independently and in collaboration with RFFK's Program Director to execute the goals of the SNAP Ambassadors program.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with community partners in the safety net space through our memberships in local coalitions.
- Scheduling and manning a SNAP outreach table at community partner events/operations where low-income residents access other services (such as food pantries, diaper banks) to distribute information about SNAP and address questions (at least one event per week lasting between 1.5 and 4 hours). Training in SNAP eligibility, enrollment, and community engagement best practices is provided.
- Creating, maintaining and disseminating collateral materials on SNAP for both community outreach, school partners, and SNAP operations embedded within community collaborator settings.
- Reporting on residents reached through outreach and comparing to county and state data.
- Updating training materials for different outreach cohorts to ensure information is current.
- Staying abreast of changes to SNAP policy and procedures that would affect potential enrollees.
- Candidate will also have the opportunity to support other RFFK programs to build operational skills. These include our Fresh Food Explorers preschool nutrition education program and annual Culinary Challenge for middle and high school students.

### **What is the Compensation?**

- \$20 - \$24 per hour
- Applicant must be able to commit to a minimum of 20 hours per week, but not more than 30, with some flexibility.

### **How do I Apply?**

- Resumes with cover letter should be emailed to [lochoa@realfoodforkids.org](mailto:lochoa@realfoodforkids.org)
- Cover letter should explain what interests you in this position, what you hope to learn, and any background and/or experience relevant to this role.

### **More About Real Food for Kids**

Real Food for Kids (RFFK) works to advance nutrition equity through school and community programs that ensure the region's children are nourished to learn and thrive. Our work inside and outside school walls addresses the systemic challenges to nutrition equity that disproportionately impact low-income, multi-ethnic communities. Founded in 2010 to address the disconnect between rising rates of childhood obesity and the quality of foods served in schools, RFFK has built institutionalized support for healthy school food as a critical component of all students' wellness and academic success and is a recognized leader in collaborating with school systems to bring about sustainable stakeholder-driven change. Nutrition education scaffolds our advocacy work with preschool through high school programs designed to build and support a population of healthy eaters. Outside school walls we leverage our relationships with the hospitality and agricultural sectors to ensure food insecure households are able to access fresh fruits and vegetables to support whole health. Our work to increase access to nutrition benefits through SNAP at the local level is aligned with our state and federal advocacy for research on SNAP diet quality. Visit our website, [www.realfoodforkids.org](http://www.realfoodforkids.org) to learn more.