Title: Social/Case Worker

Description of Organization and Position:

Founded in 1999, The Chicago Help Initiative is a small, local not-for-profit that provides meals, resources and peer groups to the homeless and underprivileged of Chicago. Programs are both staff and volunteer based and include offerings like adult learning, yoga, jobs counseling and several programs aimed at promoting interest in and access to the arts.

CHI is currently building a social work and resource component that serves multiple small meals around the City and is hiring to fill the social service component of this effort. This effort is intended to serve homeless in the communities in which they already live, increasing their access to resources while building the resiliency and capacity of these existing communities.

Responsibilities:

* Staff 2 to 3 community meals a week, supervising volunteers and providing service guidance to meal guests at different location in Chicago.
* Interact with guests to determine individual needs and, where appropriate, make referrals to in-house programs or to those provided by partner agencies; provide follow-up as needed;
* Coordinate needed follow-up between external social service providers and our guests, to our guests.

Qualifications:

* Degree in social work, service or a related discipline.
* MSW preferred or BSW with experience.
* Experience providing social services to a homeless, underprivileged or marginalized population;
* Knowledge of programs and services available throughout Chicago that address the needs of those we serve;
* Ability to communicate effectively with government and not-for-profit service providers to assure appropriate help and follow up with our guests.

Time expectation:

* 34 hours/week

Proposed schedule:

* 2 to 3 meals a week.
* One morning a week in the office for follow up and coordination;
* Additional time to meet with guests to follow up as needed.

Salary: TBD, commensurate with experience.