



Everybody Wins!

Internship Opportunities

\$250-\$500 Stipend Available

SVCN is currently seeking interns for fall 2011 (September 15th-December 8th); interns are expected to devote at least 12-15 hours a week to the internship. We are looking for prospective interns with interest in the following areas:

- Public Policy and State, Local Budget Planning
- General Public Policy and Nonprofit research in areas such as: Juvenile Justice, Senior Nutrition, and Civic Engagement
- Analyzing economic trends in Santa Clara County and the City of San Jose

Interns will gain valuable hands-on experience working on a variety of public policy issues. Some of these issues include: reviewing impacts on drastic cuts to community services at both the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County, assisting in rallies and advocacy activities to preserve services, attending key government committee hearings to track legislative actions, researching potential ballot measures, and making reports to respective SVCN Boards and Committees. In the past, SVCN interns have overseen candidate forums, researched ballot initiatives, and have written policy papers that have been adopted both locally and by statewide advocacy groups.

Duties:

- Support all aspects of the SVCN public policy portfolio, including research, analysis, and development of policy positions that would impact the nonprofit sector.
- Assist in researching information and data collection to support our work in the area of public policy, government contracting and/or other areas of interest for use in reports and publications.
- Interns will interface with a variety of policy makers and elected officials at both the state and local level through meetings, hearings, and forums etc.
- Interns will participate in advocacy, education, and coalition-building on legislative issues.
- Represent SVCN at community meetings as needed.
- Other duties/special projects as may be assigned.

Organization Background

SVCN is a collaborative organization that takes positions on issues that impact our sector with a goal that Everybody Wins! To achieve results, SVCN develops extensive groundwork in data collection, understanding government budgets, and developing the nonprofit perspective. SVCN deals with an array of systems and their sub-categories such as: Santa Clara County in areas of influence including Mental Health, Social Services, Drug and Alcohol, and Juvenile Justice; as well as with the City of San Jose and philanthropic foundations. SVCN interacts with the County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of San Jose and City Council, and the local CA State Assembly and Senate delegation on a regular basis. We work in partnership with our nonprofit agencies that are primarily health and human services community-based agencies with an emphasis on Santa Clara County. Our office is informal, fast-moving, and demands an ability to work independently and efficiently. SVCN is the leader in public policy advocacy for the nonprofit sector in Santa Clara County, with over 200 agencies in our membership base; we are an excellent resource for future employment.

"This internship struck a perfect balance between having its deadlines and expectations and allowing interns to demonstrate their creativity."

--Nima Shahidinia, SCU, Intern 2011

"My internship at SVCN was outstanding, and was one of the best educational and employment experiences I have ever undertaken. The best part of the program was the people. SVCN instilled within me with a new level of confidence and intelligence, and is an experience I will never forget."

--John Gomez, SJSU, Intern 2009

For more information please visit our website at www.svcn.org or call (408) 260-3915.

If interested please send your resume and a cover letter to Angelica Cortez at AngelicaC@svcn.org by August 31st, 2011. Placement interviews will begin early September.