

Improve the lives of those connected to adoption and foster care by engaging donors in our community, researching and writing grant proposals and sharing the stories of those we serve.

### **Program Description**

Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection is an innovative non-profit organization that fulfills the otherwise unmet needs for adoption information, support, education and advocacy for members of the adoption triad (adoptees, birthparents and adoptive/kinship parents), youth in foster care, foster parents, siblings, and related professionals.

The VISTA member will support our programs for the adoption and foster care community by developing initiatives to increase fundraising opportunities, improving existing grants through published research and testimonials, and finding new grants for the organization.

We are looking for a VISTA member who is outgoing, well-spoken, creative, and detail-oriented with a “can do” attitude and desire to learn, who can work well independently. The VISTA Member will receive mentorship from the Development Coordinator and Director of Development and Communications, as well as internal and external professional development opportunities. This position will engage with the organization’s development activities and supporters at a high level.

### **What will the VISTA do?**

The VISTA member will grow donations from individual donors by utilizing online fundraising resources (Facebook, AmazonSmile, iGive, etc.) as well as building and/or leveraging community relationships (restaurants, small businesses, etc.) to reach first-time or occasional donors.

The VISTA member will also collect anecdotal quotes from those served through our programs and research published literature from the child welfare community. This will enhance the grant applications/reports process and fundraising appeals. The VISTA will also utilize available resources to research potential new grants and help in completing applications for funding and reporting.

**To apply** complete please application via the My AmeriCorps website at:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=86730&fromSearch=true>

Or send resume and cover letter to Evan Caroline Clark to [evan.clark @adoptionnetwork.org](mailto:evan.clark@adoptionnetwork.org)