

### **Nobody's just hungry.**

You hear that often at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Every month over 53,000 Rhode Islanders access our network of pantries and meal sites because they need help getting food.

Rhode Islanders face challenges meeting even their most basic needs. Over 70% of Food Bank guests reported choosing between paying for food or utilities; 62% reported choosing between paying for food or rent. These are choices no one should have to make. Resources exist to help folks, but many people either don't know about them or need help accessing what's available. You can help them do just that.



### **You'll Be a Part of the Food Bank's Community Resource Team!**

Through direct outreach, the Community Resource Volunteer team connects Rhode Islanders with resources that help. As part of the team, you will visit a pantry or meal site and answer questions those guests may have about resources they may be eligible for and how to enroll. Through one-on-one conversations, you will learn what guests need help with and you will also identify and refer them to other resources.



Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and should have access to reliable transportation. Good communication skills are a must-have; bilingual English/Spanish or other language skills not required, but definitely a bonus! Community Resource volunteers are expected to do an outreach visit at least once every other month. We ask that folks volunteer on a regular basis because: ***you build trust by showing up.***



### **Helping Rhode Islanders in Need**

This isn't a typical volunteer experience. You will be trained on what basic needs resources exist here in our state, and how to support Rhode Islanders looking to connect with these resources. You'll learn how to make a quality referral. You will have an outreach toolkit. This is a little different than other Food Bank volunteer opportunities, but if you are passionate about helping Rhode Islanders in need, this is a great way for you to do that!

### **Interested in learning more?**

**Contact the Community Resource Coordinator, Renzo Arteta: (401) 230-1701, [arteta@rifoodbank.org](mailto:arteta@rifoodbank.org)**

**Can't wait to hear from you!**