

The Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS (SWC), founded in 1990, serves 70 percent of those Arizonans (men, women, children, youth, seniors, immigrants, and the homeless) who are at-risk for and are impacted by HIV/AIDS. It is the state's only non-profit AIDS service organization providing the unique combination of prevention, research, and wellness services and programs to those at-risk individuals and those infected with HIV/AIDS--most of who are living below the federal poverty level. Our mission is to reduce infection, improve access to services, enhance the quality of life for those impacted by the disease and contribute to worldwide research.

Position Summary: Produce creative, high-quality, unique images for use in print and online by assembling and submitting a photographic portfolio of individuals from the populations Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS serves in Maricopa County. This is an incredible opportunity for a student, semi-professional or aspiring professional photographer who would like to build a portfolio while donating their creativity, time and talents to a local nonprofit agency. The photographer will always be given full credit for their work. This volunteer will work independently throughout the Maricopa area and reports to the Chief Development Officer or assigned Development staff person.

Responsibilities:

- Assemble and submit a creative photographic portfolio of individuals from the populations Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS serves in Maricopa County
- Obtain signed photographic releases from all subjects
- Optimize images for use in print and online
- Meet with the Chief Development Officer or Development staff as needed

Qualifications:

- Must demonstrate advanced photographic ability by providing examples of work with application or during an interview.
- The creativity and desire to assemble a body of work that is as varied, dynamic, and interesting as the people and populations Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS serves.
- The ability to communicate respectfully with people from different cultures and backgrounds is required. Bi- or multi-lingual abilities is a plus.
- Must be creative, innovative, and interested in assembling an inspiring portfolio.
- Must provide your own digital SLR* camera, photo-formatting program and transportation.
- Must be comfortable photographing people in a wide variety of environments in many locations.

Time Commitment: This is an open-ended commitment to be part of the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS community. However, if the volunteer would like to work independently to complete the project with a set deadline, it is possible to coordinate this with the Chief Development Officer or assigned development staff person to determine an appropriate timeline.

Benefits: An opportunity to complete creative photographic work on a professional level, providing invaluable experience working as a freelance photographer with a professional agency. The photographer will be invited to create a concept and theme for the project, and will have creative influence over their work, ensuring that Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS is publicized with fresh, passionate, inspiring images. The photographs contributed in this project will also be an integral element in the promotion of Southwest Center's new Center for Health, Education and Community Wellness opening in the fall of 2012. Photos will also be used for agency's website; increasing the photographer's visibility on a local and national scale.

To apply, email resume and cover letter to Mesha Davis at mdavis@sw hiv.org or call 602.307.5330 x 2249.

Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, volunteer opportunities and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.