Church Mobilization Coordinator

MISSION
The Mission of DC127 is to unite churches in Washington D.C. to recruit and support foster families so that no child has to wait for a home, and to maintain permanency for children in their homes by empowering parents. We provide wraparound services to parents and grandparents who are isolated, overwhelmed, and under-resourced. We support the creation of new foster homes by providing information sessions and connecting prospective foster parents to DC’s Child & Family Services Agency for licensing.

INSTITUTION OVERVIEW
Created in 2013 as a start-up, DC127 has served over 400 children to date. With an operating budget of $500K and a staff of four, the organization recruits and deploys over 50 dedicated church volunteers a year to serve as family advocates who help prevent children from entering the foster care system, and as potential foster and adoptive parents. By mobilizing DC church communities and their congregations to care for some of the city’s most vulnerable children and families, DC127 is helping stabilize families and changing lives. DC127 is part of the nationwide 1.27 Network – which consists of groups across the country fulfilling the biblical mandate to care for vulnerable populations and building bridges between churches and child welfare systems. DC127 seeks to do this using a faith-centered, trauma-informed, and relationship-based approach.

POSITION OVERVIEW
Within the context of its mission, vision, aspiration, and ambition, DC127 seeks a part time Church Mobilization Coordinator to engage and grow our faith-based partnerships in the DMV. The advocate will be responsible for maintaining relationships with current DC127 church partners and building new relationships with churches in the DMV. The Church Mobilization Coordinator should have excellent interpersonal, speaking and organizational skills, possess cultural competency, and demonstrate a passion for serving vulnerable children, foster and/or adoptive families. DC127 is looking for someone who has experience recruiting and engaging volunteers while working in a fast-paced, innovative environment. This is a part-time position that reports to the Director of Programs.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES
- Engage with current DC127 church advocates on a weekly basis, and periodically connect with church leaders and pastors at DC127 partner churches
- Grow DC127’s church mobilization effort by bringing on new church partners in the DMV area
- Through church advocates, recruit church members to volunteer in DC127’s Community for Families initiative, and/or to train as foster parents
• Handle all faith community communications including monthly newsletters to advocates, personal communications, and social media posts
• This position will be 10 hours a week with the potential to increase to 15 hours based on need, and will require nights and weekends, particularly Sundays, in order to travel to and engage church leaders and congregations

Qualifications
• Able to clearly articulate their Christian faith in discussing DC127’s mission; strong in their walk with the Lord and committed to the work of caring for vulnerable populations.
• Able to communicate and build partnerships with a diverse group of Christian churches, and comfort and facility with public speaking.
• Cultural competency, and the capacity to navigate important discussions about race, racial disparity, racial reconciliation, and cross-cultural collaboration
• Ability to serve families with empathy and respect
• Experience working with, motivating, and empowering volunteers is highly desirable
• Highly organized with strong attention to detail
• Successful completion of background checks
• Responsible for providing your own transportation
• Able to work as part of a committed team
• Able to work evenings and weekends
• High School Diploma Required

To apply send resume and cover letter to Kelsie Johnson: kelsie@DC127.org