



**Our Mission:** The Center of Hope exists to walk alongside people, to bring spiritual and physical health, and ultimately change the community one life at a time.

**Our Core Principles:**

- Identity in Christ (Colossians 3:1-3)
- Self-sufficiency (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)
- Holistic Ministry (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:11-21)
- Partnering to Serve (Galatians 6:2; 1 Peter 4:10)

**Job Description:**

Center of Hope's "**Geared to Empower**" bike ministry aims to empower the homeless and working-poor population in Sioux Falls to: **1)** grow in their relationship with God and others, **2)** become self-sufficient, **3)** learn how to repair their own bikes to keep them on the road to work, **4)** earn their bikes by blessing our community through our Earn-A-Bike program, **5)** get physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy. This will be the first year the Bike Ministry will be available to all low-income individuals who fall under a specific income bracket (same as WIC). Before this year, the bikes were only available to those who needed them to get to work. Due to the generosity of our community in bike donations, we expanded our program's target audience. However, most of Geared To Empower's time slots that are available to the public are just for bike commuters who use the bike as transportation to work. As an intern in the Geared To Empower Bike Ministry, you will be immersed in the day-to-day operations of a local nonprofit that seeks to give a "hand-up" to those who face financial, relational, and spiritual poverty. The interns will be given the opportunity to dream and help the new program reach new milestones. This is a 3 month (May, June, July) internship (**10 hours a week; 120 hours**).

**Essential Functions and Responsibilities:**

- To enter into the leadership team of the new Geared To Empower Bike Ministry to move the program to the next level.

- Assist in Bike Ministry day-to-day operations
  - Bike repair (training will be provided)
  - Scheduling
  - Pickup and Delivery
- Assist in the operations of Bike Safety Camps for children
- Assist in Travelling Bike Repair Stations to low-income areas
- Act as a Ministry Assistant
  - Learn how to make referrals
  - Learn counselling strategies
  - Assist with bike distribution
- Organize a Bike Drive at your church, college, or university

### **Logistics and Compensation:**

The Gearing To Empower Internship position is an unpaid service learning opportunity for students interested in working in the nonprofit sector. Students must be available during the summer months (May-July). Staff will work individually with students to meet and document requirements for academic credit if needed or requested by the student. Housing is not included in the internship.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be a student 18+ years of age
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- College student or recent graduate in a specified course of study necessary to be successful in the internship position.
- Ability to work with high levels of confidentiality.

**Physical Demands:** The duties required of Gearing To Empower interns are labor intensive. All interns must be able to stay on their feet for prolonged periods of time and be able to lift 50 pounds.

**To Apply:** To be considered for the position, please email the items detailed below with your name and “Gearing To Empower Internship” as the file name to [adam@centerofhopesf.org](mailto:adam@centerofhopesf.org). Incomplete submissions will not be considered for the position.

- Cover Letter indicating your interests and background
- Resume
- Two Professional References with contact information