ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION
The Campus Kitchen at IUPUI (CKIUPUI) is a student-led food rescue organization that fights hunger in Indianapolis. Founded in October 2014, CKIUPUI is the only Campus Kitchen in the state of Indiana, and the 37th in the United States. CKIUPUI operates as one of 51 affiliates of The Campus Kitchens Project, Inc. (CKP), a national leader in community service and student-powered hunger relief. Administrative oversight of the CKIUPUI is provided by the IUPUI Office of Sustainability.

CKP empowers students to implement innovative models aimed at combating hunger, developing sustainable food systems, and meeting the needs of the local communities they serve. The philosophy of the program is centered around its mission to: Strengthen Bodies by using existing resources to meet hunger and nutritional needs in our community; Empower Minds by providing leadership and service learning opportunities to students, and educational benefits to adults, seniors, children and families in need; and Build Communities by fostering a new generation of community-minded adults through resourceful and mutually beneficial partnerships among students, social service agencies, businesses and schools.

RATIONALE FOR POSITION
The city of Indianapolis ranks worst in the nation with the largest number of food deserts of any large city. In central Indiana, about 20% of children live in households that struggle to put food on the table and 5,000 children show signs of malnourishment. Additionally, Indiana ranks 23rd for individual food security according to Map the Meal Gap study, with Marion County at one of the highest Food Insecurity Rates of 18.7%. CKIUPUI is poised to be part of a solution to this large, social issue of food access and insecurity in Indianapolis. We have found that the CKIUPUI can fill a niche that other hunger relief entities in the city cannot. Because most community kitchens produce a large volume of food, they are unable to serve entities with 30 individuals or less. CKIUPUI can fill this void and has been solicited to do so already. However, we currently do not have the personnel capacity to meet this need. Having dedicated personnel would allow us to expand CKIUPUI, meeting the needs of the Indianapolis community and providing additional opportunity for student involvement. Of the 51 CKP programs across the country, the most impactful have dedicated, full-time positions that manage the program; VISTA members fill the majority of these full-time positions, and this has proven to be a successful model across the nation.

Through December 2015, CKIUPUI has had 940 volunteer hours from 326 students, resulting in 4,329 pounds of quality, unused food rescued and re-purposed into 2,160 nutritious meals that were served to 2,110 individuals in Indianapolis that were experiencing homelessness. CKIUPUI has expanded exponentially since launch, and a VISTA Fellow would ensure the continued growth of the program.

POSITION DESCRIPTION
As a VISTA Fellow Manager of CKIUPUI, position responsibilities would include:

- Assisting in the development and expansion of CKIUPUI in cooperation with IUPUI Sustainability and Indianapolis community partners (i.e.: Second Helpings, The Indy Food Council, Indy Hunger Network, Feeding Indiana’s Hungry, Food+Rescue, Indy Local Food, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Eskenazi Health, SustainIndy, Urban Gardens in Indy, Indianapolis area Food Banks & Pantries, Riley Ronald McDonald House, etc.)
- Identifying and serving both internal (IUPUI) and external (Indianapolis community) needs through strategic planning and implementation, capacity-building, policy development and advocacy
- Integrating IUPUI academic units/departments into the work of CKIUPUI (i.e.: Public Health, Social Work, Education, Dental, Medical School, etc.)
- Managing the student leadership team and volunteers, as well as daily operations
- Assessing the impact of CKIUPUI on campus and in the Indianapolis community

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT
- Office space provided by the IUPUI Office of Sustainability
- Employee/Office/Travel expenses covered
- Encouragement and funding to attend and present at conferences, sharing best practices of CKIUPUI
- Campus Commute – Intercampus shuttle IUB to IUPUI is available and supported
- $1000 stipend applied to bursar account to help offset university costs incurred by student