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Title: After School Chess Specialist, PS/MS 218
Location: 1220 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY 10452
Reports to: After School Program Director, PS/MS 218

The Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. We build award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes – but our work is not over when our buildings are complete. WHEDco believes that to be successful, affordable housing must be anchored in strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco's mission is to give the South Bronx access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods – from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to fresh, healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. See www.whedco.org for more information.

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Job Summary: Under the direct supervision of the Program Director, the **After School Chess Specialist** will plan, organize, and implement a chess program for WHEDco's 3rd through 8th grade participants . The Chess Specialist will teach both a beginner-level class as well as an intermediate/advanced class. The beginner level chess classes should focus on basic, fundamental elements of the game, such as how each piece moves, the goal and rules of the game, etc. The advanced level chess classes will focus on game play, strategy, openings, notation, etc. with special attention to activities that will strengthen and enhance logic and reasoning skills, self-esteem, foster positive expression and enhance the personal growth of program participants. The Specialist will accompany and coach students in Chess-In-The-Schools tournaments.

Responsibilities:

- Under the supervision of the Program Director and working in conjunction with other staff, develop and implement both beginner-level and intermediate/advanced chess curriculum.
- Lead a chess program that encourages active participation, fosters positive expression and builds self-esteem and personal growth.
- Plan for, chaperone and coach students in chess tournaments.
- Assist in the planning of workshops and special events.
- Create lesson plans; select necessary supplies.
- Attend all necessary staff development training.
- Attend all required staff/planning meetings.
- Take on special assignments, as needed, which pertain to the goals and objectives of all of WHEDCo's youth programs.

Qualifications:

- Minimum two years' professional experience working with children in a classroom, after school, or community based environment leading/organizing chess activities.
- Familiarity with the principles of chess instruction.
- Able to work Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm, and select Saturdays from 8:00am-5:00pm beginning in October, as well as devote time to curriculum planning and preparation outside of program hours.
- Well organized, able to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus.
- Current, active college enrollment or college degree preferred.
- Previous work experience in low-income communities preferred.

Competitive pay rate based on experience. This is a part-time, hourly position.

To respond, send a cover letter and resume to one of the following:

Email: 218afterschool@whedco.org (Include "Chess Specialist" and your name in subject line)

Mail: WHEDco, 50 East 168th Street, Bronx, NY 10452

Attn: After School Program Director, PS/MS 218