

# **ACCESS Inc.**

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 172,800

**Location** Medford, Jackson County

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** ACCESS, Inc.

**Supervisor** Christine Soderstrom

## **Assignment**

The RARE Participant will assist in the design and implementation of a strategic plan to foster community and municipal support for rural food pantries in Jackson County. The participant will work to establish a food pantry in Eagle Point. This project will entail securing a location for the pantry, initial funding to create the pantry in addition to the continual maintenance, long-term funding and volunteer management of the pantry.

ACCESS, Inc. would like the participant to work on organizing volunteer workers to help in the every day processing of the increasing amount of rescued food captured by ACCESS, Inc. The participant will advertise and establish contacts that will help find and interest potential volunteers. Once there is an established pool of volunteers the participant will be responsible for the continual volunteer management and will coordinate directly with volunteers to manage the food rescue and recovery process.

The participant will work on the education and outreach component of the ACCESS, Inc. nutrition program. These duties include integrating all nutrition programs in the community to maximize nutritional intake, developing educational resources for food preparation and disbursement, assisting in the compilation of educational materials, and creating nutritional classes and other information to make available for the public.

## **Required Skills**

The participant should have experience in community development and organizing, knowledge of food systems and farming, excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to take primary responsibility for elements of a project and to integrate the resulting work into a successful project and finally, the ability to work with a socially and economically diverse population.

## **RARE Member: *Eric Pfeifer - 2002-2003, Year 9 Participant***

Christopher Carmiencke has spent the past two years working as a freelance landscaper in Massachusetts. Before that, he worked as a Child Care Supervisor at the Anchorage House in Beverly, Massachusetts. Anchorage House is an organization that helps disadvantaged teen boys. Christopher has also worked on various projects with Habitat for Humanity. He earned his undergraduate degree in English Literature in 1999 from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.