

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Stanton Home

*in USA, hosted by SCI-IVS USA*

<b>Theme:</b>	Disabilities
<b>Location</b>	Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The Berkshires
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months
<b>Application:</b>	rolling admissions
<b>Vacancies</b>	5
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <b>Local:</b>	English

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Stanton Home has been providing care for people with special needs since 1986. Our main house is located in Great Barrington MA in an old farmhouse and is surrounded by flower gardens, an organic vegetable garden, a weavery and a working farm. We have 6 houses where the residents and volunteers reside. We currently have a total of 13 residents, from 12-15 volunteers from all over the world as well as full and part-time staff. We believe that the most important thing in life is relationships.

**Work:** Volunteers form the team that run the day to day operations of the Stanton Home household. This will include individual people care, housework and odd jobs. Volunteers are expected to take initiative and responsibility, to manage their time and involvement so that the people with special needs are safe, healthy and well cared for while the daily work gets done. Everyone is treated with respect and appreciation. The volunteers focus is on encouraging those with special needs to do what they can to the best of their abilities.

**Requirements:** An openness, willingness to work together collectively as well as independently, must speak at least intermediate English and a valid drivers license required.

**Food:** Provided - We emphasize local, fresh and when possible organic.

**Accommodation:** private or shared bedroom, shared bath.

**Pocket money:** 200 USD per month

**Insurance:** VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE HEALTH INSURANCE, ARRANGED EITHER THROUGH THE SCI SENDING ORGANISATION OR INDEPENDENTLY.

**Fees:** None

**Visa:** SCI will provide documents for Visa

**Others:** English tutoring is available locally.