Bridge Builder and Life Coach

Do you …

✓ Approach the world with curiosity?
✓ Love to bring people together to create inclusive community?
✓ Dig deep to understand a challenge and think outside the box to solve it?
✓ Enjoy both supporting others behind the scenes and shining in the spotlight yourself?

LOV-Dane is looking for a person who answers yes to these questions! This full-time position will support individuals with a variety of disabilities as they explore their gifts and dreams, set manageable goals, and build the skills and connections to achieve them.

The right candidate will believe in and delight in our members; be a good listener, teacher, and salesperson; have experience breaking big tasks into manageable pieces; be highly organized and self directed; enjoy being creative with a team; anticipate and address challenges with patience and empathy; be flexible; have the ability to respond to diverse needs and styles.

The Bridge Builder will …

• Build relationships with people with disabilities (members) and their families and close supporters
• Support members as they find their own voices and motivations and make clear personal choices
• Facilitate authentic relationships between members and others
• Actively seek out community connections (clubs, churches, service groups) on the members’ behalf and help LOV and community members take steps toward each other
• Help members design and maintain organizational systems that will increase their independence at home, work, or the community
• Learn about community organizing and be part of the larger organization

This position is full time, hourly pay is $13-15/hour (based on experience) and benefits are included. A driver’s license and vehicle with car insurance are essential for frequent travel around Madison and Dane County.

Living Our Visions, Inc. (LOV-Dane) is a grassroots organization of individuals with disabilities and their families or other community members. LOV is committed to building fulfilling, community-centered lives for all citizens. LOV is not an agency or program but an organization in which members and others can mobilize their strengths and gifts to enrich the lives of people with disabilities and strengthen the civic life of the community as a whole. By focusing on the assets of people with disabilities, LOV is committed to altering the perception that the primary role of people with disabilities is as clients and receivers.

Learn more about us at: lov.dane.org

Please see page two for further instructions about applying.
Please submit a cover letter, resume and responses to the following questions by **Friday, August 17, 2012** to employment@lovdane.org

1. How are you involved in your community? What have been the most rewarding parts of your involvement?

2. What experiences have you had supporting people with disabilities? What draws you to this life path?

3. Several of the members of this project are reluctant to try new things and meet new people. How would you help them move forward?

4. This job requires a lot of self-direction and flexibility. What experience have you had working independently and balancing multiple priorities and projects?

5. How do you use technology or other techniques to enhance your own or others' personal organization?