

## **August 2016: Veronica Stehouwer**

In this world, it can be hard to find someone who has a genuine, kind spirit. So, when you do it is important to let them know how special they are. This is why ACORN Clinic is honoring Veronica Stehouwer as our Volunteer of the Month.

Stehouwer started her professional career after receiving her Bachelor's in Anthropology from the University of Central Florida in 2012. Following this achievement, she worked with special needs adults for two years, which led her to decide upon a career in a health-related field.

Her passion for people and dedication to learning resulted in her obtaining her second Bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration program at Santa Fe College. While in the program she was President of the Health Services Administration Student Organization, and raised over \$1,200 for the March of Dimes through her fundraising efforts.

During this time, she also began her relationship with ACORN working as an intern. She was able to log in over 100 hours and subsequently obtained a position as Staff Assistant.

Stehouwer credits ACORN for helping her improve her networking, leadership, and office skills through opportunities like attending Health Safety Net Collaborative meetings, engaging in grant writing, and getting involved in ACORN's Capital Campaign.

"I will never forget the lessons I learned at ACORN Clinic, nor how much I grew as a person and as a professional" she said.

Outside of working with ACORN, Stehouwer has reached another professional milestone by receiving a full-time position as an Administrative Assistant at the Florida School of Traditional Midwifery.

"Without ACORN Clinic I would not have been prepared to work in the wonderful world of non-profits, which require a high level of creative thinking, communication, and dedication," she said.

We would like to congratulate Stehouwer on her achievements, and we thank her for all she has contributed to ACORN Clinic. You are truly appreciated!

