The Moab Valley Multicultural Center (MVMC) has announced that Katlyn Keane will join MVMC staff as the center’s volunteer coordinator. Keane will begin her new position on Oct. 7, according to a news release from MVMC.

Keane came to Moab in August of 2013 as an Americorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) worker to serve a one-year term as the MVMC volunteer coordinator. She renewed as a VISTA for a second term in 2014, also choosing to serve as VISTA leader for the other VISTA volunteers in the Moab area. Now, she will assume the new position with MVMC as a paid, permanent staff member, according to the news release.

“Katlyn is a natural fit for the Center and for Moab. She is vibrant, dedicated, bilingual, and extremely grounded for a 24-year-old,” said MVMC Executive Director Rhiana Medina. “We are very excited to have her on staff.”

MVMC has utilized Americorps VISTA members since 2009 to “build capacity and stability,” according to the news release.

“Building a solid volunteer program is one way the MVMC has been able to meet the growing demand for its services in the last few years,” MVMC officials said.

Keane said her VISTA work as a volunteer coordinator has been “extremely rewarding.

“I have the opportunity to work with those select few people who believe in a mission or cause and are willing to put in their time and effort for no monetary return. The value of a volunteer is without measure and I appreciate them more and more every day,” Keane said in the news release. “One of my goals for this year has been finding ways to appropriately
recognize volunteers for their hard work and continued generosity because I believe that is one of the best volunteer retention techniques.”

Joanna Onorato, formerly a VISTA volunteer with Arches Adult Education, will take Keane’s place as the MVMC VISTA.

In total, the Multicultural Center will have five bilingual staff members serving the community in a variety of ways from providing much needed social services and advocacy to planning community cultural events. The Moab community is lucky to have Americorps VISTAS serving in our community.

For more information about the Moab Valley Multicultural Center, including volunteer opportunities, visit www.moabvalleymulticulturalcenter.org or call 435-259-5444.

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