



Community Supported Agriculture Volunteer

The Homeless Garden Project (HGP) provides job training, transitional employment and support services to people experiencing homelessness. In complement, HGP operates a vibrant community education and volunteer program. Our programs take place in our 3.5-acre organic farm and in related enterprises, including a Community Supported Agriculture program that runs from May-October, with options for November harvest shares.

We are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer who can coordinate our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSA members provide crucial support to HGP by committing to buying produce from HGP each week during the harvest season and paying in advance for the produce. Their commitment to sustainable agriculture and transitional jobs enhances HGP's planning and financial stability and creates a community of people who are deeply committed to HGP's success.

In return, we seek to provide CSA members with quality and diverse organic produce, tips and recipes for using the produce, and news and stories about the farm, trainees and our programs that enhance their weekly experience. **To CSA members the CSA Volunteer is the face of HGP and their primary contact, enriching their experience.**

Responsibilities:

Relationship Building/Communication

- Greet CSA members at pick-up, provide support and information about harvesting methods and crops.
- Write weekly newsletter; research recipes, write interviews, solicit articles from staff, trainees, CSA members and volunteers.
- Help develop an evaluation to be performed at end of season.

Recordkeeping

- Assist in tracking enrollment and payment plans.
- Create check-in lists for pick up and U-Pick members and track their pick up each week. Contact members who do not pick up more than 3 weeks in a row and have not notified us in advance.
- Assist Farm staff in recording weights of produce sold via CSA.
- Solicit and record feedback from members, recipe suggestions, etc.

Farm activities

- Engage in production and with farm staff and trainees to inform your newsletter and various communications with CSA members.



Position runs: Now – October 2019

Schedule:

Thursday afternoon: Write newsletter based on harvest list from Farm staff, information gathered from time on farm

Friday: Noon – 6 pm Greet CSA members at farm

Saturday: 10 am -3 pm Greet You-Pick CSA members at farm

Rewards of the position

- Hands-on learning about small farm operations and sustainable agriculture techniques
- Experience in communication, coordinating 50+ CSA members, developing and deepening a community of support
- Develop awareness of seasonality of and ways to use local produce

Qualifications

- Basic gardening skills (weeding, pruning, harvesting, planting)
- Demonstrated ability to organize, delegate, give direction, monitor others
- Experience with Excel/database management
- Ability to work with diverse groups of people
- Strong communication skills, ability work well with others in a collaborative environment

How to Apply

Send your resume and a cover letter to Justin Wright, Volunteer Coordinator at justinw@homelessgardenproject.org. Please note this is an unpaid volunteer position.