



Job Posting **Community Gardens Worker** (30 hours/week, April 1st – October 31 2018)

The Stop Community Food Centre began over 30 years ago as one of North America's first food banks, and has grown into a vibrant community centre, using food as a gateway to addressing many issues, including poverty, the environment, social isolation and health. The Stop runs an urban agriculture program at several sites in the Davenport West and Wychwood Heights neighbourhoods of Toronto, which include vegetable gardens, a greenhouse, naturalized and medicinal gardens. We are looking for an individual to assist in our Urban Agriculture team in involving members of the community (volunteers, program participants, vulnerable adults, seniors, and youths), delivering programming, and maintaining the gardens.

Program Support:

- Co-facilitate and lead adult/youth volunteers in gardening tasks during volunteer shifts, and work bees
- Assist in organizing and staffing two community field trips
- Assist in planning and facilitating an annual open house event
- Conduct garden & greenhouse tours for visitors (individuals and groups)
- Assist in program evaluations and record maintenance
- Assist in food preparation and clean-up after volunteer sessions and events
- Support outreach and promotion of garden programs and workshops

Garden Maintenance:

- Assist in spring seedling production at our greenhouse
- Perform garden maintenance as needed at EarlsCourt Garden, and green spaces at 1884 Davenport (e.g., watering, pest control, maintaining sanitary conditions, seedling care, seeding, harvesting etc.)
- Assist in maintaining a small outdoor compost system
- Ensure program spaces are kept clean and organized after use

General:

- Assist program coordinators in implementing all relevant Stop policies and procedures
- Represent The Stop constructively when engaging with the public
- Meet with supervisor on a regular basis
- Attend staff meetings regularly
- Participate in broader planning and team building activities at the agency

Qualifications:

- Experience working in gardens and using organic garden methods (through paid employment or volunteer work)
- Commitment to social justice and knowledge of food system issues
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Facilitation experience
- Ability to work as a team and independently
- Demonstrated ability living and/or working in communities that experience poverty and discrimination
- Demonstrated ability to work within a diverse community (people of different ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds)
- Ability to speak a language relevant to the neighbourhood is an asset (e.g. Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Hungarian, Vietnamese, Tagalog or other)
- Holding a valid Ontario driver's license is an asset
- Some evenings and weekends required

Salary: \$21.79 /hour

Hours: 30 hours/week

Start date: April 1st, 2018

Please submit your resumé by Monday February 26th 2018 **at 12:00 p.m. (noon)** to: yuan@thestop.org. Subject line-Community Gardens Worker. Interviews will be held March 6th, and March 8th. **No faxes or phone calls please.**

The Stop Community Food Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applicants from equity-seeking groups. Applicants must indicate their previous work or volunteer experience with The Stop Community Food Centre on their application. We regret that only those applicants being considered will be contacted.