

Pantry Garden Intern

District Council of Madison, Inc.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This is a valuable learning and networking opportunity that offers an intern the chance to join an organization producing high-quality, nutritious, culturally relevant produce for our neighbors in Dane County, Wis. Intern can expect to gain hands-on skills in vegetable and fruit production, small scale farming techniques, soil health, volunteer coordination and youth education at the Lacy Garden, 5897 Whalen Road, Fitchburg, WI.

Position Details: This is a part-time, limited-term position for up to 20 hours/week for 12 weeks (240 total hours) between May and September. Flexible Schedule, with firm commitments for scheduled youth groups, usually in June and July.) Up to \$15.00 per hour.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to Peg O'Donoghue, pegodonoghue@gmail.com

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Gain practical experience and knowledge of establishing and maintaining vegetable plots, including bed preparation, seeding, transplanting, weeding, watering, mulching, trellising, harvesting, soil conservation, and post-harvest handling.
- ❖ Help create welcoming learning and work environment for youth groups and volunteers and assist with all aspects of volunteer coordination, including demonstrating and overseeing gardening tasks.
- ❖ Lead occasional youth groups in gardening activities and farm-related learning activities.
- ❖ Participate in creating and prioritizing a weekly task list.
- ❖ Contribute content to weekly announcements and social media.
- ❖ Assist in developing protocols for handling, light processing, and distribution of harvested vegetables.
- ❖ Participate in occasional evening and weekend work opportunities.
- ❖ Be part of a team in the overall operation of the Food Pantry Gardens.

Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- ❖ Education and/or experience in agriculture, plant science, plant pathology, entomology, soil science, or horticulture-related field.
- ❖ Experience working with volunteers and familiarity with social media are highly desired.
- ❖ Tractor and garden tiller training provided, but familiarity with their operation preferred.

Additional Requirements

- ❖ Intern must be a current or continuing postsecondary student.
- ❖ Intern must be reliable and capable of occasionally working in inclement conditions. Some scheduling flexibility will be necessary due to weather.
- ❖ Intern must supply own means of transportation.