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## **Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens Seeks Farm Manager**

MADISON, WIS. – For the first time in its 20-year history, Madison Food Pantry Gardens, Inc. is seeking a Farm Manager. This individual will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Forward Garden, MAFPG's newest location at the Pope Farm Homestead in the Town of Middleton. Along with garden management, the Farm Manager will also be responsible for volunteer recruitment, fundraising and development of community partner relationships.

An ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills, a passion for community engagement, and strong organizational skills. It is preferred that candidates have a BS or BA in agriculture, marketing, business or a related field, or a minimum of three years of experience in community outreach, nonprofit management or the agriculture industry.

"With the creation of Forward Garden this year, the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens has decided it is time to make yet another change in our organization," said Tom Parslow, MAFPG Board President. "While we have succeeded as a fully volunteer-ran organization for more than two decades, looking to the future goals of MAFPG, we realize it is time to employ our first full-time staff member."

A complete position description is available at <a href="www.foodpantrygardens.org">www.foodpantrygardens.org</a>. Individuals interested in applying should send a cover letter and resume to Tom Parslow at <a href="mailto:president@foodpantrygardens.org">president@foodpantrygardens.org</a>. Preference will be given to candidates who submit materials by February 21, but applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled.

Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens, Inc. is a locally based nonprofit with two decades of history in Dane County. Relying on the assistance of 700 volunteers, MAFPG gleans from a number of locations and grows more than 100,000 pounds of vegetables each year destined for the Dane County emergency food system. Gardens associated with the organization include: Lacy Garden, Fitchburg; Blackhawk Garden, Forward Garden and Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) Garden, Middleton; and Emmett Schulte Garden, Good Shepard Lutheran Garden, Hershberger Perennial Garden, Ken Witte Garden, UW Health-Verona Clinic Garden and Wagner Garden, Verona. More information on the impact and mission of the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens can be found at <a href="https://www.foodpantrygardens.org">www.foodpantrygardens.org</a> or by following MAFPG on Facebook or Instagram.

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