



## **Garden Programs Internship**

### **About Growing Hope:**

Growing Hope is an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and healthy food access particularly for low-income families and individuals that otherwise would not have access to gardening resources and fresh produce.

Growing Hope works to accomplish this by managing a series of garden programs that help people of all ages learn to grow and eat healthy food. We provide hands-on educational opportunities at our demonstration farm, at individual's households, in neighborhood gardens and other spaces where people grow. We aim to help people, particularly those with barriers to healthy food, gain self-reliance growing their own food, while gaining the skills and knowledge needed to achieve their desired level of health.

### **Position Description:**

The Growing Hope team is offering an unpaid internship opportunity to students (undergraduate, graduate, community college) and community members interested in garden education and healthy food access in the Ypsilanti community and greater Washtenaw County. Although the opportunity is unpaid, the experience will provide an intern with a fundamental understanding of developing garden programs with an emphasis on providing access to garden resources at the community and neighborhood level.

Specifically, the intern will assist the Garden Program Manager in outreach to community members to: a) attend garden and cooking workshops at the Growing Hope Center; b) help organize raised bed garden installations with Home Vegetable Gardeners; c) assist in raised bed garden installations and garden visits throughout the season; d) promote resources to community members provided through Growing Hope's "Growing Gardens" Membership; e) help maintain Clifford the Truck Farm at the Growing Hope Center.

### **Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:**

- Available 10 hours/week May-August (preference given if available throughout September)
- Has a valid driver's license and a reliable means of transportation
- Willing to work in all kinds of weather
- Patient and committed. Motivated and hard-working.
- Creative problem solver.
- A sense of cultural competency for the Ypsilanti community

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**Skills and Experiences:**

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Some experience scheduling and planning workshops, classes or events.
- Experience working with many types of people.
- Familiarity with using social media, websites and design software to promote Growing Hope activities.
- Some gardening/landscaping experience and light garden construction is a plus.
- Ability to effectively work with many ages, income levels, education levels, and race and ethnicities in a community setting.

**To Apply:** Please submit a 1 page cover letter and a resume to [apply@growinghope.net](mailto:apply@growinghope.net) by April 6, 2016.

Preferred Start Date: Week of May 2nd, 2016

*Growing Hope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate potential employees or interns based on race, creed, age, color, disability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. We encourage the following groups to apply: people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship.*