



[Greater Lansing Food Bank](#) (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides food assistance to individuals and families in need. Greater Lansing Food Bank's [Garden Project](#) (GP), formed in 1982, uses gardening as a means for community development, personal empowerment and hunger prevention. As a proud program of GLFB, Garden Project pursues our organizational vision of a hunger-free community by cultivating connections so that all community members can have access to fresh, healthy foods through gardening opportunities. Garden Project has grown to support a network of 95 community gardens and over 500 home gardeners by providing access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more.

This is a temporary, part time volunteer opportunity with a one-time stipend and an opportunity to earn college intern credit in affiliation with an educational institution.

To apply: Please send resume, contact information for two references and a cover letter *with start and end dates* to Garden Project Manager, Julie Lehman at julie@glfoodbank.org. Applications will be accepted until April 4 or until position is filled.

Location: 2401 Marcus St., Lansing MI 48912

Dates: Mid-May to Mid-August (Start and end dates are negotiable)

Hours: 10-15 hours a week, including Tuesday and Thursdays, 3:30-7:30 and Wednesdays, 9am-1:30pm

Stipend/Educational Credit: A one-time stipend will be provided upon date of completion to cover volunteer expenses. Opportunity to earn college intern credit is available (if approved in conjunction with your educational institution requirements.)

Position Description

Community Resource Volunteer is a 3-month experience at a community centered resource center and urban demonstration garden designed to give aspiring community organizers and growers extensive training in all aspects of community embedded non-profit work. The volunteer will gain supervised experience in gardens, greenhouse, and Resource Center operations, cultivation, planting and irrigation techniques, harvest methods, volunteer engagement and resource distribution systems. The volunteer will learn alongside staff and other volunteers in the Resource Center and Demonstration Garden and will interface with community at our weekly resource distributions and through volunteer workdays. Finally, the volunteer will have the opportunity to develop an independent project at the Resource Center/Demonstration Garden to explore an area of personal interest related to community gardening.

Educational Outcomes

Upon completion, participants will have a demonstrated ability to:

- Assist at the GP Resource Center to help register gardeners, distribute vegetable transplants, and organize materials
- Plant, tend and harvest over 20 types of fruit and vegetable crops at our Demonstration Garden and assist with operations of two community gardens
- Follow succession and rotation plans for organic production
- Supervise small volunteer crews to support low-income and community gardeners
- Publicize and support garden efforts by assisting with workshops and events
- Educate the public about vegetables and grow for the Grow-A-Row (growing for donation) program



Qualifications

The successful applicant will have:

- A strong interest in gardening and community-embedded development work
- Honest communication and a strong work ethic
- Trustworthiness and dependability
- Good customer service skills
- A valid driver's license
- The ability to work with a diverse range of people of various social, cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining a positive and supportive attitude
- The ability to perform physical tasks outdoors for extended periods and lift up to 50 pounds
- Demonstrated ability to follow direction and work independently
- Knowledge of gardening is helpful but not required
- The ability to pass a background check
- Passion for Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project mission, goals and values

Transportation/location information

Travel primarily to the eastside Resource Center, located at 2401 Marcus St., Lansing, 48912. Occasional travel to various gardens throughout Lansing is required. Personal transportation is ideal with stipend pay covering costs of transportation.