

Raised Bed Garden Intern

Raised Bed Gardens, a project of the **Chester County Food Bank** (CCFB), holds historical roots stemming from the Gleaning Program in 1997. The Raised Bed Garden Program was adopted by CCFB in 2009 with six partner garden sites. The program has since grown to over 100 partner gardens hosted at schools, food cupboards, health care agencies, and religious organizations. Last year's garden efforts totaled over 40,000 pounds of fresh vegetables for our network of food cupboards, meal sites, and social service agencies.

Internship Description:

Under the direction of the Raised Bed Garden Manager, the RBG Intern will work on-site at one of our community gardens at Fairview Village in Phoenixville, at various other sites throughout Chester County, and at our main office in Exton, PA as needed. Fairview Village, a Chester County Housing Authority site, has 25 raised beds and a small field available to its residents. The focus of this internship will be to critically analyze the participation of residents at Fairview and reimagine how CCFB could engage this community using best practices to inspire activity in the garden for years to come.

Responsibilities:

- Outdoor and indoor gardening tasks at Fairview Village, Springton Farm and other sites as needed
- Build a plan to inspire community organizing at Fairview Village
- Attend the planning of a 3-season gardening class for adults
- Compile seed orders into spreadsheets, package seeds, cut row cover, collate growing guide
- Assist with high tunnel tasks at Springton Farm
- Attend *CCFB Open House* and educate the public about FSI programs and the Raised Bed Garden program
- Host table at Springton for *Sheep and Wool Day* educating the public
- Lead volunteer groups at Fairview and Springton
- Perform other duties as assigned with other *Food Security Initiatives* programs

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in community-based health, local food systems, and seasonal foods in Eastern Pennsylvania.
- Exceptional interpersonal and community-engagement skills
- Willingness to show initiative and creativity
- Willingness to adapt to circumstances
- Punctual and reliable, with the ability to work a flexible schedule, including some Saturday's
- This position requires the intern to work outside in all weather conditions.
- Ability to safely lift 50 pounds



Details: Jan – May 2018 (20 – 30 hrs. flexible)

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship

Application Process: Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis, with preference given to local applicants. Please submit a cover letter and resume to:

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