



**Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB)** is seeking an individual to fill the temporary role of **community resource volunteer** with our Garden Project team. This 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. 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 located in Lansing, MI.

### Position Details

**Posting Date:** March 2024

**Position Duration:** Mid-May to Mid-August (Start and end dates are negotiable)

**Title:** Garden Project Community Resource Volunteer

**Classification:** Temporary

**Reports to:** Garden Project Manager

**Location:** 2401 Marcus St., Lansing MI 48912

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

- Work at the resource center and demonstration gardens alongside staff and volunteers to learn critical gardening practices including general operations, plant cultivation, irrigation techniques, harvest methods and community engagement and resource distribution
- 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**

- An interest in gardening and community development work. Knowledge of gardening is helpful but not required
- Honest communication and a strong work ethic, including trustworthiness and dependability
- A valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- The ability to work with a diverse range of people of various social, cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds
- The ability to perform physical tasks outdoors for extended periods and lift up to 50 pounds
- The ability to pass a background check

### **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.

### **To apply**

Please send resume, references and a cover letter with start and end dates to Julie Lehman, garden project manager: [julie@glfoodbank.org](mailto:julie@glfoodbank.org).

### **About Greater Lansing Food Bank**

Founded in 1981, Greater Lansing Food Bank is a highly visible non-profit organization that provides food assistance to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties. Food is distributed through an extensive network of food pantries, shelters, community kitchens and mobile distributions throughout the seven-county service area.

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, education, seeds and plants, tools, networking and more.

GLFB is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion. We embrace and encourage our employees' differences in age, color, disability, ethnicity, family status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status and other characteristics that make our employees unique.