



Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope HEALTHY CORNER STORE INTERN

About Growing Hope:

Growing Hope is a 15-year-old non-profit organization in Ypsilanti, Michigan dedicated to helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and increasing access to healthy food. We aim to use good food as a vehicle to Grow Healthy People, Grow Healthy Places, and Grow Healthy Economies. Growing Hope contributes to a vibrant community by providing access to an equitable, sustainable, food secure economy. We are dedicated to empowering the community through economic development.

Areas of interest:

Healthy retail, community outreach, local food business

Position Description:

Through Growing Hope's Economic Development programs, we seek an intern to support several local initiatives that help increase healthy food access and grow businesses and jobs through the local food economy. Specifically, the intern will support the Healthy Corner Store initiative called "Ypsi Fresh", assisting in organizing a network of community partners and corner store owners to stock and market healthy food options. This initiative is also exploring how gaps can be filled in systems of healthy food distribution, delivery, storage, handling, and marketing that can make healthy options economically viable and sustainable for store owners.

Growing Hope seeks a candidate enthusiastic and dedicated to Growing Hope's mission of helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and increasing access to healthy food. They must be energetic and committed to the success of the markets.

Tasks include:

- Assisting in further developing program materials as needed
- Connecting with Ypsi Fresh partners while attending meetings, scheduling and writing agendas for Ypsi Fresh partner meetings.
- Writing and communicating meeting minutes to members.
- Assisting in preparing, conducting and scheduling store healthy food sampling events, conduct in store surveys and compiling data.
- Maintaining workplan updates
- Doing research and writing, providing evaluation support.
- Organizing events such as community cooking classes and sampling schedules.

Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:

- Available 10-20 hours/week during internship period
- Has reliable means of transportation (public or private) to and around Ypsilanti.

- Passionate about food systems and Growing Hope's mission. Specifically, some awareness Healthy Corner Store initiatives a plus.
- Ability to effectively work with many ages, income levels, education levels, and race and ethnicities in a community setting.
- Ability to present active food sampling demonstrations on store site and comfortable with basic cooking skills.
- Experience working in diverse communities.
- Organized with spreadsheets and data collection/entry.
- Experience conducting community outreach and engagement to multiple audiences
- Competency in research and writing. Efficient in MS Office.

Unpaid Availability:

Summer Term: May-September, 2018. *Intern applicants who can serve for the Fall Term will be given priority.

To Apply: Please apply by April 20, 2018. Cover letter (1 page) and resume, that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Also include your desired hours and schedule availability. Please send these documents to apply@growinghope.net or drop them off in person to the Growing Hope Center at 922 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Growing Hope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate potential employees 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.