



## **Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope YPSILANTI MOBILE FARM STAND 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. Our commitment to increased access to healthy foods is demonstrated through our Farmers Markets. We operate two Ypsilanti Farmers Market locations and the Ypsilanti Mobile Farm Stand. 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. The Ypsilanti Mobile Farm Stand by Growing Hope features produce from the Growing Hope farm, as well as locally grown fruits and vegetables from vendors at the Ypsilanti Farmers Markets. The Mobile Farm Stand travels to locations throughout Eastern Washtenaw County, providing fresh food access to underserved neighborhoods.

### **Areas of interest:**

Food Security, Community Outreach, Food Access

### **Position Description:**

The Ypsilanti Mobile Farm Stand Intern is responsible for being on-site at the Farm Stand on Fridays (July-October) and at special events as available to help set-up and tear-down, sell produce, distribute free food samples, assist with social media marketing, and provide exemplary customer service. Additionally, each intern will choose a topic of their choice related to food insecurity and food access for self-study. This intern will work under the supervision of and report to Growing Hope's Farmers Market Assistant.

### **Tasks include:**

- Set up and take down farm stand (includes marketing and merchandising of displays), including coordinate loading of supplies, signs, and product display
- Oversee and support food sampling at Farm Stand
- Assist customers with prompt service in sale of produce and specialty foods
- Educate customers about and how to use SNAP/EBT/Bridge, Double Up Food Bucks, and other food assistance programs at farm stand and farmers markets
- Educate customers about Ypsilanti Farmers Markets and Growing Hope
- Educate customers on nutritional and culinary uses of local produce, in particular what is available seasonally
- Execute sales (cash, electronic, and token sales) and maintain financial records; maintain inventory of product and daily report
- Stand/walk during shifts, and carry 40+ lbs

**Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:**

- Ability to lift 40 pounds and work in all weather conditions
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with experience providing top-notch customer service to customers and visitors of all backgrounds
- Attention to detail
- Passion for healthy food, an interest in food justice and food systems, and a belief that all people deserve access to healthy food

**Unpaid Availability:**

**Summer Term:** Fridays from 10am-5pm mid-June through August 31, 2018 with additional flexible time to equal 10-12 hours/week. \*Intern applicants who can serve for the Fall Term will be given priority.\*

**Fall Term:** September 4-October 26 with additional flexible time to equal 10-12 hours/week.

**To Apply:** Please apply by May 21, 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](mailto:apply@growinghope.net) or drop them off in person to the Growing Hope Center at 922 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

*We encourage the following groups to apply: people of color and individuals who possess an in--depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship. 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.*