



## POWER OF PRODUCE INTERN

**Location:** Ypsilanti, MI (in-person work required)

**Compensation:** \$500/month stipend

**Additional Perks:** Free produce, flowers, and seedlings from our Urban Farm

**Start Date:** Seasonal, Jun 15 - September 15, 2023

**Schedule:** Average 10 hours/week. Must be available on market days: Saturdays 7:00am - 2:00pm (July - August).

Growing Hope is a 20-year-old non-profit organization rooted in Ypsilanti, Michigan whose mission is to foster an equitable and sustainable local food system that empowers all people to grow, buy, sell, prepare, and eat nourishing food. We envision a community where all people--particularly those with barriers due to race, class, culture, language, ability, and mobility--have access to nourishing local food that is culturally appropriate and affordable. People can grow and prepare their own harvests, and may earn a living as a food grower, producer, or entrepreneur.

Our areas of work include Youth & Schools, Farm & Garden, Farmers Markets, and Food Entrepreneurship. Our programs primarily emanate from our two main spaces: The Growing Hope Urban Farm and the Ypsilanti Farmers MarketPlace. The Urban Farm is a multi-purpose space used for organic-practice production, garden demonstration, youth and adult education, and events. The Ypsilanti Farmers MarketPlace hosts the Ypsi Area Online Market and the Growing Hope Incubator Kitchen.

Our work culture is rooted in our values: Transformation, Education, Justice & Equity, Placemaking, and Integrity. We commit to upholding inclusive practices and policies while creating space for courageous conversations as a staff and within our community. Our aim is to leverage the vast resources already within our community in order to empower and partner with participants and customers. We believe that community members have the ability to make their own decisions about their health and wellness goals and that Growing Hope acts as a conduit, bridging the gap between our community and its goals.

### Position Description:

The Power of Produce (POP) Club is a nationally recognized program for elementary-aged youth aimed at increasing education and consumption of fruits and vegetables at Farmers Markets. The Power of Produce intern will develop and execute children's activities for 6-8 weeks at the Saturday farmers market, enroll youth participants, and manage data tracking and evaluation of the program. This intern will work under the supervision of and report to the Farmers Market Manager.

### Tasks include:

- Design and implement POP Club lessons and activities for youth.
- Collect accurate metrics for evaluation and reporting.
- Work with market team to promote POP Club and increase participation.
- Assist with setup and/or tear down at markets.
- Assist with data entry and program evaluation.
- Take pictures and/or video at market for social media promotion.

### Qualifications:

- Experience working with elementary age youth.
- Familiarity with seasonality of Michigan produce.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with experience providing top-notch customer service to customers and visitors of all backgrounds.
- Proficient with MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Passion for healthy food, an interest in food justice and food systems, and a belief that all people deserve access to healthy food.

**To Apply:** Submit a resume and cover letter to [apply@growinghope.net](mailto:apply@growinghope.net). Preference given to applications received by **May 31, 2024**, but the position will remain open until filled. Letters can be submitted in the form of a written document, video or audio format.

*Growing Hope encourages people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship to apply. We welcome a diverse pool of applicants and make employment decisions on the basis of merit. We do not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, physical ability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. Accommodations will be made so that the application process and position is made accessible for qualified applicants.*