



Hunter Park GardenHouse Community Orchard Internship **January-May 2019**

The Hunter Park GardenHouse is project of Allen Neighborhood Center, a 501(c)(3) organization in Lansing, Michigan. The GardenHouse serves as a demonstration site and hub for year-round garden education. Neighbors volunteer to grow food, flowers, and community; and youth develop job and life skills in service to the neighborhood. Since 2008, the Hunter Park GardenHouse has empowered neighbors to grow, prepare, and eat healthy food to better their health and become more connected with the community. We are open 5 days a week, and offer a wide assortment of programs.

GardenHouse volunteer shifts are held Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12pm.

Allen Neighborhood Center's Hunter Park GardenHouse is offering 1 unpaid spring semester internship to revitalize our free community orchard. Orchard consists of 15-20 3-7 year old fruit trees, maintained as part of our free community garden, Edible Park. Edible Park is a half acre community garden, free for community members to utilize on a self-serve basis, and maintained primarily by our teen youth group, Youth Service Corps.

Internship Activities

This person will serve as the *Hunter Park GardenHouse Community Orchard Intern* who will:

- Serve as Hunter Park GardenHouse shift leader 1-2 times per week (guide-by-the-side with volunteers to plant, harvest, water, weed, etc., and engage with visitors).
- Work with GardenHouse manager to assess orchard's current health and resources.
- Create map and signage for trees to help increase community access and utilization.
- Prune trees and create a pest & disease management plan to maintain orchard health and productivity.

Qualifications

- Commitment to serve 5-10 hours per week.
- Desire and ability to engage with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods, and with youth.
- Ability to function independently and in a team environment.
- Experience with tree fruit and or orchard management..
- Good written and oral communication skills.

How to Apply

Submit a cover letter and resume to Volunteer Coordinator:
volunteer@allenneighborhoodcenter.org, 517-999-3919.

More information about the Hunter Park GardenHouse

Website: www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org/gardenhouse

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse