



## Forest Grove Farmers Market Waste Center Internship

**Placement Agency:** Adelante Mujeres, a 501c3 nonprofit organization in Forest Grove, OR

**Organizational Mission:** The mission of Adelante Mujeres is the holistic education and empowerment of low-income Latina women and their families to ensure full participation and active leadership in the community.

**Program Placement:** Forest Grove Farmers Market Waste Center

**Project Overview:** The market offers customers the option of using ceramic plates, metal utensils, and cloth napkins when purchasing hot foods. Customers deliver their soiled dinnerware to the Waste Center. Waste Center volunteers then oversee the removal of food waste and transport of the soiled dishware to a designated Main street restaurant for washing.

### **Primary Position Duties/Responsibilities\*:**

- *Operations* – Coordinate on-site services and manage volunteer resources during the market; help with set-up and take-down; communicate with prepared food vendors and re-stock clean dishware; assist with after market tasks
- *Education* – Outreach, inform, and educate customers about recycling, reuse, and reducing waste. This may include kid's activities, one-to-one conversations or other projects the intern creates
- *Leadership* – Orient one-time and new volunteers to the Waste Center; create outreach materials

*This Position reports to the Forest Grove Farmers Market Manager*

*\*Internship projects may be tailored to intern's skills and interests, within the needs of the organization.*

### **Intern Qualifications:**

- Commitment to the mission of Adelante Mujeres;
- Available Wednesday afternoon/evenings plus time between markets for prep;
- Spanish language skills preferred;
- Interest in sustainability, recycling, reuse, farmers markets, and/or food systems;
- Highly motivated, responsible, trust-worthy, and detail-oriented;
- Able to work with diverse populations;
- Possess excellent communication skills and can work independently and in a team;
- Able to take the lead on development of individual learning goals, project goals, measurable outcomes, timelines, and reporting;
- Flexibility with work schedule and willingness to adapt to a variety of physical settings.

**Commitment:** Interns work approximately 10-15 hours per week, between May-October (depending on the applicant's availability and the organization's needs).



**Benefits to Intern:** A small stipend may be available and provided by Adelante Mujeres. The intern will gain a variety of new skills and knowledge through valuable hands-on experience. May be applied for school credits.

**Potential Learning Outcomes:**

- Learn about food waste reduction, reuse and recycling in an event setting.
- Learn about and deliver educational programming at the farmers market for youth and adults.
- Learn about and demonstrate how locally produced and locally prepared food can have a positive impact on food entrepreneurship, healthy eating, and the local economy.

**To Apply:** Please send cover letter and resume to Kaely Summers at [ksummers@adelantemujeres.org](mailto:ksummers@adelantemujeres.org). Position open until filled