Community Engagement Ambassador

Founded in 2009, DC Greens is a nonprofit organization that advances health equity by building a just and resilient food system. We believe that racial justice, food access, and health equity are all connected, and that change requires systemic solutions and cross-sector collaboration. DC Greens works in solidarity with those who are most impacted to build a just food system in the nation's capital and break down the systemic barriers that harm our community. We are currently seeking to hire two Community Engagement Ambassadors.

These new temporary, part-time positions will be part of our Community Leadership Initiative. Community Leadership Initiative is DC Greens' workforce development program and one of our community engagement initiatives. The initiative aims to connect community members interested in enhancing their professional skills with opportunities to do so. Aspects of the program will build on participants' existing advocacy and community relations skills while they develop additional skills through hands-on and in-field training and experience.

Community Engagement Ambassadors will work with our organization to increase direct community involvement and input in our programmatic and in-person engagement activities throughout the D.C. metro area. Responsibilities of this position include educational outreach on DC Greens programs, engaging directly with community members, collecting various types of feedback during events and promoting organization-wide engagement initiatives. Ambassadors may be expected to represent DC Greens during meetings with partners, donors, and other stakeholders associated with the organization. Ambassadors will receive training to bolster administrative skill sets, conflict resolution training, media and communication coaching, resumé building, a professional headshot, and more.

You are an ideal candidate if you enjoy interacting with your community and connecting people with resources and information.

Essential Job Functions:

Program and Policy Support
  ● Create a welcoming environment for visitors at The Well at Oxon Run, working in conjunction with DC Greens team members to guide activities for on-site events, including volunteer and program sign-ups, obtaining consent for contact from community members, and recruiting participants for engagement efforts
• Support content creation efforts at all events, including taking photos, conducting surveys, and capturing community testimonials
• Research local food resources to guide DC Greens in sourcing partners for The Well at Oxon Run
• Attend weekly team calls and additional trainings as required
• Staff outreach tables at local fairs and other public events

Organizational Support
• Attend Community Leadership Initiative meetings with other DC Greens community leaders and program staff. Actively participate in discussions and provide input and feedback as needed
• Provide and solicit input from community members via feedback requests, focus groups, surveys, one-on-one meetings, and other methods
• Participate in media initiatives and speak about personal experiences on public-facing platforms

Qualifications
• Enthusiastic and knowledgeable about food and health justice topics in D.C. Knowledge about the Produce Plus program, DC Greens’ produce prescription program, Produce Rx, and federal assistance programs is preferred
• Strong, positive, and active relationships with people and organizations in your community
• Conflict resolution/de-escalation skills
• Good time management skills
• Outgoing personality and a good listener
• Ability to make others feel comfortable and heard
• Comfortable utilizing technology and participating in both remote and in-person meetings
• Ability to travel throughout the D.C. metro area and attend regular events at The Well at Oxon Run

Salary & Benefits
This is a seasonal, part-time (30 hours per week on average), hourly, non-exempt position. Hours may fluctuate based on work plan and seasonal activities. The hourly rate for this position is $23.50, starting in April and ending on June 30, 2024. There is a possibility of an extension through December 2024. This position is not eligible for benefits or overtime.

How to Apply
If interested, email a resume to hiring@dcgreens.org. Please put “Community Engagement Ambassador” in the subject line and your resume as a single attachment labeled “LAST NAME, FIRST NAME_Application.” Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with resumé review beginning immediately. We are hiring for multiple roles as part of this initiative. If we have hired the maximum number for one role we may evaluate and contact you for a different role. For best consideration apply by April 22, 2024, 11:59 pm EST. Anticipated start date is late-April 2024.
DC Greens is an equal opportunity employer. **We strongly encourage** and seek applications from people of color, bilingual and bicultural individuals, people who have experienced poverty, women, and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Applicants shall not be discriminated against because of race, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, marital status, or medical status. Reasonable accommodation will be made so that qualified disabled applicants may participate in the application process. Please advise in writing of special needs at the time of application.