We’re hiring for a Seasonal Farm and Market Assistant!

Overview
Common Good City Farm is a half-acre urban farm growing food with and for the community and providing education for all. We are looking for an enthusiastic farm assistant who is willing to learn about regenerative agriculture, healthy eating, market management, and community service. The successful candidate will be trained and assist in the following farm tasks: plant propagation, bed prep and drip-irrigation installation, planting, weeding, integrated pest and nutrient management, harvesting and processing, composting and more. Throughout the summer, the assistant will perform farm work, sell produce to the local community at our weekly farm stand, help out at community events and lead our summer youth interns. Candidates must be willing to work outside in the heat of the summer, have good leadership skills working with youth, be able to work in a team setting, and be open to learning and interacting with diverse community members.

Common Good City Farm runs a weekly farm market on Wednesdays from 4 - 7 pm, May 20 - October 28th. The Farm and Market Assistant should be available on Wednesdays from 9 am - 8 pm for produce harvest in the morning followed by market set-up, management, and breakdown in the afternoon.

Common Good City Farm participates in the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program for 6 weeks from June 29th - August 7th. During this time, we will host up to 6 youth (ages 16 and up) to intern on the farm for 24 hours each week. The Farm and Market Assistant will be responsible for leading youth in farm tasks and community event prep under the supervision of the Farm Manager and Programs & Operations Manager.

Schedule:
This position is for 26 weeks, from May 4 - October 31.
For 6 weeks from June 29 to August 7, the candidate will work up to 35 hours per week to manage the SYEP youth. The Farm Assistant will need to work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm, and 9 am to 8 pm on Wednesdays.

For the weeks outside of SYEP (May 4 - June 26 and August 10 - October 31), the candidate will work up to 23 hours a week. The Farm and Market Assistant will work 11 hours on Wednesdays from 9 am to 8 pm. For the other 12 hours per week, the Farm Assistant will be engaged in farm work or may assist with Community Events, produce processing, or production of value-added products.

For certain weeks, the Farm and Market Assistant will assist with setting up our Community Events. This will involve preparing food for the events, setting up the farm space, leading activities on the farm, and cleaning up. The candidate must be available to work on Friday, July 10 for the Tomato Party, Thursday, August 6 for the Community Dinner, and Thursday, October 1 for A Night on the Farm.
Compensation:
The rate of pay is $19/hr. Fringe benefits include pro-rated sick leave, paid holidays, free produce, and metro transit benefits.

Qualifications:
A successful candidate does NOT need farming or market experience, but must be open to learning. Experience working with high school-aged youth and the ability to pass a background check is a must. In addition, a successful candidate should:

- Be willing and able to lift heavy objects and work in extreme weather
- Be able to actively engage and motivate youth in farm work
- Interact well with adults and children
- Manage money responsibly
- Treat customers, neighbors, and visitors with respect

How to Apply:
To apply, please send a brief letter of interest and a resume/summary of work experience to jobs@commongoodcityfarm.org, by Friday, March 20, 2020. If you do not have email, you may call us at 202-559-7513, or visit us at the farm to discuss the position. Interviews will take place between Monday, March 23 and Friday, April 3, 2020. Candidates will be notified by Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The selected candidate will start work on Monday, May 4, 2020.