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Creating Livelihood Opportunities for Refugees

New Leaf Agriculture Logistics Coordinator

About MRC and New Leaf Agriculture

Multicultural Refugee Coalition (MRC) is an innovative nonprofit organization employing refugees in fair-wage, dignified work. MRC operates a textile manufacturing social enterprise, a community garden and a 20-acre certified organic commercial farm as well as offering skills development for refugees. You can learn more about MRC at <https://www.mrcaustin.org/>.

MRC's New Leaf Agriculture program trains and employs refugee farmers from traditional farming cultures in dignified work that reconnects them to the earth in their new communities. The program is based on a 20-acre commercial farm outside of Austin where the farmers learn about Central Texas agriculture methods while using organic and regenerative practices.

Refugee farmers earn an income contributing to collective farm projects. The team grows for local farmers' markets, restaurants, and families through a weekly Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Additionally, New Leaf Agriculture provides growing space through a "Traditional Provisions" program (starting Fall 2022). This is a community garden style program through which refugees grow culturally appropriate crops for their own communities, receiving a stipend for their efforts.

Position

The New Leaf Agriculture Logistics Coordinator (LC) supports the New Leaf Agriculture Director ("Farm Director") and Farm Manager in processing, packing, and distributing organic produce and eggs. The LC also coordinates the transportation of refugee farm team members and Traditional Provisions participants.

Work Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30 am-3:30 pm, or otherwise noted by New Leaf Farm Director. We start earlier in the Summer, and later in the Winter. **The start date for this position is April 1, 2022.**

Farm Address is 17312 Littig Rd., Elgin TX 78621

Compensation

- Compensation is \$16 per hour for approximately 35-40 hours/week, with time off in August and around the Holidays, and 16 days of PTO each year (prorated according to start date).

Qualifications:

- Willing to learn
- Farming or Gardening Experience preferred
- Experience managing a team

- Friendly and Communicates well
- Valid Drivers License and Driving Background Check
- Detail Oriented
- Respect MRC values
- Work efficiently in all weather conditions
- Can lift at least 50 lbs
- Food Manager's License (We can help you get this if you don't already have it)

Responsibilities:

- Transport the New Leaf Farm Team to and from work as needed using farm van or personal car (mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle use). Must be able to pass a driving background check.
- Perform weekly deliveries of produce and eggs for our CSA and Wholesale Customers
- Assist Farm Director with canning produce for our pantry line.
- Assist Farm Director with managing our laying hen operation.
- Assist Farm Manager with weekly wash and pack tasks
- Manage our Farmers Market presence, along with Farm Manager.
- Assist Farm Director in managing greenhouse
- Be familiar with the MRC organization and represent it well in inquiries, tours, and events.
- Ensure cleanliness of farm facilities.
- Ensure the safety of all team members and volunteers.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Farm Director Matt Simon at msimon@mrcaustin.org