## Garden Leader Position Description

## Program Summary:

Back-Farms connects the community with senior citizens who donate their yard space to grow produce. This produce is shared between volunteer Garden Apprentices, the participating seniors, and free farm stands held at Salt Lake County Senior Centers.

## Position Overview:

With the supervision and assistance of the Back-Farms Program Coordinator, the Garden Leader is responsible for properly planting, tending, and harvesting 15-18 backyard gardens over the course of the growing season. In the gardens, they will meet with volunteer Garden Apprentices to teach gardening skills from our assigned curriculum. Responsible for tracking vegetable harvests and volunteer hours. Additionally, Garden Leaders will oversee one free farm stand per week from mid-July through mid-October.

## Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain and repair custom drip irrigation systems
- Plant gardens using intensive planting methods to maximize production in small spaces
- Conduct two weekly visits at each garden
- Perform regular garden maintenance, including weeding, pest control, trellising, fertilizing, and more
- Meet Garden Apprentices at assigned meeting times, where you will teach them organic and intensive gardening methods based on our curriculum
- Harvest gardens and distribute and transport produce
- Be communicative with seniors regarding program logistics, protocol, scheduling, satisfaction
- Oversee one senior center market per week, including weighing and packing produce, setting up and tearing down the market stand, supervising volunteers, and distributing produce to senior participants
- Track all harvest totals, volunteer hours, and market distribution totals
- Actively participate in staff meetings (2 per month), staff work days, and trainings
- Assist with Green Urban Lunch Box community events during the season


## Position Requirements/Qualifications:

- 1 or more seasons of experience gardening
- Ability to manage working in adverse weather conditions, i.e. heat, snow, rain, etc.
- Must be able to lift 40 lbs
- Valid driver's license



## Hours:

- This is a seasonal 30 hour/week position, which will run from approximately April 8th until October 18th, depending on weather.


## Compensation

- $\$ 17$ / hour, paid bi-weekly via direct deposit
- Access to freshly grown and locally sourced fruits and veggies from garden
- Access to attend our weekly farmer training courses at no cost

Please email a resume and a short cover letter indicating your experience and interest in the position to Jessica Collette at info@gulb.org to apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

