

GETTING DIRTY WITH A PURPOSE

Part Time Seasonal Farm Staff Position Available

Gifts of Love Farm is a non-profit, certified organic farm located in Simsbury, CT. We grow over 50 types of vegetables and flowers. Gifts of Love Farm operates a CSA, sells to local restaurants and at farmers' markets.

All proceeds from the CSA are used to support the Gifts of Love programs. Our mission is to provide assistance to individuals and families experiencing a temporary financial crisis, so they can achieve or maintain self-sufficiency. We accomplish this by providing basic needs-food, clothing, furniture, household items, heating assistance - and offering life-skill educational programs. Through the Gifts of Love Farm farm-based educational programs we educate the community about food systems, hunger, sustainable farming, sound nutritional choices and healthy lifestyles.

Job Description:

Gifts of Love Farm CSA seeks Seasonal Part Time Farm Staff for the 2018 growing season. Applicants should have high energy for and an interest in sustainable agriculture. Farm Staff will be involved in all aspects of the farm operation including but not limited to:

- Harvesting, washing and packing produce for CSA, markets and restaurants
- Greenhouse work – filling and seeding trays
- Field and high tunnel work – transplanting, weeding, pruning, irrigating, installing/removing trellises, plastic mulches and row covers
- Animal Care

Work Schedule: 15-20 hours per week Saturdays and Sundays and occasional weekdays. Start and end times adjust slightly to follow the rhythm of the farm season and weather conditions.

Expectations and Qualifications:

Previous work on vegetable farms is preferred but is not necessary.

A strong work ethic and the ability to work collaboratively with others are essential. Our farm and education center are part of the community, so we strive to create an open, positive and fun work environment that makes the farm welcoming to all visitors.

Must commit to the full farm season.

Preferred Skills, Qualities, Experience:

- Willing to work outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Dependable, punctual, self-motivated, open to learning

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