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Miziwe Biik  
Aboriginal Employment  
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## **Job Posting** **Mashkikii;aki'ing Garden and Worker**

(35 hours/week, 1 year contract from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021)

The Stop Community Food Centre began over 30 years ago as one of North America's first food banks, and has grown into a vibrant community centre, using food as a gateway to addressing many issues, including poverty, the environment, social isolation and health. The Stop's mission is to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds health and community and challenges inequality. The Stop runs an urban agriculture program at several sites in the Davenport West and Wychwood Heights neighbourhoods of Toronto, which include vegetable gardens, a traditional medicine wheel garden, a greenhouse, and an outdoor bake oven.

We are looking for a candidate to assist with activities at the Mashkikii;aki'ing community garden, which is a traditional medicine wheel garden located in Hillcrest Park. The Mashkikii;aki'ing Garden & Outreach Worker will work to involve members of the community (volunteers, Native Men's Residence program participants, adults, seniors, children and youth) and deliver garden programming. Interested applicants must be registered and working with an employment counsellor with Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Services. Please note this position is subject to government funding.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the facilitation of 2-3 groups and work-bee sessions per week at Mashkikii;aki'ing Garden with participants from Native Men's Residence and Indigenous community members
- Guide and assist community members in earth work (planting, watering, harvesting, processing, composting, etc.)
- Support additional garden maintenance as needed
- Support winter gardening activities at our greenhouse and through workshops
- Plan and prepare snacks and meals for programs
- Submit food orders on a bi-weekly basis
- Assist with outreach, promote garden projects and lead tours for visitors and groups
- Preparing and designing promotional and outreach materials for our community gardens

### **Additional Responsibilities:**

- Assist with spring seedling production in our Greenhouse
- Assist with community events and field trips
- Assist with program evaluations and maintenance of program records

- Respond to emails and meet regularly with supervisor
- Meet regularly with Stop Urban Agriculture team, and other staff members as needed
- Work closely with program staff from our community partners

**Qualifications:**

- Interested applicants must be registered with Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Services
- Experience working in gardens and using organic garden methods (through paid employment or volunteer work)
- Experience with food for diverse food needs and restrictions
- Demonstrated ability to work within a diverse community (people of different ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds, especially Indigenous communities)
- Commitment to social justice and knowledge of food system issues
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Facilitation experience an asset
- Demonstrated ability living and/or working in communities that experience poverty and discrimination
- Holding a valid driver's license is an asset

**Salary:** \$19.00/hour    **Hours:** 35 hours/week

**Start date:** Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Please submit your cover letter and résumé by Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5 p.m. Subject line: Mashkikii;aki'ing Garden and Outreach Worker to: [jobs@thestop.org](mailto:jobs@thestop.org). No faxes or phone calls please.