



Miziwe Biik
Aboriginal Employment
and Training

Job Posting

Mashkikii;aki'ing Harvest Worker

(35 hours/week, 1 year contract from April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 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 the coordination and use of culinary and medicinal harvest from our Mashkikii;aki'ing community garden, Earls court community garden, and Greenhouse. The Harvest Worker will work with fellow staff, volunteers and community members to engage in the harvesting and processing of plants at our Green Barn site. 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:

- Ensure harvest is processed, stored and used according to safe food handling guidelines
- Maintain and update harvest logs and records
- Communicate available harvest to program staff
- Incorporate harvest in snacks, meals and activities
- Research and share recipes and uses for harvest to community members and staff team
- Maintain processing and production spaces including greenhouse, gardens and kitchen and storage spaces

Additional Responsibilities:

- Assist with spring seedling production in our Greenhouse
- Take part in garden and greenhouse maintenance as needed
- Provide back up support for volunteer or program activities in the absence of program staff
- Assist with maintenance of records for annual reports
- 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 preparing 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 1st, 2020

Please submit your cover letter and résumé by Friday, March 6th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Subject line: Mashkikii;aki'ing Harvest Worker to: jobs@thestop.org. No faxes or phone calls please.