



### **Internship; Sustainable Orchard Internship, Farming for Hunger Relief**

Spend your summer working with a leading Central Massachusetts non-profit organization as they continue to improve operations and expand their reach of healthy produce to Worcester County's most vulnerable. Gain valuable experience and learn about a sustainable orchard and volunteer organization, the basics of non-profit operations, and volunteer organizing while you spend your summer outdoors. Work directly with an experienced Orchard Manager, responsible for 30 acres of fruit trees. Be part of a dynamic team aiding hunger relief in Worcester County while exploring your future.

#### Responsibilities

Our Interns will participate fully in all aspects of operating a non-profit volunteer farming organization at our orchard. They will have direct hands-on engagement in farming 30 acres of fruit trees. Including 3,200 apple trees and 150 peach trees nestled on a 75 acre property in Harvard, MA. They will be involved in orchard operations and have opportunities to participate in special projects. Tasks include but not limited to:

- Assist with orchard tasks such as pruning, fruit thinning, fertilizing, crop/growth analysis, mowing, irrigation, pest control, weed management, and property upkeep under the direction of our Orchard Manager and Orchard Assistant.
- Assist with maintaining a positive volunteer experience for all who visit the farm
- Occasional visits to work with our farm team in North Grafton, MA will be required.
- Support and work on some organizational events as needed
- Other tasks as needed

#### Educational Components

- Interns will have the opportunity to work with and learn from all staff members of the non-profit and will gain insight into the multi-faceted operations of the organization. In addition they will have the opportunity to complete an optional group orchard project.
- Interns will have the opportunity to learn from Central Massachusetts community leaders
- The internship also includes off-site visits to partner organizations which allows students an opportunity to learn more about local hunger relief efforts and non-profit partnerships.

#### Requirements, qualified applicants will:

- Be an excellent communicator and be able to demonstrate previous leadership responsibility
- Have interest and/or some experience in farming or gardening
- Be able to lift farm equipment and/or produce weighing up to 50 pounds
- Be comfortable using or learning to use power tools like weed-whackers and lawn mowers
- Be prepared for work in outdoor weather conditions, we operate rain or shine
- Work within a team or independently, be self-motivated, with great attention to detail
- Have reliable transportation
- Be available for 30 hours per week, May 31 through August 18 with the opportunity to extend the internship into the fall season with adjusted flexible hours. Unique scheduling needs may be negotiated in advance and are subject to operational needs of the organization
- Be flexible and have a sense of humor! This is a real farming operation and we operate at the whim of nature, so flexibility is key



Organization Information:

Community Harvest Project (CHP), a 501(c)3 organization, is dedicated to creating healthy and engaged communities through volunteer farming and nutrition education for those who are experiencing food insecurity. Through their volunteer farming, education, and leadership programs they bring thousands of community members together each year. In 2019 they hosted 7,563 volunteer visits that allowed for 417,644 servings of fruits and vegetables to be grown and donated through partnerships including the Worcester County Food Bank's hunger relief network, Community Servings, and Hector Reyes House. They provided over 417,00 servings of fresh produce for individuals and families in need in our community who otherwise may not have had access.

For more information about their locations, programs, and impact, please visit [www.community-harvest.org](http://www.community-harvest.org).

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