**About Urban Growers Collective**

Urban Growers Collective (UGC) is built upon the foundation of Growing Power, a nonprofit organization and land trust established in Milwaukee, WI in 1993. Growing Power operated its urban farming and education non-profit for 25 years before closing its doors in the fall of 2017. The Growing Power Chicago branch was established in February 2002, to address the need for scalable food system models that were inclusive, impactful, and economically viable. After Growing Power closed, Chicago’s leadership team, committed to continuing the legacy of Growing Power, formed UGC to build upon our 15-years of successes creating thriving urban farms and training programs in Chicago.

UGC tackles food insecurity through a variety of programming. Our portfolio of programs includes: the Fresh Moves Mobile Market; Farmers for Chicago, our job-readiness program which trains over 300 teens annually, 30 formerly incarcerated adults through an 18-month job-readiness program, as well as our Incubator Farmer program which provides land and technical assistance for new Chicago farmers; our head-start preschool farm which serves over 150 preschoolers and their families; and finally, we provide education to a larger audience through a series of agriculture, small business development, and equality building workshops. Our core values honor shared leadership and collective decision making; racial, economic, gender and LGBTQ equity; and employee well-being: we have witnessed how these values lead to thoughtful, holistic programming and yield environments that nourish and create prosperity.

**Fresh Moves Mobile Market**

Urban Growers Collective uses buses converted into mobile farmers markets - ‘the farmers market on wheels’ - to work toward closing the ‘food access’ gap. Customers board the bus and fill their bags with delicious local produce: fruit, vegetables, herbs, as well as UGC products. Produce is priced to be affordable for all and fair return for the farmers. We also offer the “Double Value” program that provides a 50% reduction in price for SNAP customers for sales up to $20. We will be offering prepared salads and other staples in the future as well.

The goal of the program is to: nearly double the total amount of farmer’s markets operating across the city; increase farmers’ markets in low-income neighborhoods by over 400%; and create a model for linking good food and health information to support healthy eating, community based healthcare, and economic development efforts. By working with community partnerships and providing educational outreach, we believe that the project supports informed dietary choices. Fresh Moves has the opportunity to support access to consistent good food, support, information through health and school partners to provide a web of support to reverse diet related diseases and health disparities.
**Position:** Urban Growers Collective seeks a passionate, community-driven and connected team member to load, drive, sell produce, and reconcile end of day sales for the Fresh Moves Mobile Market.

**Responsibilities:**
- Drive a workhorse truck (a former Peapod vehicle) to community-based Fresh Moves bus stops in accordance with our weekly schedule; communicate with site coordinators to ensure safe and accessible parking for the bus;
- Keep the bus on schedule for each site;
- Fuel bus according to schedule and inspect buses to schedule regular maintenance;
- Load and unload bus with fresh produce for daily site visits and interact with customers to sell produce; must be able to lift 40 pounds of weight;
- Be friendly and engaging with customers;
- Communicate with all site-partners when arriving on site;
- Conduct produce sales using Square POS system;
- Submit daily sales data to the Fresh Moves Coordinator;
- Handle all produce according to UGC Fresh Produce Handling manual and training;
- Keep cooler and commissary space organized and clean; and
- Represent UGC in a professional, inclusive, and respectful way at meetings and at partner sites;

**Qualifications**
- Competency working with communities of color and diverse workplace; experience in dismantling racism and anti-oppression work is important;
- Ability to problem solve, excellent communication skills, and must work well as a member of a team;
- Ability to learn Square POS system;
- Basic accounting and ability to follow through on cash-handling protocol;
- Excellent driving record and current driver’s license;
- Dependable and on time; and
- Love for the community and passionate about social equity issues with ability to cooperate and communicate with diverse partners, including neighbors, supporters, funders, and public officials;

This position is 3 days per week with the possibility of moving to full-time with benefits. Pay $15/hour

*UGC provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, or genetics.*

Please send resume and three professional references to info@urbangrowerscollective.org

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