



### **Mission, Vision, and Values**

The Nashville Food Project brings people together to grow, cook and share nourishing food, with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city. At The Nashville Food Project, we embrace a vision of vibrant community food security in which everyone in Nashville has access to the food they want and need through a just and sustainable food system. This mission and vision are guided by core organizational values, including hospitality, stewardship, interdependence, learning, justice, and transformation.

### **Organizational Background**

The Nashville Food Project (TNFP) was born from the idea that good food is a matter of basic dignity. Since its start in 2007, TNFP has served thousands of Nashvillians facing food insecurity. In 2011, TNFP was incorporated as an independent nonprofit, shifting the focus of its meals program toward a collaborative partnership model and launching an urban agriculture program. Today, TNFP continues to connect people to nourishing food and to each other through vibrant urban agriculture projects, made-from-scratch meals, and food shared with local partners working to disrupt cycles of poverty.

### **Position Summary**

The Community Gardens Contractor is a part-time, 10-hour/week position between the months of May-October. The position supports the Community Garden Manager at TNFP's McGruder Community Garden located in North Nashville. Primary responsibilities include helping facilitate weekly garden workdays, performing site maintenance, supporting produce harvesting, processing, and distribution, and supporting the expansion of the community garden to include additional growing beds and other garden infrastructure. The position's activities occur on-site at the McGruder Community Garden, with preference given to candidates who are able to work on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Lead and facilitate volunteer groups once a week in harvesting, washing, and packing produce for distribution at the community garden
- Perform site maintenance tasks including hand weeding, mowing, and weedeating
- Support the Community Garden Manager in completing garden expansion projects
- Serve as an on-site point of contact for volunteers and community members

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1 year prior experience in gardening or an enthusiastic willingness to learn
- Alignment with TNFP's mission and vision of community food security

- Ability to regularly lift and move at least 60 pounds
- Comfort working outdoors in all weather conditions, including the heat of summer
- Availability to support on-site staff on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.
- Must have a reliable mode of transportation to the community garden in North Nashville
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds
- Willingness to work hard, have fun and learn amongst a collaborative team

#### **CLASSIFICATIONS**

This is a part-time, hourly, temporary position that averages 10 hours per week. The position runs from May- October. To apply, please send a copy of your resume and a brief cover letter to [info@thenashvillefoodproject.org](mailto:info@thenashvillefoodproject.org). Priority will be given to candidates who apply by April 8, 2024, but applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

**COMPENSATION:** \$17/hour, averaging 10 hours per week