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Title: School Garden Facilitator, PS/MS 218
Location: PS/MS 218 – 1220 Gerard Avenue, Bronx NY 10452
Reports to: Project STEP/JAM Director

The Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. We build award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes – but our work is not over when our buildings are complete. WHEDco believes that to be successful, affordable housing must be anchored in strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco’s mission is to give the South Bronx access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods – from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to fresh, healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. See www.whedco.org for more information.

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Job Summary:

Under the supervision of the Project STEP/JAM Director, the School Garden Facilitator will teach food justice and gardening lessons at our afterschool program for youth ages 10-14. WHEDco’s student garden is approximately 1000 square feet, and includes a hydroponic greenhouse. The WHEDco school garden education classes aims to increase access to locally grown organic produce for our students, beautify the schools grounds through greening. This position will create opportunities for youth from diverse backgrounds and the community to learn about growing food, as well as nutrition, cooking, nature, and the environment.

Responsibilities:

- Teach and assist a group of children enrolled in WHEDco’s after school program, in growing and maintaining an organic garden and hydroponic greenhouse through the year.
- Develop a curriculum for the garden and food justice program.
- Provide learning opportunities and engaging lessons.
- Ensure proper behavior and safety in the garden during program hours.

Qualifications:

- Work experience in a low-income community and diverse urban youth;
- Experience developing and delivering garden-related instruction;
- Knowledge of and experience with planting, harvesting, and watering procedures;
- Enjoys working with school-aged children;
- Strong interpersonal communication skills;
- **Must be available to work four weekday afternoons per week, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.**

Competitive pay rate based on experience. This is a part-time hourly position.

To respond, send a cover letter and resume to one of the following:

Email: STEPrecruiting@whedco.org (please include your name and “Garden Facilitator” in the Subject Line)

Mail: WHEDco, 50 East 168th Street, Bronx, NY 10452
Attention: JAM/Project Step Coordinator