



ADDED VALUE

Job Announcement: Farm Education Intern **Applications due March 12th 9am**

About Added Value

Added Value's mission is to promote the sustainable development of Red Hook by nurturing a new generation of youth leaders. We work towards this goal by creating opportunities for South Brooklyn's youth to expand their knowledge base, develop new skills and positively engage with their community through the operation of a socially responsible urban farming enterprise. In six years Added Value has trained more than 85 young people, while founding the Red Hook Farmers' Market and CSA and growing a local food system. In addition to our core urban agriculture activities Added Value runs farm based learning programs for more than 250 elementary school students each week.

Working in conjunction with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Heifer International, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, Added Value and local project partners are transforming an under-utilized neighborhood park into Red Hook Community Farm. This vibrant 2.5 acre farm, located within walking distance of four public schools, the library, and our local seniors' center, is a place where young and old work and learn together as they sow, weed, and harvest for personal consumption, donation or sale at our Markets. The Farm currently supplies four local restaurants with a variety of produce and there is demonstrated potential for significant growth in this area.

Added Value currently works with three local elementary schools to energize and engage students about the food we eat. Through our Seed-to-Salad and Farm-to-Classroom programs, first and second graders learn about farming, community, the origins of their food, the biology of plants, seasons and natural cycles. All lessons are hands-on and inquiry based. We strive to develop a sense of care giving and cooperation amongst the whole learning community.

Job Description:

The Farm Education Intern will support the farm-based educational activities held weekly for local first and second grade classes on the Red Hook Community Farm. Working closely with the Community Education Coordinator and the lead Farm Educator, the Intern will take part in the preparation and delivery of farm-based programming. He/she will work directly with the same students each week. Please send resume and cover letter to Caroline Loomis, Community Education Coordinator (cloomis@added-value.org) by email, or to the address listed below:

Responsibilities will include:

- Work directly with elementary school children on the farm, delivering lessons on the cycles and systems of farm, plants, seasons and compost
- Participate in preparation and clean-up of materials and site
- Participate in program evaluation
- Related tasks as needed
- Highly dependable attendance

Minimum Qualifications

- Willingness to learn about nutrition, farming, food and communication
- Experience working with elementary school aged children
- Self-motivated and able to work within a fluid environment
- Bring positive energy to the work

In recognition of the strength of poly-cultural environment and in service of our mission Added Value will support the growth and development of all employees and prospective employees, youth participants and our broader community without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by applicable laws.