



ADDED VALUE

Job Announcement: Farm Educator 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.

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.

Added Value currently works with three local elementary schools to energize and engage students about the food we eat. Through our Seed-to-Salad program, 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 Educator will lead farm-based educational activities for local first and second grade classes on the Red Hook Community Farm. Working closely with the Community Education Coordinator, the Educator will take part in the planning, preparation and delivery of Added Value's 8-week Seed-to-Salad program. He/she will work directly with the same students and teachers each week, for four weekly classes held on the farm. This position runs from Late March through Mid-June. Compensation for this time period will be \$1500. Based on interest and availability, this position may expand to include hosting one-time farm visits for other interested schools during the month of June. Please send resume and cover letter to Caroline Loomis (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
- Lend creativity and input to Added Value's Seed-to-Salad curriculum
- Foster communicative, respectful atmosphere for participating students, teachers, and parents
- Document lessons and feedback
- Setup and cleanup of materials and site
- Participate in program evaluation
- Highly dependable attendance

Minimum Qualifications

- Education experience with elementary-aged students
- Basic knowledge of farming/gardening and plant science
- Self-motivated and able to work within a fluid environment
- Bring positive energy to the work
- Bi-lingual (Spanish) preferred

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, or sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by applicable laws.