



# ADDED VALUE

## **Job Announcement: Urban Farm Assistant** **Applications due March 12<sup>th</sup> 9am**

### **About Added Value**

Added Value's mission is to promote the sustainable development of Red Hook Brooklyn, 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.

### **Job Description:**

The Urban Farm Assistant will be responsible for the general operation of the Red Hook Community Farm and for overseeing the integration of regional agriculture into neighborhood businesses and community-based organizations. We are seeking a motivated, responsible individual with a keen interest in farming. Other important traits include strong communication skills and a positive attitude. A strong applicant will be curious, have a commitment to social justice, youth empowerment, and the ability to work long hours in all weather at physical jobs. Prior experience on a farm is a plus but not a pre-requisite. This is a seasonal position, from April through December, averaging 30 hours per week. Compensation will be \$15,000. The Farm Manager will report to the Executive Director.

Please send resume and cover letter to Ian Marvy, Executive Director, by email ([imarvy@added-value.org](mailto:imarvy@added-value.org)) or to the address listed below.

### **Responsibilities will include:**

- Oversee on site activities
- Prepare donations to local food pantries and collections by City agencies and maintain donation records
- Greenhouse work, transplanting, cultivating and harvesting, and general field maintenance
- Maintain all farm records related to production and sales
- Coordinate Restaurant Sales
- Run farmers' markets
- Support our Urban CSA
- Facilitate on-site volunteer activities, community meetings and celebrations
- Support Added Value youth programs

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Understanding of food systems and urban population food needs
- Experience with food sales, food handling, and product development a plus
- A desire to work with a diverse group of community residents, youth, and children
- Basic computer literacy
- Bi-lingual (Spanish) preferred
- Self motivated and ability to work within a fluid environment

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 any other basis prohibited by applicable law.