



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to volunteer email list: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions and/or needs that we should be aware of while gardening together (i.e. allergic reactions to bee stings, plants, food, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Availability - Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

My primary volunteer interest this year is: \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills or gardening experience:

I am interested in learning about Project Grow's Board of Directors & Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

(Discovery Garden, Education, Development, Special Events, etc.)

Gardening interests (circle as many as you like)

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| Honeybees               | insect/disease control  | butterflies        |
| fruit trees             | organic methods         | shade plants       |
| medicinal herbs         | garden structures herbs | tea herbs          |
| culinary                | vegetable gardening     | water garden       |
| gardening with children | perennial flowers       | rock garden        |
| gardening with seniors  | annual flowers          | composting         |
| barrier-free gardens    | native plants           | design/landscaping |
| small fruits            | Native Amer. gardens    | other: _____       |

## Project Grow Community Gardens

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**HEIRLOOM GARDEN:** Help other dedicated Project Grow volunteers farm and advocate for, heirloom vegetables like potatoes, corn, beans, tomatoes, etc. This volunteer opportunity is extremely flexible in time and commitment level with plenty of fresh produce in the fall for all volunteers who help out with this special effort.

**THEME GARDENS:** Individuals and small groups can "adopt" one of our many unique theme gardens: Heirloom Garden, Three Sisters Garden, Water Garden, Native Plant, Pizza, Peter Rabbit, Rock Garden, Herb Gardens and more! Volunteers can plant, tend, identify, teach about and label plants in the garden.

**COMPOST EDUCATION CENTER:** Maintain compost area and share composting knowledge with visitors on an informal and scheduled basis.

**WONDER SPROUTS:** This is a hands-on summer gardening program for elementary age kids. Volunteers are needed to help plan and implement gardening lessons/activities and assist kids with small garden plots. This program meets at both of the Discovery Garden locations, Leslie Science Center and at the County Farm Park.

**WISE ROOTS:** This program provides raised garden beds and volunteer assistance for seniors. Volunteers assist seniors as needed and also help with general garden maintenance. There are also opportunities to speak about a specific garden topic at the monthly potlucks. This program meets at both of the Discovery Garden locations, Leslie Science Center and at the County Farm Park.

**EASY ACCESS:** A garden of specially designed raised beds facilitates wheelchair access and provides volunteer assistance as needed. Volunteers assist the Easy Access gardeners with general garden maintenance and mobility requirements as needed. There are special opportunities to volunteer with these gardeners at our monthly potlucks. This program meets at both of the Discovery Garden locations, Leslie Science Center and at the County Farm Park.

**CLASSES:** Help plan and teach a variety of garden classes year round! Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Project Grow provides materials and assistance for all classes. Great opportunity for Master Gardeners!

**NEWSLETTER:** Contribute to our monthly electronic newsletter. Photos and interviews with community gardeners are welcome!

**PLANT SALE:** Project Grow is holding its Plant Sale in front of the People's Food Coop, at 216 N, Fourth Avenue, on the weekend of May 15th and Sunday, May 16th, as well as on the following Saturday, May 22nd, from 7am - 3pm. Volunteers are needed to set up and close down the event, as well as sell plants during the sale.

**TOMATO TASTING:** In late August, the public is invited to taste heirloom tomatoes provided by Project Grow members. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down tables, prepare the tomatoes, write out labels, etc. Date and place are yet to be settled.

**SMALL MACHINE and TOOL REPAIR:** Volunteers skilled in the repair and maintenance of lawnmowers, weed-whackers, garden tools, and wheelbarrows are needed to maintain the fleet of machines and tools employed by Project Grow.

#### **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS:**

Orientations for Discovery Garden Volunteers, County Farm Park Volunteers, and Heirloom Garden Volunteers are being offered at the Leslie Science Center Nature House, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-7pm
- Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-noon

#### **DISCOVERY GARDEN LOCATIONS:**

The Discovery Garden program has two locations. Our original Discovery Garden Program is at Leslie Science Center, where all three groups, the Wise Roots, Easy Access and the Wonder Sprouts, will gather together on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. from May through October. This garden is located next to the Leslie Science Center Nature House, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor. Our second program, the Discovery Garden @ The Farm, is located at County Farm Park, off of Platt Road with the new Wise Roots, Easy Access and Wonder Sprouts members who have chosen to garden at this site gathering there on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. from May through October. This garden is located near the picnic shelter in the County Farm Park.

#### **MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact Project Grow's Volunteer Coordinator at 734-996-3169 or by email at [volunteer@projectgrowgardens.com](mailto:volunteer@projectgrowgardens.com)