



## WILDHEART MINISTRIES

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Position: Farm Intern

Reports to: The Farm Manager

Location: On site, The Hill Farm (213 S. 18th St. Harrisburg, PA)

**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:** Wildheart is located in the heart of Allison Hill, an impoverished neighborhood in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Standing on years of history in ministry to the community, we have taken over a historic mansion that stands out among the ruins of our city. Hope, honor and sustainability have become the values that have catalyzed a transformative community of believers who have committed themselves to empowering others to pioneer love in their own cities and nations. Locally, we have an initiative called “Love The Hill” which is focused on restoring and beautifying The Hill, while empowering its residents to break the chains and cycle of poverty. In Spring of 2022, we signed a lease agreement with the school district for a 2 acre farm located in Allison Hill.

**POSITION SUMMARY:** The Hill Farm Internship is a unique position that offers the dynamic opportunity to gain deep experience and diverse skills in the realm of sustainable agriculture. Working directly with the Farm Manager, the intern will be involved in all aspects of the farm, including: planting and maintenance of sustainable and organic vegetable production; community engagement and education; direct marketing and sales; and helping to establish a farming model for long-term success. A more detailed look at key training objectives and responsibilities (which include but are not limited to):

### PRIMARY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- Active support of a year round diversified vegetable farm, including planting; cultivation; pest, disease and weed management; irrigation; compost systems; harvest and post-harvest handling; quality control; sales and distribution.
- Active support of the on-site farm stand, CSA program, restaurant and farmers’ market sales and deliveries, in addition to community markets.
- Assist in Health, Food Access and Community Building: Access to affordable produce can play a critical role in transforming the health and well being of children, adults and society at large.
- Assist in mentoring youth in farm skill competencies and knowledge, educational programs for educating and hosting field trips and an after school program for both the local school district and inviting outside public and private schools to join.

- Assist in Farm produce/product acquisition and distribution - Farm share deliveries/pickups, partner farm add-ons/produce pickup, acquiring necessary Farm supplies, amending market cash box at bank, produce donations etc.
- Assist Farm Manager in other tasks as needed for the vision of The Hill Farm

#### YOU ARE:

- Passionate about sustainable agriculture and interested in growing in this field.
- Able to give and receive thoughtful feedback
- Able to learn quickly and adapt to changing systems
- Interested in both collaborating with others and working independently
- Ready to work alongside a small, hard-working team at a mission-driven organization on the front lines of youth development, social justice, and innovative food system work

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be guided by the vision and mission of The Hill Farm and work directly under the Farm Manager, in addition to other members of Wildheart.
- A commitment and desire to serve others and do positive work in the world. Additionally, being a kind and compassionate human with the personal characteristics and qualities of patience, openness, strong communication, understanding of oneself, and ability to truly listen to others.
- A strong, self-motivated work ethic with the ability and desire to work independently as well in close physical, mental and emotional proximity with others.
- A dedication, understanding and appreciation of Wildheart.
- The ability to work long hours in all weather conditions (heat, rain, cold); lift, carry and move 50 pounds; ability to crawl, crouch and bend for long periods of time; in addition to the other physical demands associated with intensive, small-scale agriculture.
- Capacity to work alongside youth in a management capacity plus relevant youth protection clearances required by the state of PA
- At least 18 years old, with a high school diploma or equivalent