



Community Alliance with Family Farmers HealthCorps Job Description

What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative new partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of 46 AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new school and community gardens, low-cost farm stands, and by utilizing a farm-to-school model to increase the amount of fresh and local produce served in school lunches.

What is CAFF?

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies, and promotes social justice. CAFF is a membership organization guided by a board of directors that includes family farmers and others who are passionate about food, farming and the environment. In its program areas, CAFF is working to promote and enhance biological farming and California's local food systems.

Currently, CAFF's active program in Santa Clara is Farm-to-School, which is a comprehensive approach to nutrition education, teaching children about where their food is grown, how to prepare farm-fresh foods, and the benefits of healthy eating. The ultimate goal is for school-aged children to be nourished by fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms.. In Santa Clara, CAFF works in partnership with Full Circle Farm and conducts educational programming within the Santa Clara Unified School District.

Member Duties:

The HealthCorps member will be primarily responsible for implementing CAFF's Santa Clara County program. In Santa Clara, CAFF works in partnership with Full Circle Farm and conducts educational programming within the Santa Clara Unified School District. Educational program activities include: elementary school field trips to Full Circle Farm, monthly Kids Night at the Full Circle Farm Stand activities and coordination of local food systems lessons. Other activities include:

- Assist with CAFF's Santa Clara County Farm to School Program in collaboration with Farm to School Project Coordinator
- Participate in relevant Farm to School projects including field trips to local farms, farmers visits to the classroom and farm stand activities.

- Provide administrative support to the Sunnyvale office.

Program Details:

Program Location: Sunnyvale, CA

Program Start/End Date: October 2010- September 2011

Number of Open Positions: 1

Qualifications:

- Experience teaching children in an outdoor setting
- Knowledge of sustainable gardening or farming practices
- Experience managing projects independently and balancing competing priorities
- Excellent communication skills including writing and presenting to groups
- Applicant must have access to a vehicle as some driving to area schools is required

Physical Requirements: The HealthCorps member must be able to lift and carry 20 pounds and must be able to do some garden and farming work. CAFF's policy is that all persons are entitled to equal employment opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Program Benefits:

Living Allowance: \$16,000 stipend (distributed bi-weekly)

Education Award: \$5,350 awarded after completion of service

Health Insurance: For full time members only

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