**Intern: Horticultural Therapist**

The Neighborhood Garden (NGC) has a mission to enrich the lives of our community through sustainable urban agriculture providing fresh organic food to people in need. The NGC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit and is a volunteer based organization. Our gardens encompass the concepts of inclusion, to ensure that all people can participate in the natural joys of organic vegetable gardens in a community setting.

Our projects include “Everyone’s Garden” located at 2599 Harvard Rd, Berkley Michigan. Everyone’s Garden is an inclusive garden providing the opportunity for people of all abilities to share their gifts and talents and learn from each other.

We are seeking a summer horticulture therapist intern to help lead and further develop our programs for people with disabilities.

**Job Description:** The Intern will be responsible for leading a nature-based program for people with disabilities. The program provides hands-on activities to stimulate sensory, motor, and cognitive and communications skills.

- The Intern will help develop and lead hands-on garden programs for a range of clients utilizing literature, plants, and materials found in nature. These programs will be designed to provide opportunities for the students to practice fine and gross motor skills, social interaction, and communication skills as well as to promote an awareness of and exposure to the natural environment. Programs will be adapted to meet the needs of each student based on age, abilities and interest level.
- The Intern will help in designing, maintaining and updating garden areas to be used as an outdoor classroom for the students, staff and community

**Structure of Internship**

- Internship duration is May 18 – August 28, 2015
- Intern position is 30 hours per week. Note: hours may vary between weeks; however the average number of hours per week will be 30 hours. Hours primarily take place during the week, however there is some required weekend work
- Intern will receive a weekly stipend of $100
- Fresh vegetables from the garden as the season permits
- Intern will be working closely with the program coordinator.
- Staff meetings are informal and are held weekly
- Garden is located with easy access to public transportation
Qualifications
Applicants need to meet the following criteria:

• Experience working with gardening or plant maintenance.
• Have a minimum of two years of education or experience in horticultural therapy.
• Enjoy working outside and be able to serve as a mature, healthy role model for children and teens.
• Must be responsible, dedicated and organized.
• Must have their own transportation

Please email of your resume and cover letter including references to:

( Name)
The Neighborhood Garden Coalition
Email

For further information about the Neighborhood Garden Coalition and Everyone’s Garden please visit the websites below:
   http://thengc.org
   http://everyonesgarden.blogspot.com