POSITION: Community Forester

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Assist Forestry Programs Manager with daily operations at CommuniTree Gardens, a 6-acre community-assisted tree nursery located in Creve Coeur Park (St. Louis County). Duties include:
  - Working collaboratively with volunteers to containerize seedlings and grow out trees and shrubs until ready for distribution or sale.
  - Assist staff with processing applications for free trees and coordinating pick up from the nursery.
  - Support Forestry Programs Manager with selection, transplanting, husbandry and harvesting of trees in 7- and 15-gallon growing zones.
  - Providing technical assistance and mentoring to individuals and groups, including nursery tours.
  - Assist with sale and distribution of selected trees and shrubs; assist staff with marketing efforts for ReLeaf sales.
- Utilize tree canopy and other data to help identify Priority ReLeaf planting projects. Coordinate community volunteers to assist with planting events and ensure ongoing care for newly planted trees.
- Help teach forestry-related classes, including the TreeKeepers program. Communicate volunteer opportunities with graduates.
- Implement and oversee a data collection protocol to assess health of recently planted trees.
- Represent Forest ReLeaf at community events, including local and state community forestry meetings and workshops.
- Oversee implementation of a new statewide initiative to plant 1 million trees by 2020, assisting individuals and organizations with plotting planted trees using the Plant MOre Trees app.
- Work closely with the Executive Director and other staff, board and volunteers to perform tasks and achieve goals of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Bachelor of Science in Forestry/Horticulture is required.

Experience: Knowledge of tree identification, planting and care. Previous nursery management experience and familiarity with nursery equipment is helpful, but not necessary. Must have or be able to obtain within one year, International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist Certification.

Other: Strong leadership, communication, and human relations skills – particularly relating to volunteers and clients – are critical for this position. Must have strong computer skills, including the use of Excel and Word. Occasional heavy lifting (up to 50 pounds), physical exertion and work in adverse weather conditions may be required. Will require use of personal vehicle and flexible working hours.

Competitive salary and benefits

Please submit cover letter and resume to: Info@moreleaf.org

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