

Job Opening: Fair Food Farmstand Retail Associate at White Dog Community Enterprises

Assisting in the day-to-day operation of White Dog Community Enterprises' retail location at the Reading Terminal Market, The Fair Food Farmstand.

Background: Located in the historic Reading Terminal Market, the Fair Food Farmstand carries a variety of fresh produce, meats, poultry, dairy, eggs and cheese from organic and sustainable farms throughout the southeast Pennsylvania region. We emphasize local and seasonal foods and products from small-scale producers such as humanely raised meats, organic and specialty fruits and vegetables, and raw milk cheeses. Currently open Tuesday through Sunday and primarily staffed by volunteers, the goals of The Farmstand are to educate consumers about the benefits of buying local; provide them with a point of access to sustainably raised food; and provide training and real-life experience for farmers selling direct wholesale.

The mission of White Dog Community Enterprises, a 501(c)3 non-profit, is to cultivate a Philadelphia regional economy that is inclusive, just, environmentally healthy, and based on local business ownership. We help create, strengthen, and connect locally owned businesses and farms that meet essential human needs in our region; support minority entrepreneurs in this new economy; and educate the public about the benefits and responsibilities of building a local living economy. Unlike many non-profits, we use the marketplace as a vehicle for social change.

Responsibilities

- Spend **4-5** shifts/week at the Farmstand, weekend availability a must
- Including opening and/or closing of the Farmstand Tuesday through Sunday, handling of money during closing banking, making bank deposits and change orders
- Lead and supervise volunteers when Co-Managers are not at Farmstand
- Assist receiving of orders for produce, meat, dairy, and value-added products weekly from small-scale family farms and co-operatives.
- Assist stocking, organizing, inventorying and management of all perishable product as well as retail and paper goods (credit card & cash register receipts, packaging and cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of The Fair Food Farmstand retail space as well as its walk-in refrigerator

Qualifications:

- Retail sales and food handling and/or service experience
- Interest in and commitment to locally grown/raised food and sustainable agriculture
- Ability to work well with colleagues, farmers, and customers from wide range of diverse backgrounds

- Desire to educate the public about the organization's mission and goals
- Familiarity with Macintosh environment; ability to use email and internet browsers; proficiency in MS Office, particularly excel;
- ServSafe Certification a plus

Relationships: Reports directly to Sarah Cain and works closely with Ruth Holbrook, co-Managers of the Fair Food Farmstand; works with Ann Karlen, Director of Fair Food Project of the White Dog Community Enterprises. Lead and supervise volunteers when Co-Managers are not at Farmstand

Candidates: email cover letter and resume to fairfoodfarmstand@gmail.com, attention Sarah Cain, with "Farmstand Job" and your name in the Subject.

Compensation: \$8-11/hr + pro-rated health benefits.

White Dog Community Enterprises is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds.