

# **Ahavah Community Initiative**

## **Volunteer Gardener Position Description**

### **The Purpose**

Volunteer Gardeners assist in meeting the mission and goals of Ahavah Community Initiative. Our mission is “to connect under-served people to locally-farmed, regeneratively-grown produce, and to provide education centered around healthy living and environmental consciousness, including the promotion of values-centered agriculture”.

### **Tasks involved**

Volunteers will work with hand tools on a variety of tasks as suits their skills and aptitude. Volunteers may work under the direction of the Ahavah Farm staff or the ACI Volunteer Coordinator depending on the task. Much of the work in the garden and grounds involves sustained physical activity combined with an eye for detail and finish. Tasks might include:

- Keep an accurate record of volunteer hours and tasks completed via log sheets.
- Hand weeding, hoeing, staking, deadheading, tying-in plants.
- Bed turnover and back to zero assistance.
- Harvesting vegetables and herbs.
- Watering and feeding plants
- Interacting with and helping visitors to orientate themselves around the farm
- Maintaining boundaries, drainage, windblow, and removing invasive species
- General maintenance - litter picking and emptying bins
- Assisting with events and activities
- Notifying ACI staff of any major issues, need for supplies or tools, etc.

### **Why volunteer with Ahavah Community Initiative?**

- Become involved and make a contribution to resolve local food insecurity and to ecological and land restoration projects.
- Meet a wide variety of people, including staff, board members, other volunteers and visitors from around the globe.
- Develop practical skills, knowledge and increased confidence.

### **Skills and experience**

- An interest and knowledge of basic garden experience (Not essential but willing to learn)
- An awareness of health & safety issues in the outdoors including food safety standards.
- Good attention to detail and good communication skills.
- Able to work with minimal supervision.
- Commitment to customer service. As the public face of the Ahavah Community Initiative, volunteers are requested to present themselves in a manner of dress and footwear appropriate to their role - see safety brief for dress code specifications.