



POSITION TITLE: Village Farm Flower Intern

REPORTS TO: Village Farm Program Manager

GENERAL PURPOSE:

The Village Exchange Center is a community center and multi-faith worship space that celebrates religious and cultural diversity by creating an inclusive environment where residents from all backgrounds can practice, interact, share, and develop together. We seek to assist the immigrant and refugee population to feel empowered to use their existing strengths and unique perspectives to enrich the city's diverse and inclusive community.

Our Village Farm at Stanley is a 1.5 acre urban farm dedicated to increasing access to fresh and culturally relevant produce while serving as a gathering space for cultural exchange, education, and celebration. We see the farm as a classroom that can support our community to learn important life-skills, build community, and engage with the natural world in a fun and welcoming way. Our Urban Farming Immersion program is a 22-week vocational training program for immigrants and refugees. Participants are paid to learn how to grow food using sustainable practices, develop job readiness skills, and cultivate personal and professional connections through hands-on and classroom-based instruction.

The primary role of the Village Farm Flower Intern is to assist with all aspects of our cut flower social enterprise. We grow over 30 varieties of cut flowers that are sold to wholesalers as well as arranged into retail and subscription bouquets. The Village Farm Flower Intern will assist with planting, tending to, harvesting, arranging cut flowers to support our social enterprise.

This is a great opportunity for an individual who is interested in being more involved in the nexus of cut flower production, sustainable agriculture, floral design, and local issues impacting communities that VEC serves. We will work with you to develop a meaningful internship that allows you to cultivate valuable skills aligned with your personal and professional interests.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Cut Flower Social Enterprise
 - Assist with all cut flower social enterprise activities. Including, planting, tending to, harvesting, and arranging cut flowers.
 - Record cut flower yields and help estimate the number of cut flowers available for harvest.
 - Help identify and implement other social enterprise activities incorporating cut flowers.
 - Assist with flower deliveries to local vendors and subscribers.

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- Assist with you-pick bouquet events and flower workshops
- Help educate the Village Farm team and wider community about cut flower production and bouquet arranging.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Interest in regenerative agricultural growing practices
- Experience working with diverse/multi-cultural teams
- Ability to physically work within a variety of conditions, including working alone on occasion (i.e. endurance to work long days, in diverse weather conditions, standing or bending for long periods of time, lifting 50 pounds).
- Knowledgeable about the political and cultural context of VEC community

BENEFITS: This is a non-paid opportunity. However, interns will receive a share of vegetables from the farm each week, a flower bouquet share, and access to finished compost.

LOCATION: Village Farm at the Stanley Marketplace and the Village Exchange Center main office in Aurora, Colorado.

JOB TYPE: 10+ hours per week

HOURS: We will work with you to develop a schedule that works for both parties within Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm

START DATE: May 1st, 2025

TO APPLY: Please send a cover letter and a current resume to Sydney Quynn at sydney@villageexchangecenter.org

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