Retail Market Assistant

Looking for Summer Employment? Provide Fresh Food to the Capital Region with Capital Roots!

OBJECTIVE: Work in communities to support Capital Roots’ retail fresh food access programs. Providing direct services to consumers via our Mobile Markets (Veggie Mobile® and Veggie Mobile® Sprout), Healthy Stores and on-site market.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Excellent customer service and sales skills with a friendly, outgoing, and positive disposition.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills, excellent problem solving, self-motivated and a team player.
- Ability to handle money and make change, process credit cards and use digital scales.
- Experience working with diverse communities including people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Must be comfortable driving a cargo van and 16’ box truck (no CDL required); **must have a valid driver’s license with the ability to drive and a driving record acceptable for insurance coverage.**
- Ability to lift boxes in excess of 50 pounds.
- Some knowledge about fruits and vegetables (the willingness to learn) is a plus.
- Must have a genuine interest in the mission of Capital Roots.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
- Execute all retail markets programs effectively: engaging all customers, solving unique logistical problems, and have an innate ability to build genuine and trusting relationships among customers, volunteers and co-workers.
- Maintain collaborative relationships with community partners, co-workers and volunteers.
- Conduct outreach to constituent communities, new healthy store partners, organizations and service partners.
- Assist in the day-to-day finances and sales data for retail programs and tracking sales trends and customers served.
- Support the daily functions of the markets and food hub including sales, marketing, merchandising, packing, bagging, stocking, cleaning and moving large quantities of produce and equipment/materials.
- Safely operate Capital Roots vehicles in both city and rural areas, keeping vehicles clean and functional.
- Must participate in Capital Roots’ events, staff meetings, and all other duties as needed.

SALARY & BENEFITS:
This position could be anywhere from 20-40 hours per week depending on the candidate’s availability, paid at an hourly rate of $14.75/hr.

About Capital Roots
Capital Roots is striving to create a more vibrant and equitable food system in New York’s Capital Region. We work to reduce the impact of poor nutrition on public health in New York’s Capital Region by organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutritional and horticultural education for all ages and coordinating urban greening programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga Counties. Our mission is to cultivate and nourish communities by creating equitable access to fresh foods and green space in support of a robust regional food system. **To learn more go to [www.capitalroots.org](http://www.capitalroots.org).**

Capital Roots is an Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to creating a multicultural organization. We actively seek a diverse pool of candidates for this position, especially candidates of color. We seek to foster diversity across our organization and welcome the unique contributions our team members make based on their diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and lived experiences.

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