

Greener Partners



Connecting communities through food, farms & education

Deaver Wellness Farm Farmer/Educator

Status: Exempt, Part-Time (20 hrs per week), some travel may be required

Collaborates with: Greener Partners Deaver Wellness Farm Manager

Key Relationships: Greener Partners Director of Healthcare Partnerships, Greener Partners Farm Explorer Team, Lankenau Medical Center Community Health and Equity Team, Lankenau Medical Center Clinical Leadership,

Salary: \$18,500, with a cost of living adjustment of 4% annually

Benefits: 60 hours of paid time off (PTO), 16 paid holidays, \$200 towards professional development annually, and cell phone reimbursement

About Greener Partners:

Greener Partners (GP), is a small and growing 510(c)(3) focused on strengthening community health through equitable fresh food access, support of farms and gardens, and facilitation of discovery-based learning. We believe that nourishing food is not a privilege to be enjoyed by a select few, but a right to be accessed by all. Since our founding in 2008, we have partnered with anchor institutions such as schools, hospitals, and community-based organizations to develop underutilized land into small and productive farms and gardens. We work to address food insecurity through no-cost fruit and vegetable distributions in conjunction with gardening, cooking, and nutrition programs that facilitate direct experience with food and affirm people's strengths. Our seed-to-plate, discovery-based approach includes: Farm Explorer, Deaver Wellness Farm at Lankenau Medical Center, and healthy food access and sovereignty initiatives in Philadelphia, Norristown, and Chester.

GP staff and Board are currently engaged in a process of deep inquiry and intentional transformation to realize our [vision](#) of being a truly inclusive, diverse, and equitable organization that is open, transparent, accessible, and reflective of our partnerships. Our approach to learning and growing honors and invites a diversity of culinary, agricultural, and cultural histories. We acknowledge that our work is living and constantly evolving - just like us, as an organization, as members of a team, as individuals, and as community partners. We are committed to disrupting racist systems, ideologies, and practices both within ourselves, our organization, and through the work we do in collaboration with others.

About Lankenau Medical Center

Lankenau Medical Center is an acute care hospital and medical complex located just outside the western city limits of Philadelphia on a 93-acre campus in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Part of Main Line Health since 1985, Lankenau Medical Center has been devoted to the health and wellbeing of the community since 1860, with a founding mission to serve all those in need. Its continued dedication to service, compassionate patient care, and superior clinical programs make Lankenau a preferred destination for care by people throughout and far beyond the

Philadelphia region. As a longtime teaching hospital, Lankenau Medical Center is committed to maintaining high-level expertise across all clinical areas—from primary care and disease prevention to medical and surgical management of all organ system disorders.

Delema G. Deaver Wellness Farm Assistant Farmer/Educator

Established in 2015, the [Delema G. Deaver Wellness Farm](#) (DWF) is a joint project of Lankenau Medical Center (LMC) and GP. We believe that food is medicine and that increasing access to fresh food promotes health and equity. The Farm is a living lab for learners of all ages and backgrounds, offering opportunities to investigate and discover the interdependencies of farm ecosystems and public health. In particular, we focus on facilitating discovery-based learning with school-aged youth that inspires personal connections to growing, preparing, and eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

Understanding the multidimensionality of food insecurity and its function as a social determinant of health, the Farm also operates as a fresh food resource for Lankenau patients most affected by structural inequities. Annually, the Farm produces over 4,000 pounds of vegetables, all of which is distributed at no-cost to over 800 LMC patients. Toward that end, the Farm and its programs also aspire to: increase patient access points to fresh food; highlight food insecurity as a social determinant of health; work with medical professionals to deepen and supplement their understanding of food insecurity as it relates to health; and influence a shift in conversation between patients and providers when it comes to nutrition and healthy eating.

DWF Part-Time Farmer/Educator

Greener Partners seeks a part-time (20 hours/week), year-round, Farmer/Educator for the half acre Deaver Wellness Farm located on the campus of Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood, PA. The Farmer/Educator will work collaboratively across several different teams both internally at GP and externally with LMC and other project partners.

Internally at GP, the Farmer/Educator will be an integral part of our small and growing team. In partnership with the DWF Manager, the Farmer/Educator will provide project-specific updates, insights, and recommendations to GP team and Board members. As a team thought-partner, the Farmer/Educator is also invited to contribute more broadly to the continuing evolution of GP's culture and values through participation in team meetings, working groups, and committees.

Externally, in partnership with LMC, the Farmer/Educator will directly support the advancement of our [Food Is Medicine](#) work at Deaver Wellness Farm. The Farmer/Educator will work in close collaboration with the DWF Manager to ensure the mindful stewardship of the Farm as well as the successful management and implementation of the Farm's various programs and initiatives. Below is a summary of the Farmer/Educator's responsibilities.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the DWF Manager, LMC Health Education and Community Health and Equity Teams, and Graduate Medical Education to develop in-person and virtual programs that promote health, equity, and earth stewardship for a diversity of learners, including grades k-12, adult patient populations, and a range of medical professionals.
- Work in collaboration with the DWF Manager to:
 - Ensure successful seasonal farm operations, including: crop production and maintenance, general farm and infrastructure stewardship, and food distributions
 - Facilitate discovery-based farm programs (both in-person and virtual) for grades k-12 that center reciprocal learning and direct experiences with growing and eating food
 - Develop and revise resource materials intended for youth and adult learners
 - Gather relevant data for use in measuring program impact and outcomes
 - Facilitate farm tours and engage with diverse stakeholders and visitors
 - Plan and coordinate special events
- Work with GP and LMC partners to facilitate outreach efforts and develop community connections
- Participate in weekly GP team meetings
- Collaborate with other GP staff through project development and program support
- Complete assigned computer-based training per Main Line Health requirements

You Are A Good Fit If You...

- Are committed to anti-racist practices that center equity and inclusion, promote diversity, and reduce harm
- Are passionate about the connection between sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and healthcare equity
- Have experience and/or interest in facilitating reciprocal and discovery-based learning, in nature or farm/garden-based setting for various age groups, including lesson planning and group management
- Have worked on a farm/garden for at least one full season, or have other relevant experience growing food, flowers, and/or herbs from seed to harvest
- Are experienced in working with a diverse range of ages and populations in a variety of settings
- Can work independently and collaborate with a diverse team
- Have or can acquire up-to date FBI, PA Criminal, and PA Child Abuse clearances
- Are able to work with farm tools such as shovels, wheelbarrows, and rakes; work in and around raised beds low to the ground (1 foot tall) and work outside in all different kinds of weather

Greener Partners is an equal opportunity employer committed to providing a safe and supportive work environment for employees. We welcome queer folks, people of all racial identities, gender identities, and all religious, generational, economic, and educational backgrounds to apply. Please submit a current resume and cover letter explaining your interest in the position and why you will be a great fit to Amy Johnson at amy.johnson@greenerpartners.org. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.