



## **Volunteer Job Description – Earth Heroes Assistant**

To discuss this position or apply to be a volunteer at the GDMBG, please contact Susan Cory, Volunteer Coordinator, 515-323-6293, [scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com](mailto:scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com)

### **Position: Earth Heroes Assistant**

#### **Activities:**

The education department plays an important role in engaging guests in our mission of “Exploring, explaining, and celebrating the world of plants.” One of the outreach programs through the education department is Earth Heroes. This program is a collaborative effort with the Levitt Boys and Girls Club at Carver Elementary School. The Botanical Garden provides support to and is a resource to introduce basic vegetable gardening skills to 12- 15 youth, ages 7 to 10. The program runs January through November and covers garden preparation and maintenance, seed starting and harvesting. The group meets once a month during the winter months and twice monthly during the growing season from April through September. Meetings typically take place on the first and/or third Wednesdays of the month.

The position involves:

- Assisting Botanical Garden educators to deliver program material, often in outdoor garden spaces.
- Helping students plant seeds and plants.
- Guiding participants in how to care for their garden spaces.
- Collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club educators to advise and assist with garden care and maintenance.

#### **Time Commitment:**

**April to Sept:** twice monthly on Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Carver Elementary School

**Oct-Nov, Feb- March:** once monthly on Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Botanical Garden

**Optional:** twice monthly garden maintenance/harvesting at Carver Elementary School Garden working independently.

#### **Requirements:**

- A desire to educate and an interested in working with youth to facilitate hands-on learning.
- A basic knowledge of seed starting, vegetable garden care and maintenance.
- A friendly and positive attitude is necessary. A comfort level for working with and directing youth in a casual environment.
- Background checks are required for Botanical Garden volunteers.