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Environmental Educator

Background and Overview:

The Gersh and Sarah Lemberg Children's Center, Inc. (also known as Lemberg) was founded in 1970 by members of the Brandeis University community. We offer full-time and part-week childcare to children ages 6 weeks through 6 years. In 2014 we moved into our brand new building on 457 Old Street. We were excited to expand our childcare facility to serve more and younger children, and also to construct a wonderful new outdoor education space: the "Firefly Scientists' Community Garden and Playground." Since moving to our new location, we've created a food forest that includes perennial plantings of 20 fruit trees (peaches, plums, apples, pears, pawpaws and cherries) plus kiwi vines, grape vines, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries and more. We have 8 raised beds, 5 of which are wheelchair accessible, as well as more than 500 square feet of garden space that's fenced off from the rest of the playground. We've been growing vegetables in these beds for snacks for the children and to share with the community.

The goal is for the "Firefly Scientists' Community Garden" to be a resource not only to Lemberg, but also by extension to the Brandeis community and the larger community of Waltham.

Job Summary:

We are looking for an experienced gardener and environmental educator to continue the work we've started. This is a part-time (one full day or 2 half days per week) year-round position that includes care of the garden areas around Lemberg, support of teachers in use of the garden, conducting activities with the children around gardening and nature, and design and conduct adult workshops in the garden for community groups.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Oversee maintenance of garden beds by planting, watering, weeding and harvesting
- Oversee care of perennial plantings including trees and bushes
- Supervise Brandeis student interns in the gardens and with environmental activities in classrooms
- Plan and conduct educational programming with Lemberg teachers, Brandeis interns and other community members
- Organize volunteer workdays with parents and other Brandeis volunteer groups

- Conduct outreach to and maintain connections with various groups at Brandeis for finding interns and volunteers
- Design and conduct adult workshops

Qualifications:

- Solid knowledge and at least 3 years experience of organic gardening
- Environmental education experience with young children
- B.S required, Master's degree preferred, in education, environmental science, horticulture, biology, or related field
- Able to work flexible schedule that includes some weekend hours
- Must be able to comfortably lift 50 pounds
- Master Gardener Certification preferred
- Recommendations required on interview
- If offer is made, must pass background and fingerprint checks before hire

Pay: \$20 - \$25 per hour depending on experience

Start date: March 2018

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to Lemberg Children's Center Director, Howard Baker: Baker@Brandeis.edu

For further information on the position, you may send e-mail to the same address.