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## **Community Garden Support**

Spring – Fall, 10-15 hrs/wk. \$20/hr

### **About the Organization:**

The Brady Faith Center is a non-profit mission of the Diocese of Syracuse. It strives to serve as an 'Oasis of Peace, Hope, and Healing' in our community. Brady Faith Center provides life-giving programs focused on improving the spiritual, physical, and mental health of members of our community. Program areas include pastoral care and spirituality, community-based outreaches, youth and family initiatives, youth and family programs, community gardens and an urban farm, and workshops and retreats. Brady Faith Center partners with the Brady Market to deliver mission-aligned programs.

The Stone Soup Community Learning Garden is located at 412 Gifford St, and serves as a resource for nearby schools and community centers to use for education and nature-based experiences. The Brady Faith Center garden is adjacent to the Center, at 404 South Ave. It is used by our youth and other Brady program members.

### **Job Summary:**

The Community Garden Support will spend 10-15 per week between the Stone Soup Community Garden and Brady Faith Center Garden, from April - October. This person will work independently and with volunteers to provide general garden maintenance including soil preparation, planting, weeding, watering, and clean-up of the space. The Support person will also be present to work alongside school and community groups that visit the garden during the week. The Stone Soup garden receives volunteers on Saturday mornings starting in April, and periodically works with school groups 1-2 afternoons per week.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Work with Brady Faith Center staff to create and implement garden plans, and coordinate use of the gardens with program staff, volunteers, and community partners.
- Maintain the general garden spaces, including picking up trash, putting away garden supplies and tools, and doing minor repairs on fences, gates, etc.
- Work with volunteers and community groups to plant, weed and harvest at each garden.
- Ensure plants are properly watered, pruned and tended throughout the season.
- Seek advice from Brady Farm staff to resolve questions around plant health and maintenance, as needed.
- Work with program staff to track volunteers and participants who come to the gardens.

- Serve as the point of contact and on-site supervisor for volunteer groups.
- Serve as the point of contact and on-site supervisor for community groups using the gardens for programming.

**Required Qualifications**

- At least two years of experience gardening vegetables.
- Willingness to work alongside a diverse group of community members and volunteers.
- Able to legally drive in NYS, with a safe driving record.
- Must be willing to participate in the Diocese's Safe Child Training.

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Conversational Spanish

Submit a letter of interest to Jessi Lyons, [jlyons@bradyfaith.org](mailto:jlyons@bradyfaith.org). The position will be open until filled.