Greenhouse Volunteer

Henderson Settlement operates an expanding Greenhouse operation. Perhaps you have visited with us in the past few years and have seen some of the growth and improvement that has taken place. All of this activity has been coordinated, and in most cases personally accomplished by Casey Smith as an individual volunteer, with the support of Work Camp and other individual volunteers, when available. Our activity level has grown to a point where this is no longer a viable approach. We are currently recruiting a VISTA worker for the Greenhouse, but have not yet successfully identified a candidate for the role. Our hope is that the VISTA approach may ultimately lead to a permanent Greenhouse staff member from our local community.

In the near-term, we need to pursue an additional path to get Casey help on a consistent daily basis for the January through June, 2021 growing season. The Settlement is offering a long-term volunteer opportunity for an interested individual who is physically capable of participating in the hard work that is involved. Lifting, carrying, digging, bending, and working at ground level are typical activities involved on a daily basis. In addition, candidates for this role need to be able to work effectively in a team environment and to consistently follow instruction.



If you would be interested in this role, housing and meals (when the kitchen is open) will be provided by the Settlement at no-charge for the duration of the assignment. Please contact either Casey Smith (606-337-3613 ext 320), or Jerry Lambdin (606-337-3613 ext 315) to discuss this opportunity.

Greenhouse Activities

- Prepare soil for greenhouse, high tunnel and garden needs.
- Plant bulbs, seeds and cuttings; graft and bud plants; and transplant seedlings and rooted cuttings
- Monitor plants for healthy growth and potential weed, insect, disease, and fertilizer issues
- Treat flowers and plants to prevent disease and pests
- Regulate greenhouse and outdoor irrigation systems to water plants
- Attend to flowers and plants and prepare them for sale
- Assist with marketing and sales
- Provide information to customers on gardening, the use of various garden tools and products and the care of flowers, plants
- Will manually plant, cultivate, harvest, pack, and maintain crops under the instruction of the Greenhouse Manager, in an efficient, safe, and quality manner.
- May operate tractors and other machinery and equipment to fertilize, cultivate, harvest and spray fields and plants
- Monitor inventory and materials as required
- Clean working areas.