



Project Associate, Distance School Nutrition Program

The Food Trust, founded in 1992, is a non-profit organization working to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food. The Trust works to educate the public about good nutrition and to increase the availability of fresh food in neighborhoods throughout the region and the state. The Trust works with school districts, supermarket operators, corner store owners, public and private partners, and farmers to make fresh food and nutrition education available to everyone. More information about The Food Trust is available at www.TheFoodTrust.org

The Food Trust is seeking energetic and committed individuals for a full-time, position to implement our school-based nutrition education program. This is a unique opportunity to positively impact children's health by providing nutrition education and increased access to nutritious and affordable food in lower income communities. The Food Trust's Nutrition Education Programs are funded by the USDA's Food Stamp Program.

The Project Associate serves as a nutrition educator in approximately 4 public schools throughout Reading. Associates provide nutrition education to schools on a weekly basis on topics such as fruits & vegetables, whole grains and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Responsibilities include:

- Establish and foster relationships with teachers, nurses, principals and school staff
- Provide nutrition education to students and caregivers to improve the overall health of the school community in the form of classroom lessons, school markets, school-wide events, and caregiver workshops
- Train teachers to successfully integrate nutrition education into their classrooms
- Collect documentation from teachers on an ongoing basis for program funding purposes
- Deliver educational materials to schools
- Travel to Philadelphia once a week to participate in all-team staff meetings

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree. Ability to handle multiple priorities, organize time effectively, and work independently and as a team player. Strong oral, written and communication skills; bilingual is a plus. Course work in dietetics and/or nutrition is desirable. Interest in urban education and a desire to work with school-aged children, school staff, and caregivers. Project Associate position involves frequent travel throughout the Reading region and require a valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle. The ideal candidate will have the following characteristics: a high energy level; a style that promotes collaboration and communication; public speaking skills; a sense of humor; an open mind; a commitment to The Food Trust's mission.

Salary: Competitive, based on education and experience.

Job Open Date: August- October 2008

To apply: E-mail your résumé and cover letter to contact@thefoodtrust.org or fax to 215-575-0466. Please reference "Project Associate, Reading" in the subject line. Please do not call.

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