



## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Market Volunteer**

This volunteer would help with some or all of the following each market day from 12:30pm to 7pm. This does not have to be the same person each week.

1. Set up and tear down the market equipment (canopy, tables, chairs, banners, picnic table and umbrella, community information, parking cones)
2. Put up and take down yard signs around the city of St. Louis
3. Count visitors who enter the market (from 1pm-6pm).
4. Tell visitors about our visitor survey and assist as necessary.
5. General: Answer customer questions and be a smiling face at the market information booth to help out with what ever is needed

Volunteers are also needed for special events:

1. Help with kids' games and activities during special events
2. Peas and Carrots mascots in parades and special events
3. Carry a banner in a local parade.
4. Distribute flyers and brochures about the market at various events (food distributions, baby pantry, health fairs, etc.)
5. General Special Events – Pie making/eating contest (July), Farm to Table Fundraising Dinner (August), National Farmers Market Week (August), Chili Cookoff (September), Trick-or-Treat at the Market (October)

This is easy work in a fun atmosphere. This person should like to work with people and have a friendly, positive, outgoing personality. They should be able to lift and carry items up to 30 lbs and not mind being outside in all kinds of weather.

### **Food Assistance Volunteer**

**(In the past we have been able to provide a \$500 stipend for this position)**

This volunteer would help with administration of the food assistance programs each market day from 2pm to 6pm. This requires watching a training webinar and 1-2 hours of in-person training prior to opening day.

Duties would include:

1. Being present at the market each Thursday (June – October) from approximately 2pm - 6pm.
2. Required to spend approximately 4 hours in training before opening day to:
  - a. Learn about the Food Assistance Programs that will be offered at the Farmers Market. These include: WIC project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh, SNAP/EBT, Double Up Food Bucks, and Prescription for Health.
  - b. Learn how to operate the payment processing equipment and keep records of transactions.
3. Attend the Vendor Meeting held prior to the start of the season so they can be introduced to the market vendors.
4. Answer questions at the market that vendors or customers may have about how all food assistance programs work.
5. Be knowledgeable in how to use the provided equipment to Swipe Bridge Cards (EBT/SNAP) and Credit/Debit cards at the market.
6. Distribute SNAP, Credit/Debit, and DUFEB tokens to the customers which they can spend at the market. These tokens are equivalent to US Dollars and need to be kept secure.
7. Keep accurate records of what is distributed and what is collected for the food assistance and credit/debit programs at the market.

This person should like to work with people and have a friendly, positive, outgoing personality. They should be good with money, basic math, and not mind being outside in all kinds of weather. I need someone very trustworthy to help with administration of the food assistance programs.

The Market Manager will be present each week at the market.

For more information:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stlouisfm](http://www.facebook.com/stlouisfm)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/stlouisfm](http://www.instagram.com/stlouisfm)

Website: <http://www.gratiotfarmersmarkets.com/st-louis.html>



## Volunteer Opportunities Volunteer Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Y/N

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle all opportunities you are interested in:**

Market Volunteer - ALL

Setup/Teardown

Put up and take down yard signs around town

Count visitors

Assist with visitor surveys

General

Special Events (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Food Assistance Volunteer

Please tell us dates and times you are available to volunteer:

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Please provide the name of one person (not family) that we can contact as a personal reference:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_