

MOBILE FOOD MARKET VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Position Posting

ABOUT US

The Nourish and Develop Foundation (TNDF) is a non-profit organization located in Cannington, Ontario. We connect people to nourishing food and supportive resources, empowering the community to come together to develop lasting change. Through our 2 branches of service – Food Services and Social Services – we offer a variety of programs to the whole community.

Mobile Food Market (MFM) is a refrigerated van (sometimes with a trailer) that sets up in various locations around Brock Township and beyond to offer fresh local produce, meal kits, prepared meals, and value-added items at affordable prices. MFM operates year-round and is open to the public. MFM volunteers support with the operation of MFM, supervised by the Markets Coordinator and Food Services Assistant.

LOCATION

This position is in-person and operates primarily off-site at various locations throughout Cannington, Beaverton, Gamebridge, Manilla, Sunderland, Udora and Woodville.

AVAILABLE SHIFTS

- Tuesdays 12:30-3PM | 3-6PM (weekly)
- **Wednesdays Manilla 11-1PM | Beaverton 3PM-6PM (week one rotation)
- **Wednesdays Sunderland 1-3PM (week two rotation)
- **Thursdays Beaverton 11AM-1PM | Gamebridge 4-6PM (week two rotation)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

Tasks vary depending on the shift. Training will be provided. Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing & labelling produce, meal kits, spice blends and value-added products
- Assisting with setup & takedown, including tents, tables, sandwich boards, and produce displays
- Greeting and assisting customers
- Providing general support for the Markets team, as needed



^{**} Off site market days require volunteers to meet TNDF staff at each location. Transportation is not provided.

- Creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all
- Performing other related errands and duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

MFM volunteers must be able to:

- Provide friendly and sensitive customer service
- Effectively communicate and work collaboratively in a team with a positive attitude
- Be punctual and reliable, with excellent time management and organizational skills
- Adapt to changing market conditions e.g. weather conditions
- Lift 50lbs e.g. a box of squash or bag of potatoes
- Stand for the duration of the shift and sustain repetitive physical movements e.g. set up/tear down
- Adhere to required Health & Safety procedures, including safe food handling practices
- Follow instructions from supervisors and proactively seek clarification when necessary
- Maintain customer confidentiality

It is considered an asset if interested volunteers also have:

- A basic knowledge of fruits, vegetables, and other produce commonly found in Ontario
- Agricultural or farmers market experience

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

These positions are year-round and require a weekly commitment. Preference will be given to individuals looking to commit to 3 months or more. A Vulnerable Sector Check is required for this role.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a volunteer position, your options are:

- Complete a Volunteer Application form online by clicking here, or
- <u>Download a PDF copy of the Volunteer Application</u>, complete it, and email it to Jenn at jennifer.barnes@tndf.ca, or
- Drop off your application in person at 16 York St, Cannington, Monday Friday 9AM 4PM

If you have any questions or concerns about our Volunteer Program, please contact Jenn at jennifer.barnes@tndf.ca or 705-432-2444.