



**KNOW YOUR FOOD... KNOW YOUR FARMER**

## **2010 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer for Green City Market. The Green City Market is a nonprofit organization with a very small staff and we rely on the generous support, time and effort we receive from volunteers like you.

Green City Market is Chicago's only truly "green" farmers market, supporting and promoting local, sustainable agricultural practices. **The mission of Green City Market is to provide a marketplace for purchasing sustainably grown food that educates, promotes and connects farmers and local producers directly to chefs, restaurateurs and the greater Chicago community.** Our vision is to create a national marketplace model for distributing, promoting and educating about local sustainably-grown food. Green City Market values education about quality food and its source. We value farmers who take care of the land; the preservation of sustainably farmed land; a vibrant thriving community of local farms; and consumption of locally grown foods.

Now is a very exciting time to be involved with the market! We are in our second year as Chicago's only year-round market, and 2009 was a year of record-breaking attendance. Even though the market has been in existence for 12 years and our Wednesday and Saturday morning schedules may seem quick and routine, we strive for continual improvement as the market changes from season to season. As you learn more about the market and its vision, we encourage you to share your observations, interests and constructive suggestions so that you can help us shape the markets' direction. This is part of the fun we expect you will have in being a Green City Market volunteer.

Again, thank you for your interest in our market and becoming a volunteer.

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### CONTACT INFORMATION (Please type or print all information)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency (local) Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference (Name and Daytime phone): \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. How did you learn about Green City Market?

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2. What inspired you to volunteer with Green City Market?

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3. What other volunteer experience have you had?

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4. What skills/interests do you have that you might like to lend to Green City Market?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Planning        | <input type="checkbox"/> Market tours (adults/kids—circle one or both) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Web                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design                | <input type="checkbox"/> Office work                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales (membership)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list skills below)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign/sign language ability | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programming       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field trip activities         | _____  |

5. Use this space to elaborate on skills mentioned in question 4:

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6. If you could be any market product, what would you be and why?

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*\*Note: Most of our volunteers are needed to staff market days (Wed. and Sat. from 6:30 am to 1:30 pm during the outdoor market; Wed. and Sat. from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm from November to December; select Sat. from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm from January to April). Occasionally we have opportunities outside of these hours which require volunteers. If you cannot make the staff market days but are interested in outside opportunities, please let us know.*

**PLEASE SIGN:**

Volunteer wishes to donate his/her time, effort and services to assist Green City Market in pursuit of its mission. Volunteer recognizes and understands the inherent risks associated with volunteering at the market, including but not limited to the possibility of any injury to person and/or property which Volunteer may suffer.

Volunteer understands the purpose of volunteering is to support the Green City Market organization and its mission and not to promote or solicit Volunteer's individual interests or business. Green City Market reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, with or without reason, to decline or accept a volunteer and, if accepted, to assign volunteers to specific volunteer opportunities. Volunteers have the right to decline these opportunities. Green City Market also reserves the right to terminate a volunteer's service.

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

Please send your application to:  
**Green City Market volunteers**  
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