

**Transitions – Mental Health Association**

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**Volunteer Job Description**

Position Title: **Volunteering at Growing Grounds Nursery**

Supervisor:Division Director

**About Transitions-Mental Health Association**

Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating stigma and promoting recovery and wellness for people with mental illness through work, housing, community and family support services. We operate 40 programs at over 35 locations in San Luis Obispo and North Santa Barbara counties. The emphasis of our innovative services is to teach vital independent living skills and help build a framework for community re-entry through personal empowerment and hands on experience. For over 40 years, TMHA has been dedicated to providing work, housing, case management and life-skills support to teens and adults with mental illness while offering support, resources and education for their loved ones.

**Position Summary**

Growing Grounds Farm (at 3740 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo / (805) 543-6071) provides individual or small group volunteer opportunities to work with our clients Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm.Other arrangements can be made on a limited basis (but will involve less contact, if any, with our target population).

**Farm Details**

* Growing Grounds Farm is located at 3740 Orcutt Road (about 60 yards south of the intersection of Orcutt and Johnson, next to the PG&E substation).
* We have on-site parking for volunteers. Several buses stop within 60 yards of the Farm, and it is an easy bicycle ride of about 20 minutes from Cal Poly.
* Work is done outdoors; weather can vary considerably.
  + Bring a hatand water bottle, and wear appropriate clothing (close-toed shoes, no bare midriffs or shoulders, no short-shorts) and sunscreen if appropriate.
  + If it is raining, please call ahead.Farm staff sometimes elects not to work in the rain. Volunteers are never required to work in rainy conditions, but may choose to do so if staff is available to supervise.

**To Apply**

Please contact Quentin Smith, Program Assistant Manager, with questions regarding this volunteer position at 805-543-6071 or qsmith@t-mha.org Have more questions? Contact the Division Director Eric Blanco at 510-449-2985 or eblanco@t-mha.org

With advance notice, the farm can also accommodate large groups of up to 100 volunteers. These large groups are usually scheduled on Sundays with staff supervision. Please contact Quentin Smith at 805-543-6071 if your group is interested.

*Thank you for supporting TMHA! We appreciate the many contributions of our community!*