



Job Title: Community Chef– Part-time – 12 hours/week

Kiwassa Neighbourhood House is a multi-service community agency that provides social services and programs to residents in Hastings-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods of East Vancouver on the traditional, unceded and occupied territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwítlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Since 1951, we have been working in partnership across sectors and disciplines creating a welcoming place where people can find a helping hand, services they need and opportunities to be connected and engaged in their community. Drawing on the power and resiliency of our neighbourhood, we work to create a socially just and thriving community where everyone feels valued and secure.

Kiwassa is looking for a talented, motivated chef to join our Food Programs team to provide support in our kitchen. The ideal candidate is someone who is passionate about good food, and wants to contribute to ensuring that everyone has access to it. This person has an understanding of the power of food and the many positive impacts it can have - from supporting the health and social well-being of our community members, to building social ties to supporting local farmers. The Community Chef will be a great cook whose approach follows the principle that nutritious food can also be delicious food. They will possess strong leadership skills balanced with an ability to create a supportive environment in the kitchen for a diverse team of volunteers, enabling them to hone their own food and leadership skills.

Key Responsibilities:

Oversee preparation of meals and snacks for on site programs and events

- Provide meal alternatives and accommodation for various cultural, allergy and other dietary needs
- Support and oversee team of volunteers
- Provide leadership in daily meal and snack preparation with team of volunteers
- Provide basic training and instruction to volunteers

Kitchen Organization

- Ensure high standard of health and safety in the kitchen space
- Follow and facilitate kitchen recycling and composting program
- Liaise with other users of our kitchen space to ensure standards and best practices are shared

Support cooking and nutrition education

- Support other program staff to develop cooking skills
- Assist in cooking workshops with community leaders
- Advocate for just food systems in our community

Participate as a Kiwassa team member

- Attend staff meetings, training, agency functions as needed
- Role model professional behavior and positive communication with participants, volunteers and partners
- Represent Kiwassa in the community

Qualifications and Experience:

- 2-3 years of experience with large scale food preparation and kitchen management
- Education in a related field of study (culinary, nutrition, social work) an asset
- Demonstrated ability to plan and prepare healthy, delicious meals for 50 -100 people

- Experience working with volunteers and supervisory skills an asset
- Commitment to and knowledge of food security issues, knowledge of nutrition
- Familiar with anti-oppressive principles and practice
- Ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds who may experience poverty/ discrimination
- Patience, empathy and excellent communication skills
- Strong kitchen organization skills
- Ability to work respectfully with others under pressure
- Experience with community / social services sector through work or volunteer experience an asset
- A good sense of humour and an ability to inspire and motivate others
- Completed Criminal Record Check
- Current First Aid & CPR and BC Food Handler Certificate or willingness to obtain

Remuneration:

This is a part-time 12 hours/ per week position with an hourly rate of \$22.00/hr plus 4% vacation pay. Interested applicants are requested to submit a Cover Letter and Resume by Monday, September 12th at noon to careers@kiwassa.ca with the subject line - Re: Community Chef.

We believe diversity drives collaboration, innovation, and better solutions. We celebrate cultural diversity, multiple approaches and points of view and we are actively working to ensure our team reflects the communities we serve. We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only short-listed applicants will be contacted.