



Job Title: Program Leader - Weed Whackers Gardening for Seniors

Location: RM of Macdonald

Job Type: Part-time 5 hours a week

Duration: 12-month contract with possibility of extension

Salary: \$25.00 an hour

Program Overview: The "Weed Whackers Gardening for Seniors" program is designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social well-being of older adults, with a particular focus on low-income seniors, those at risk for social isolation, and persons with disabilities. This initiative aligns with the priorities of the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) and provides accessible gardening spaces where seniors can cultivate plants, learn new skills, and connect with others in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Position Summary: The Program Leader will be responsible for the successful planning, implementation, and evaluation of the "Weed Whackers Gardening for Seniors" program. This individual will oversee day-to-day operations, coordinate activities, engage with seniors and volunteers, and ensure the program meets its objectives. The ideal candidate will have experience in community programming, senior engagement, and gardening, with strong leadership and organizational skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement a detailed plan for all three phases of the program.
- Conduct targeted outreach to low-income seniors, individuals at risk of social isolation, and persons with disabilities.
- Organize and host gardening activities, educational workshops, and social events.
- Recruit, train, and support volunteers, including senior participants taking on leadership roles.
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive community environment.
- Ensure the accessibility and safety of the gardening space for all participants.
- Track program participation and collect feedback for evaluation and continuous improvement.
- Work with Macdonald-Headingley Recreation District (MHRD) and Macdonald Services to Seniors (MSS) to develop a sustainability plan to ensure the program continues beyond the initial 12-month period.
- Liaise with partner organizations and participants.

Qualifications:

- Experience in community engagement and senior services.
- Knowledge of gardening is an asset.
- Strong organizational and leadership skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with seniors, volunteers, and community organizations.
- Ability to lift light gardening supplies and perform outdoor tasks.

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit a resume outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to **Leanne Wilson** at **info@macdonaldseniors.ca**

Join us in making a meaningful impact in the lives of seniors by fostering community, wellness, and sustainability through gardening!