



### Internship Description

**Job Title:** Mrs. Nash's Garden Basket Intern

**Hours:** 10 hours/week

**Salary:** \$2,000 Stipend

**Hours:** Tuesdays from 2 PM - 6 PM, Remote/Hybrid

**Our Mission:** As an advocate for the community, the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission (MSAAHCC) endeavors to integrate the African American cultural significance and impact on Buffalo's history through public engagement, community education that will invigorate, inspire, and enliven cultural appreciation, preservation and community development.

**Organization Background:** The Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission (MSAAHCC) was founded in 2007 by a piece of NYS Legislation to create a historic preservation area on Buffalo's east side. The historic area directly corresponds with the Commission's 4 core "Cultural Anchors." The Anchors are key to the Commission's success and mission. The Anchors are: The Michigan Street Baptist Church, the Nash House Museum, the Historic Colored Musicians Club, and WUFO Black History Radio Collective. The MSAAHCC provides an administrative support system for the Anchors.

The MSAAHCC serves as the connector of the past, present and the future for the historic neighborhoods within the Corridor. This role will support our efforts to promote the past by working closely with the Anchors to highlight the stories of the history makers who lived here.

**Internship Description:** The Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission (MSAAHCC) is pleased to announce *Frances Nash's Garden Basket* in partnership with the African Heritage Food Co-Op and the East Side Garden Walk. With the support of a dedicated anonymous donor, *Frances Nash's Garden Basket* will distribute *free Community Supported Agriculture* Farm Shares, providing families with fresh and healthy produce throughout the 2022 Farming Season. The produce will be distributed via a free farmers' market setting next to the Nash House in honor of Mrs. Nash.

After attending various health lectures, Mrs. Nash developed an interest in nutrition and became an advocate for healthy eating. She understood that nutrition and diet as fundamental building blocks to good health and became knowledgeable about vitamins, food-groups, proteins, and starches. In the 1940s, Mrs. Nash developed a large vegetable garden in the back of her home at 36 Potter Street. For many years this garden supplied the neighborhood and the Nash's friends with organically grown foods.

Since Mrs. Nash's passing, the Michigan Street Corridor and surrounding areas have increasingly suffered from food insecurity caused by poverty, unemployment/under-employment, and inconsistent access to enough healthy food. *Frances Nash's Garden Basket* will continue the work of Mrs. Nash by providing fresh and healthy food options to the community for free. The goal of Mrs. Nash's Garden Basket is to



help create an equitable distribution system of healthy foods in order to better serve all segments of the population in our community experiencing food insecurity.

The intern would assist in the marketing, planning, implementation, and tracking of metrics for this program.

**Internship Duties:**

- Assist Program Manager in organizing delivery and distribution of CSA Shares.
- Assist in scheduling partner organizations to visit/table during community farmers market.
- Utilize grassroots marketing to assist both the community and a small nonprofit organization that relies heavily on word of mouth advertising
- Create and gather metrics for this program. This is the first year of Mrs. Nash's Garden Basket and the MSAAHCC wants to collect surveys and data in order to build upon the program in future years. The intern will assist in the creation of these surveys and collecting the data.

**Qualifications:**

- A passion for local history.
- Interest in public health, community activism, and addressing issues surrounding food insecurities.
- Ability to take initiative and work creatively and effectively as a member of a team.
- Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse group of colleagues and with visitors from diverse cultures and life experiences.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Responsible, flexible, punctual, detail-oriented, and able to work well under pressure.
- Bilingual applicants are encouraged.

**To Apply:** Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to Audrey Clark, Program Manager at [aclark@michiganstreetbuffalo.org](mailto:aclark@michiganstreetbuffalo.org) by April 30, 2022 . Please include Internship in the subject line. The start date is flexible based on student/intern availability.