

About CAC



Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) is a non-profit organization committed to reducing poverty in Dane, Jefferson and Waukesha Counties. Founded in 1966, CAC has offered assistance and created solutions to poverty for over 40 years.

Our programming includes:

- Financial assistance to prevent homelessness
- Emergency assistance and basic needs (shelter, food, clothing, household items)
- Food to pantries, meal sites and shelters
- Skill building in budgeting, employment, landlord-tenant issues
- Housing programs to increase housing stability and affordability
- Community partnerships focused on people affected by poverty
- Community and food pantry gardens



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Got a Green Thumb?



Volunteer Opportunities
in
Community Gardens and
Food Pantry Gardens



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FOR SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

Green Thumbs Wanted for Outdoor and Indoor Projects!

Community Action Coalition
for South Central Wisconsin, Inc.
Hope. Action. Resources. Solutions.

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) has coordinated Community Gardens in the Madison area for the past 27 years. Community Gardens provide a place in neighborhoods for families to come together, grow their own food, and build relationships with their neighbors.

Food Pantry gardens take many forms – some are designated rows and others are entire gardens—all supply fresh produce to Dane County Food Pantries. CAC has supported the development of food pantry gardens since 2000, and beginning in 2008 helped to start or expand 18 new pantry gardens.

If you love to garden and have a variety of skills you would like to share, contact us!

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Check us out on the
web: www.cacscw.org

Out in the Fresh Air...

- **Gardens Shop Assistant** – Are you good with tools? This is the perfect job for someone who has 5-10 hours a week to help keep our small engines at the CAC shop running smoothly. Must have small engine (tillers, mowers, etc.) repair and maintenance knowledge and be self-directed. May also help with seasonal gardens projects.
- **Children's Plot Assistant** – Do you like working with youth in gardens? Assistant needed to help lead activities for youth in gardens as well as maintain plots and recruit others to assist with youth plots. 10-20 hours a week, various locations.
- **Hmong & Spanish Cultural Assistant** – Are you bi-lingual? We need volunteers who can translate at garden events, help with phone calls to Hmong and Spanish speaking gardeners and sometimes translate written materials. 5+ hours a week, various locations.
- **Food Pantry Garden Volunteers** – Volunteers needed to help plant, weed, and harvest food pantry gardens. See http://www.cacscw.org/pantry_garden.php for current opportunities.



Gardener at Blackhawk Church food pantry garden.



Child enjoying a youth garden.

Inside at the Desk....

- **Events & Outreach** – Do you enjoy planning events & gatherings? This position requires updating resources for gardeners (handbooks); planning workshops and gatherings for garden leaders; and planning the annual community bike tour that features the City of Madison Mayor. You may also represent CAC at local garden & outreach events. 5-20 hours a week.
- **Data Collection and Entry** – Are you good with details and data entry? We need that special “data” person to spend 5-15 hours a week in summer or fall to enter all the demographic data into an Access database and other spreadsheets.
- **Community Gardens Program Report** - Do you enjoy turning data into a story? We need someone who will work diligently to collect information from garden leaders about their specific gardens, and record the data so that it can be used to highlight the successes of community and food pantry gardens. 5-15 hours a week; can be done at CAC office or off-site.

INTERNSHIPS also available to work on cataloging historical information on Madison area gardens, managing website content and more.

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Don't see something that fits your talents? Contact CAC for other garden related volunteer opportunities