



## Cane River Gardens

### **Mission:**

Cane River Gardens is located in the historic Fifth Ward District of Houston, Texas that focused primarily on exposing the economic, independent, and social potential of all individuals through a garden medium.

Cane River Gardens is committed to restoring a sense of community and inspiring a vigorous local-based food resource that provides easy access to health and nutritional foods in communities with limited resources.

CRG is a catalyst for building relationships in the community as people of diverse backgrounds work side by side strengthening social bonds engaging above and beyond. For two years we have served as a worksite for youth ages 15-21 through the City of Houston Summer Youth Program through SER Jobs for Progress. We have also hosted many school group and organization community services events and provide tips on healthy eating and the advantages of growing your own food. Lastly, we have planted individual gardens for neighbors on their own property. For more information, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/canerivergardens>.

### **Past Students and projects:**

Three Community Bridges fellows have worked with Cane River Gardens in the history of the program. Linda Wang and Julia Grasse worked together with Cane River in 2014 to create a "cheat-sheet" packet to help the director write grants. The packet included responses to commonly asked grant questions, a list of potential projects, a detailed budget spreadsheet, and a list of grants for which Cane River was eligible.

Another fellow, Amanda Macune, worked with Cane River Gardens in 2014 to work on the garden's public image. Amanda took on the task of organizing work days for different types of groups at the garden. The hope was that by bringing people to the garden, they would become acquainted with the new organization and disseminate that knowledge to other people in the neighborhood.

**Who should apply?**

We look forward to work alongside students with the ability to work and collaborate in a team environment. Students will have at least some of the skills listed below and certainly not all.

- Detailed Oriented
- Energetic, personable, outgoing, and self-motivated with good organizational skills
- Strong communication and leadership skills
- Creative with some graphic design, website, and blog experience
- Basic project budgeting skills or an interest in learning
- Civil Engineering major interested in having a major impact on the community that is sustainable and can be replicated in other areas.

**Who should not apply?**

Students who are uncomfortable working and interacting directly with the community and engaging strangers should not apply. If you are not an outdoors person, you will likely not enjoy this assignment.

**Special Notes:**

A benefit in working with Cane River Gardens is that it will afford interns the opportunity for total immersion in community engagement, network with private industries, and building long lasting relationships. It will also provide the following:

- Chance to develop professional skills in non-profit, cause-oriented setting
- Opportunity to partner with private industry to design and build a complete project using the existing materials onsite, including a 20 ft or 40 ft insulated shipping container.
- Opportunity to gain new perspectives and make a positive difference in the community.

**Address:**

Cane River Gardens – Garden Address  
4205 Lyons Ave.  
Houston, TX 77020

Cane River Gardens – Office Address  
4300 Lyons Ave, Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77020

**Contact Information:**

Alesia Shealey

Founder and President

832-426-3735

713-515-1150

[cultivate@canerivergardens.com](mailto:cultivate@canerivergardens.com)

UPDATED MARCH 2016