

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Gardening in a Lifesharing Community

*in USA, hosted by SCI-IVS USA*

<b>Theme:</b>	Environment
<b>Location</b>	Great Barrington, MA
<b>Start:</b>	2019-06-01
<b>End:</b>	2019-10-01
<b>Application deadline:</b>	2019-05-19
<b>Decision date:</b>	2019-05-26
<b>Vacancies</b>	2
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <b>Local:</b>	English

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Stanton Home is a lifesharing community located in the beautiful Berkshire region of Massachusetts, surrounded by rivers, mountains, lakes, and forests. Stanton Home partners with 17 disabled adults, 60 employees, and 14 international volunteers to actively pursue healthy, self-determined lives. Growing organic food is an important part of what Stanton Home does. We value sustainable food culture. If you are passionate about sustainable food culture, love gardening, and would enjoy living in a dynamic community with disabled adults, you may be interested in this project.

**Work:** 40 hours/week, but may vary depending on tasks to be accomplished; at least 1 day/week off, with the goal to have 2 consecutive days off 2x/month; Growing on approximately 2 acres of land. This includes a small garden, 2 fields, and 2 high tunnels. There are vegetables, herbs, fruit, and flowers; Opportunities to contribute skills in farm related building and carpentry; Physical labor and spending time outside in all types of weather; Growing organic food for our day program and residential program; Providing an enriching garden experience for disabled adults in the Stanton Home program by supporting them while they work in the garden.

**Requirements:** Experience in planting, weeding, and harvesting is preferred. However, we will train someone who wants to learn. A willingness to do physical labor and spend time outside in all types of weather is required. Enthusiasm and energy for about sustainable agriculture required. Also, you must be open to living with and supporting adults with developmental disabilities in the garden.

**Food:** Food is provided - We emphasize local, fresh and when possible organic.

**Accommodation:** private or shared bedroom, shared bath

**Pocket money:** 200 USD per month

**Insurance:** Volunteer must find out if SCI provides insurance for them. If not, a volunteer will have to get his or her own insurance.

**Fees:** None

**Visa:** SCI IVS USA will provide visa documents

**Others:** A course in English is available locally