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WHAT: 2018 Branches to Chances: A Return to Work Program – ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

WHERE: Delaware Center for Horticulture (DCH), 1810 North Dupont St.

WHEN: Completed Applications due by Friday, January 12 at 4 p.m.

WHY: DCH seeks applicants for its 2018 Branches to Chances: A Return to Work Program (BtC). Since 2009, DCH has offered one of Delaware's only green jobs training programs for unemployed, underemployed, and previously incarcerated men and women. BtC hires and trains men and women for entry level positions in the landscaping and horticulture industry.

We seek applicants interested in learning horticulture industry skills on location at public urban landscapes in the City of Wilmington and throughout the Delaware Valley. Approximately one day per week will be spent either at DCH learning horticulture, job, and life skills or visiting an area public garden or horticulture business. Approximately three days per week will be spent working under the supervision of DCH staff gaining hands-on experience working in public landscape projects, community gardens, and the E.D. Robinson Urban Farm at 12th and Brandywine Streets. Upon completion of this program, participants will have the opportunity to gain full-time employment in the green industry. This program is supported by the State of Delaware's Criminal Justice Council, Comenity Bank, Laffey-McHugh Foundation, and corporate/business sponsors of DCH's public landscapes.

For program specifications and to download the application, visit <https://www.thedch.org/content/branches-chances>. Applications can also be picked up in person at DCH. For more information, contact Mackenzie Knight-Fochs at mfochs@thedch.org or (302) 658-6262 ext. 117.