



Westford Store Partners with Roudenbush Community Center to Expand Weekly Farmers' Market



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A Local Forager and Green Mission Co-Captain, Annie believes that **strong community partnerships** illustrate the core value “**We care** about our communities and environment.” She recognizes that community-lead organizations know their needs best, and the flexibility of the Community First Grant allows stores to **meet these needs** and reflect the desires of the community. She has a **long-standing connection** to Roudenbush Community Center—she attended fifth and ninth grade there when it was a school and has since attended a store event there. “I think it’s great that the Roudenbush Community Center will be using grant funds to have an **indoor farmer’s market** that extends the availability of products to the community, as well as increases the exposure of the participating **local producers and farmers.**”

The Roudenbush Community Center roudenbush.org

The mission of The Roudenbush Community Center is to bring **enrichment to individuals, families and communities** in an inviting environment where there is always something new and exciting to explore. The organization has played a **valuable role in the cultural and educational lives** of residents for decades. More than 8,000 adults and children participate in their programs annually, which include childcare, after-school classes and community education programs. The center has recently expanded their **weekly farmers' market** beyond the summer months by moving it indoors. They hope the indoor market will not only improve healthy, fresh food access but also serve as a **community gathering spot** for all ages. Whole Cities Foundation is honored to partner with The Roudenbush Community Center.



Whole Foods Market Team Members can nominate a local nonprofit increasing access to fresh, healthy food or nutrition education for a \$5,000 grant.

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