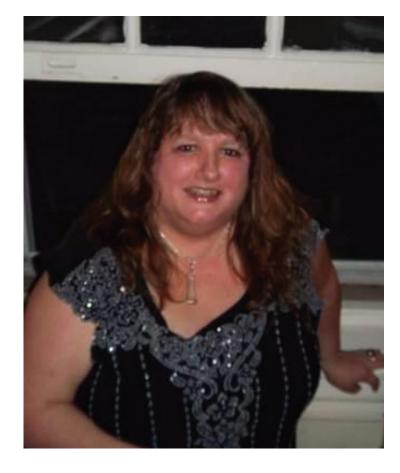


Westford Store Partners with Roudenbush Community Center to Expand Weekly Farmers' Market



Annie Laurie | Westford Store Westford, MA

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.