

Laurelhurst Store Supports Nonprofit Focused on Inclusive Care Through Nutrition Programs



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Cody, a Store Shift Leader, and his fellow Team Members advocate for partnerships that help improve the welfare of the community. They understand that healthy food and a healthy eating education are necessary for a community to thrive. So, contributing to efforts to create direct, easy access to healthy food is a priority for the store—and for Cody personally. He has helped organize volunteer events at Quest Center during the past few years and the store regularly donates food to the nonprofit, too. Cody would like to strengthen the relationship between the two organizations: "We think that our service and volunteer efforts can supercharge their ability to lift up the community and reach those who don't have easy access to healthy, fresh food."

Quest Center for Integrative Health quest-center.org

Founded by and for people living with HIV, Quest Center's mission has since expanded to provide integrative healthcare services, education and inclusive community support to all those seeking a wellness-focused approach to fully living. The nonprofit offers core programs ranging from behavioral health to medical services, and their clients benefit from an integrated, holistic approach to healthcare. Quest Center believes that healing is found in community rather than in isolation, and so their nutrition programming creates an environment where people feel like they belong and are cared for. These programs are designed to be flexible and adapt according to clients' needs, however, the focus is always consistent—fresh, healthy ingredients and affordability. The Community First Grant funding will help expand these essential nutrition programs.



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