

Las Vegas Store Partners with Community-Led Urban Farm to Nourish Community



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Gabrielle is TMSG on the Team Member Services metro team in Las Vegas. She is guided by the belief that "Our community is our future, and we have to take care of it just as we do our homes, cars and children." She hopes that by aiding community partners, like Vegas Roots, the stores can help promote the growth of local produce and aid neighborhoods that lack markets selling fresh produce. The Henderson and Las Vegas Boulevard stores have provided donations to Vegas Roots, and Team Members have volunteered with the organization, too. This is the second Community First Grant Gabrielle has secured for Vegas Roots, and she hopes to help them continue growing across the region.

Vegas Roots Community Garden vegasroots.org

Founded in 2010 by the nonprofit Together We Can, Vegas Roots Community Garden is the first and only urban farm in Las Vegas. This community-led organization works to provide area residents with the opportunity to grow food, learn about gardening and wellness and be a catalyst for positive change in community health. Together We Can sells the produce they grow on the 4-acre Vegas Roots garden from a mobile farmers' market. They also rent garden plots to individuals and organizations, run a kids' gardening club, and are working to expand their fruit tree orchard. They have been instrumental in spearheading the local food movement. Whole Cities Foundation is honored to support a community garden that is dedicated to improving the lives of their neighbors.



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