



## South Beach Store Strengthens Partnership with Community Gardening Organization to Expand Access to Produce



### Jimmy Jaime | South Beach Store Miami, FL

Jimmy is an Associate Store Team Leader of Store Support at Whole Foods Market South Beach who has been with the company for two years. The store has partnered with Health in the Hood through volunteer opportunities, a donation drive and a 2018 Community First Grant. Now, with help from a second grant, Jimmy hopes this **partnership will continue to evolve** as the garden works to both **increase access** to healthy food and provide **healthy eating education**. “So many people buy processed food due to income limitations, but this healthy food will give them the **opportunity to try new things**.” He would also like to inspire more Team Members to support Health in the Hood and the community as a whole.

### Health in the Hood [healthinthehood.org](http://healthinthehood.org)

Since 2013, Health in the Hood has been **connecting communities to wellness**. They convert vacant lots in neighborhoods with barriers to fresh food access into community gardens and hire residents to maintain the gardens. Health in the Hood gardens have become **community spaces** where locals learn about healthy eating and how to grow their own food. The nonprofit also runs a **mobile market** where kids are encouraged to choose fresh foods in an educational and inclusive environment. The Community First Grant will help sustain and expand Health in the Hood’s network of vegetable gardens to meet the increasing demand for their programs, improve access to healthy choices and empower residents.



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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