



Midtown Detroit Strengthens Partnership with Garden Resource Organization



Julie Wainwright | Midtown Store Detroit, MI

Julie is a Produce Team Member who works, lives and plays in Detroit. “The wellness of my city has **deep, long-term impacts** for not only the current residents but also for generations to come. The health of our communities should be a **high priority** for every single person living, working and worshipping in this city.” Guided by this principal, Julie has been **actively supporting** Keep Growing Detroit for years and sees the organization as a **strong resource** and support system for residents. This is the second year Julie has secured a Community First Grant on the organization’s behalf, and she believes continuous funding like this is critical to **overcome barriers** like lack of transportation, healthy eating education, and affordability.

Keep Growing Detroit

keepgrowingdetroit.org

Keep Growing Detroit exists to **cultivate a food sovereign city** where the majority of fruits and vegetables Detroiters consume are grown by residents within the city’s limits. Since 2013, they have operated a number of nationally recognized programs. These programs and the nonprofit’s strategic approach to achieving their mission **facilitates beginner gardeners** to engage with community leaders and food entrepreneurs and addresses the immediate needs of the community while promoting sustainable change in the food system. Right now, around 25,000 residents are **cultivating a garden or farm**, transforming their personal relationships with food. Keep Growing Detroit has earmarked funds from the Community First Grant to supply 50 raised bed kits (including lumber, hardware and instructions) for distribution to community gardens.



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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