



## Hingham Store Partnership Dedicated to Enhancing Educational Offerings at Community Garden



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Martha is an Associate Store Team Leader who has been with Whole Foods Market for six years. She and her fellow Team Members share a **strong sense of community responsibility**. “We know that even though our store is in an affluent community, there are several neighboring communities where people don’t have access to healthy food. We want to be a **part of the bridge** that provides access to these communities.” By assisting with Weymouth Food Pantry’s new garden, Martha sees an opportunity not only to provide fresh, delicious food but also for community members to feel pride in helping grow that food. Martha was excited to see how interest in supporting the organization grew beyond a team build and has gathered ongoing momentum.

### Weymouth Food Pantry [weymouthfoodpantry.org](http://weymouthfoodpantry.org)

The Weymouth Food Pantry provides food assistance and education to approximately 450-600 families a month through a variety of avenues such as pop-up pantries, grocery delivery, discount pricing at farmers’ markets, holiday meal assistance, and more. Their new Food Pantry Garden is a **free access, 28-raised bed garden** where community members are welcome to volunteer and harvest fresh vegetables. They will soon launch **free gardening workshops** and **cooking skills** classes aimed at improving food access by discussing growing and preparing methods to make the most of their fresh produce. Weymouth Food Pantry understands that for many neighbors experiencing challenges, **small successes in the garden** and kitchen can **inspire hope** and support healthy habits. Community First Grant funds will fund these new classes.



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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