



## Kansas City Store Partnership Grows Healthy Local Food System



### Mel McCormick | Kansas City Store Kansas City, MO

Mel has been with Whole Foods Market for 15 years and is currently a Produce Team Member at the Kansas City Store and Local Produce Point for the metro area. Now that the Kansas City Store is open, its Team Members—like Mel—would like to secure **the store's role as a valuable resource** for neighboring organizations like Cultivate Kansas City. “It’s amazing to be a part of our community, and part of why it’s so **awesome** to be a Whole Foods Team Member is that we can be involved in these kinds of contributions!” She and other Team Members have worked with Cultivate Kansas City numerous times during the past few years and are **hopeful** that the Community First Grant will **help the partnership advance**.

### Cultivate Kansas City [cultivatekc.org](http://cultivatekc.org)

Cultivate Kansas City works to grow food, farms and community in support of a sustainable and healthy local food system for all. They believe that growing and sharing local food nurtures the ability to care for each other and the world. By **increasing farmers, vegetable farms and healthy foods** in underserved neighborhoods, the organization is helping to change the environmental context to make healthy **fruits and vegetables readily available** for residents. They believe the benefits of having more farms is not simply an increase of fresh, healthy food—the outcomes are varied and widespread from community health to economic to environmental. Support from Whole Cities Foundation will assist the organization as it continues programming to grow food, farms and community in Kansas City.



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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