



## Westford Store Pairs with Like-Minded Nonprofit to Establish Community Gardens



### Rick Garvey | Westford Store Westford, MA

Community partnership and service is important to Rick, a Grocery Team Member, and his fellow Team Members because they believe that **giving back is essential** to being a good citizen. The store wants to help improve their health through **access to fresh foods**. Rick explains, “We see the benefits of access to fresh, healthy foods every day for ourselves and our customers. Helping Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell provide access to fresh, healthy vegetables will allow people who live near the garden to have some of the **same health benefits** that we get from eating food from Whole Foods Market.” Rick has been supporting Habitat as a volunteer and donor for more than five years.

### Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell [lowellhabitat.org](http://lowellhabitat.org)

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell envisions a **world where everyone has a safe place** to live and housing poverty and homelessness are eliminated. Believing that home is a key catalyst in helping to permanently **break the cycle of poverty**, the organization works to strengthen communities by building and renovating decent, energy efficient and affordable homes. Habitat for Humanity also addresses the neighborhood around these homes through home repairs, cleanings, plantings and creating green spaces like parks and community gardens. These **gardens can improve the neighborhood**, provide access to fresh food, increase the home values and residents’ satisfaction with their neighborhood.



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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