



## Philly Center City Store Partners with Local Farm to Encourage Community-Based Food System



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Ryan is a Produce Team Member in Philadelphia, and community service has always been a **principal duty** in his life. He has spent the last six years working on small-scale farms and urban farms. Because healthy food is not available for all, Heritage Farm helps those facing barriers to access fresh, local produce. Ryan has worked with the organization for the past three seasons assisting nearly **every aspect of farm operations**, from seeding and cultivating to processing and market sales. It's his hope that Philly Center City's involvement with Heritage Farm will not only **help grow** the farm's impact on the community but also **foster an appreciation** for community service among his fellow Team Members.

### Methodist Services

[heritagefarmphiladelphia.org](http://heritagefarmphiladelphia.org)

Methodist Services provides life-enriching programs to children and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities and inequities in education. The organization believes **investing in the soil** is an ultimate investment in their families and communities. Their **sustainable two-acre farm** Heritage Farm aims to create a long-term, community-based food system by growing and **providing fresh produce** and offering **hands-on education** and life skills to the families they serve. The farm grows and sells produce to local restaurants to help cover operating costs. By encouraging participants to take part in all aspects of urban farming—**from seed to sale**, Heritage Farm has become a resource, offering training for residents in the **renewed art of urban farming**.



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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