



Fort Collins Store Partners with Advocates to Grow Community Through Agriculture



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Tianna, a Specialty Team Member, believes that **connecting consumers to farmers** is one of the most important parts of a **sustainable food system**—and that connection is founded on community partnerships. “By giving our time and commitment to the local services, we are **growing our connection** to the land, animals and people in our community,” she says. She thinks fresh, healthy food access begins with educating the general public on where food comes from and how it is grown. Tianna has been involved in the Larimer County Farmers Alliance since 2018 and serves on its board of directors. She encourages fellow Team Members to help bridge the gap between producers and consumers, so together they can **help grow a healthy community** through local agriculture.

Larimer County Farmers Alliance larimercountyfarmers.org

The Larimer County Farmers Alliance is a community of growers and local agriculture advocates **dedicated to educating, connecting and inspiring farmers, community and local politicians** through events, advocacy and the enjoyment of local food. The organization focuses on educating the community, improving access to fresh, healthy, locally grown foods, creating a deeper understanding of the importance of agricultural work and **building resilient food systems** in many different ways such as hosting workshops, expert speakers, movie nights and get-togethers, as well as participating in farmers’ markets. The organization’s efforts have yielded a significant amount of **community involvement**, as well as a rise in direct producer-to-consumer sales. The Community First Grant will be dispersed to best serve these pathways and its diverse audiences.



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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