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## Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation Supports The Food Project's Build-A-Garden Programs

*Foundation impressed by The Food Project's programs with youth, farms, and food access; \$5,000 grant will support raised-bed gardens in Lynn*

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May 11, 2015. Lincoln, MA—The Food Project was chosen by the **Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation** to receive a \$5,000 Community Garden Grant. With this support, The Food Project will build 30 raised-bed gardens in Lynn. The Build-a-Garden program helps residents to grow their own food in raised-bed gardens filled with healthy soil build by youth from The Food Project. Participants are provided with seeds, transplants, workshops, growing guides, and other support as needed.

J. Harrison, executive director of The Food Project says, "We are excited to expand The Food Project's work in the Lynn community with the Community Garden Grant from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. Many of our neighbors struggle with food insecurity. We look forward to providing more local residents with access to fresh, locally grown produce."

The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation supports Harvard Pilgrim's mission to improve the quality and value of health care for the people and communities they serve by providing the tools, training and leadership to build healthy communities.

Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$133 million in funds. In 2014, the Foundation awarded close to \$2.9 million in grants to 710 nonprofit organizations within Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The Food Project is grateful for the support of [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation](#) for more than a decade and looks forward to continuing this productive partnership.

To find out how you can support The Food Project's mission to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system, visit: [www.thefoodproject.org](http://www.thefoodproject.org)

[The Food Project](#) is one of the largest regional farming and food access organizations in Massachusetts. Since 1991, more than 1,200 youth have participated in our leadership development programs. We farm approximately 70 acres on three suburban farms, four urban farms, and two greenhouses throughout Massachusetts, and distribute our produce through farmers markets, subsidized farm shares, and to hunger relief organizations.

