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**The Food Project Receives \$35,000 Grant from Newman's Own Foundation**

*Funding Will Support Community Driven Food Access Initiatives in Greater Boston*

**Lincoln, Massachusetts – December 18, 2018** – The Food Project has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman. The award to The Food Project was made by Newman's Own Foundation as part of its commitment to address issues of fresh food access and nutrition education.

The grant to The Food Project will be used to support for The Food Project's work in Greater Boston integrating the power of youth, food, and community to create a better food system where all residents have access to fresh, local, healthy food. Over the past four years, The Food Project has created and facilitated a "Dudley Grows" resident steering committee to imagine and inspire food system change in their community, formulating a vision of a food system that builds neighborhood wealth and expands real access to healthy food for lower-income residents.

"Thank you to Newman's Own Foundation for supporting The Food Project's work for the fifth year, helping us work towards a world where everyone has the ability to buy or grow the food they need to thrive," said Sutton Kiplinger, Regional Director of The Food Project in Greater Boston. "With the support of the Newman's Own Foundation, much progress has already been made with the growth of Dudley Grows, advancing community driven food access initiatives in the Dudley neighborhood."

The Food Project is dedicated to creating a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system.

**About The Food Project**

Since their founding in 1991, The Food Project has grown into a nationally-recognized non-profit organization that works at the intersection of youth, food, and community. For more than 26 years, The Food Project has brought youth and adults from diverse backgrounds together on their farms to produce healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs to build a local and sustainable food system. The organization believes that food is a unique vehicle for creating personal and social change. The Food Project aims to transform our food system into an equitable and inclusive model that is community-controlled and supports food justice for all.



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