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## Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation Supports The Food Project's North Shore Seed Crew Youth & Hunger Relief Efforts

**August 2, 2016 -- Lynn, MA --** The Food Project is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the <u>Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation</u>. This grant will help fund the organization's Seed Crew youth program and their donations of fresh, healthy produce to North Shore hunger relief organizations. Each summer, The Food Project employs over 100 youth on the North Shore and in Greater Boston to help those young people develop into agents of change and leaders in creating more food secure communities through their work and education on the farms.

"This grant helps support our North Shore Seed Crew and strengthens our efforts to help youth become leaders on food security issues by learning about sustainable agriculture, food justice, and social justice," said J. Harrison, Executive Director of The Food Project. "Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation not only enables the work of our young people on our farms, they also support their service at hunger relief organizations throughout the area."

The Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation prioritizes locally based organizations, such as The Food Project, that lead meaningful and significant service efforts that strengthen their communities. The Food Project is grateful to Eastern Bank for its commitment to enriching countless lives and alleviating food insecurity in eastern Massachusetts.

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 The Food Project on the web.

## **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 25 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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