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The Food Project Receives \$30,000 Grant from Newman's Own Foundation

Funding Will Support: Cultivating Leading-Edge Food System Change

Lincoln, Massachusetts – December 19, 2019 – The Food Project has been awarded a \$30,000 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 Cultivating Leading-Edge Food System Change.

The grant to The Food Project will be used to support executive team leadership development through The Bridgespan Group's Leading for Impact training. Through this training, The Food Project's executive team is investigating strategies to maximize programmatic impact; hone organizational effectiveness; implement strategic dashboards to drive improvement and accountability; and build a vision for sustainability, specifically with respect leadership growth and development planning.

"Thank you to Newman's Own Foundation for supporting The Food Project's work for the sixth year, helping us work towards a world where youth are active leaders, diverse communities feel connected to the land and each other, and everyone has access to fresh, local, healthy, affordable food" said Anne Hayes, Executive Director of The Food Project. "With this support, The Food Project's executive leadership team is able to participate in Bridgespan's Leading for Impact cohort. This opportunity has been instrumental in providing new strategies, resources, and tools for our organization to lead real and effective change."

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 28 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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