



UNITED FRESH START FOUNDATION

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## **United Fresh Start Foundation Awards \$50,000 Through 2018 Community Grants Program**

*Program Expands Foundation's Mission to Increase Children's Access to Fresh Produce*

Washington, D.C. (June 26, 2018) – United Fresh Start Foundation is pleased to announce the twenty recipients of its 2018 Community Grants Program. Now in its second year, the Community Grants Program advances the organization's mission to increase children's access to fresh fruit and vegetables. The program extends the Foundation's work beyond the school day, providing children in communities across the country with access to fresh fruit and vegetables afterschool, on weekends and during summer breaks.

The Community Grants Program is providing \$50,000 in grant funding, with a maximum grant of \$2,500 per recipient. The following twenty organizations were selected as 2018 United Fresh Start Foundation Community Grant recipients:

- **Ag Against Hunger**, Salinas, CA
- **Alameda Boys & Girls Club**, Alameda, CA
- **Alfond Youth Center**, Waterville, ME
- **Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County**, Nogales, AZ
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake**, Murray, UT
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale**, Scottsdale, AZ
- **Community of Hope Ministries**, Garner, NC
- **FeedMore, Inc.**, Richmond, VA
- **Food From Farms**, Anacortes, WA
- **Gowan Science Academy**, Yuma, AZ
- **Inclusion Connections**, Olathe, KS
- **Lake County Free Clinic**, Painesville, OH
- **Ottawa County Farmers Market**, Miami, OK
- **Performing Arts Center Trust, Inc.**, Miami, FL
- **Students for Eco-Education and Agriculture, Inc.**, Ojai, CA
- **Teen Kitchen Project**, Soquel, CA
- **Western Indiana Community Action Agency, Inc.**, Terre Haute, IN
- **Wolverine Human Services**, Detroit, MI
- **YMCA Camp Greenville**, Cleveland, SC
- **Youth Services Bureau of St. Joseph County**, South Bend, IN

"Communities across the country are tackling food insecurity, childhood hunger, and children's poor health in creative ways. Access to fresh fruits and vegetables is essential to the success of these efforts," said Kate Olender, Senior Director of Health and Wellness at United Fresh. "We are pleased to support these organizations in ensuring children have access to the nutrition they need to grow up into healthy adults. We're also thankful to the industry for their support through generous contributions to the Foundation which allow us to, in turn, support these community programs."

For questions about the Community Grants Program, contact Kate Olender, Senior Director of Health & Wellness at [kolender@unitedfresh.org](mailto:kolender@unitedfresh.org) or (202) 303-3420. To contribute to the ongoing support of the United Fresh Start Foundation, visit [www.unitedfreshstart.org](http://www.unitedfreshstart.org) to donate.

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**About the United Fresh Start Foundation**

The United Fresh Start Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization focused exclusively on increasing children's access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Affiliated with the United Fresh Produce Association, the Foundation is committed to helping today's children achieve the public health goal to make half their plate fruits and vegetables in order to live longer and healthier lives. The Foundation works to create an environment where kids have easy access to high-quality, great-tasting and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables, ensuring kids everywhere are *Growing Up Fresh*.