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From staff reports

Spreading Seeds has received a \$2,500 community grant through Wilson's Walmart Neighborhood Market to support its food bank, the nonprofit announced Monday.

"The Walmart Community Grant allows us to help families who are in a desperate situation when it comes to securing food for themselves and their children," Spreading Seeds Director Tonia Miller said in a news release. "Since receiving the grant we have not had to turn anyone away who needed food. It's truly amazing how much of a positive impact this grant has afforded our community and the outreach growth of our organization."

Spreading Seeds works to fill gaps in care for low-income families, veterans, recovering addicts and those facing life hardships. The nonprofit agency provides food through cooperation with the N.C. Food Bank and also provides household items, small appliances, clothing, shoes, hygiene items and furniture.

Leaders said Spreading Seeds also connects its clients with guidance counseling, empowerment classes, case management, fitness and nutrition assistance.

“Our mission at Spreading Seeds is to empower low-income individuals and families by providing food and community resources to improve their quality of life,” the release states. “Our vision is where people live with dignity, families are strengthened and individual potential is realized.”

Funded through the Walmart Foundation, Walmart Community Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000. Agencies apply online to be considered for grant funding and managers at local stores review applications and make recommendations on approval.

“As a Neighborhood Market, our goal is to be a part of our community and help in every way we can from giving our customers great prices and quick checkout to grants to help nonprofit organizations in the community help those in need,” store manager Andrew Blodgett said in the release.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the Walmart Foundation funding cycle, which began Feb. 1 and continues through Dec. 31. For more information, visit <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>.

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