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Second Stage | Amherst Receives \$1,000 Grant from the Walmart Foundation to Continue Food Distribution Program

The Walmart Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to Second Stage | Amherst to fund Second Helping, a community outreach program. The money will be used to purchase surplus food from vendors at The Market at Second Stage at the end of each weekly market, held on Thursday afternoons. Through partnerships with Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels and the New Prospect Baptist Church Food Bank, the surplus food will be distributed to families in the Amherst community who would otherwise not be able to access fresh foods.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on other organizations awarding grants, Second Stage is currently accepting donations from businesses and individuals to help keep the Second Helping program fully funded.

The Market at Second Stage features locally grown and produced meats, produce and baked goods, as well as honey, jams, relishes and other treats and condiments. With social distancing in effect, Market Manager Mary Hurst successfully instituted a system of pre-ordering online and curbside pickup. As Virginia enters Phase 2 of reopening, several vendors will be present at the Thursday afternoon markets with fresh food. Orders can be placed at secondstageamherst.org/markets.

About Second Stage | Amherst

Second Stage | Amherst is a center for creativity and community in downtown Amherst, VA. Named "Nonprofit Business of the Year" by Amherst County Chamber of Commerce in 2019, Second Stage provides a place where the cultural, civic and economic vitality of Amherst County is encouraged. More information about Second Stage Amherst programming can be found at www.secondstageamherst.org.

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