

# Second Stage | Amherst

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## **Second Stage Amherst Receives \$10,000 Grant from Centra Foundation to Launch New Outreach Program**

The Centra Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Second Stage Amherst to fund a new outreach program, Second Helping. The money will be used to purchase fresh foods from vendors at the Second Street Farmers' Market at the end of each market on Thursday afternoons. The food will then be distributed to people who would otherwise not be able to access fresh foods through partnerships with Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and the Pleasant View Food Pantry.

Suny Monk, President of the Second Stage Board of Directors, is delighted with the grant. "Second Stage has always been about building a stronger, better community. The funding we've received from the Centra Foundation will add a new dimension to the ways in which we're able to collaborate with other hardworking groups to help our neighbors."

In celebration of this new program, Second Stage has renamed the weekly farmers' market to Market @ Second Stage.

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 and the Market @ Second Stage can be found at [www.secondstageamherst.org](http://www.secondstageamherst.org).

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