

### **Kate Wall Awarded a Young Leaders Grant**

Kate Wall, Grocery Manager at Just Food Co-op, has received the first grant to be awarded by the Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund. The grant will enable Kate to attend the three-day Rising Stars Seminar, an interactive management training opportunity in natural foods retails. In anticipating this workshop, Kate says she looks forward "to gaining skills focused on enhancing my management responsibilities, strengthening the department and the store, becoming a better leader in my work place and community, and deepening my understanding of the importance of how we choose to be leaders."



Assuming a leadership role is not new to Kate. She worked as a community organizer in Guatemala for three years assisting indigenous women to establish daycare centers and create programs with their communities for self empowerment. Kate says, "More important than the actual proof of what I did, I acted as a role-model and mentor for several young women who will become leaders in their communities." In Minnesota, Kate has served for five years as a Board member of the local Sustainable Farmers Association (SFA).

The Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund (<http://northfieldymca.org/ron-griffith>), formed through a partnership between the YMCA and Just Food Co-op, welcomes grant applications from young adult leaders actively involved in local environmental initiatives, health food and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, and community building.

To learn more, read the published article [YMCA & Just Food Co-op Announce collaboration: Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund](#)

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