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New Columbia's Village Market wins support as an employer of local residents and as a model for healthy food access in underserved areas.

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needed stability, said store manager Ryan Schoonoover.

When Janis took over the store at 4632 N. Trenton two years ago, officials hoped the market would be self-sustaining within four years.

The grocery is considered a major asset for the former Columbia Villa neighborhood, both as an employer of local residents and as a more of this store prosper over the \$35,000, officials said.

model for healthy food access in years, even open another store someunderserved areas.

Trevon Oliver, a courtesy clerk at the market for two years and a New Columbia resident, went downtown to pick up the \$75,000 check. He says the money will open more doors for youth and people who live in the does not charge the market rent. area.

where else in the future."

Janas reports that it spends about \$400,000 a year to run Village Market. Home Forward, formerly Housing Authority of Portland, owns the retail space and In the first year of operations, the The city's backing gives him hope city donated \$50,000 for the marfor the future, saying "I want to see ket, and Multnomah County gave

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