



## Co-op Market Grocery & Deli 2017 Donation Request Form

Co-op Market is proud to work with others in our community to enhance quality of life for our friends and neighbors. **Please review our Donation Policy before submitting your request.**

Organization Name Calypso Farm & Ecology Center

Contact Name Hillary King Date 11/29/16

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Type of Organization:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental           | <input type="checkbox"/> Community              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health-oriented         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |

Have you received any donations from Co-op Market within the last year? **Y / N** We received an in-kind donation from Co-op Market for our annual Dinner & Auction in September, 2016

Type of donation you are requesting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Certificate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lend-a-Hand Register Round-up* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Basket      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food             |  |

*\*If you are submitting a Lend-a-Hand request, **please apply by 12/1/16**. Include a detailed statement on your letterhead of your organization's goals, how they align with our mission, and how the donations will be used to meet them.*

How will Co-op Market's participation be recognized? The Co-Op Market will be thanked via our Social media outlets (Facebook, E-newsletter, website), in our Annual Report, on school garden program materials, and on visible signs located in the Hunter School Garden

If your request is being made for an event, please provide the following information:

Event Name/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Please send along with your request:

- Any additional materials (flyers, posters, brochures) that represent your organization or event.
- Proof of non-profit status (501C3), if applicable.



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Dear Ms. Summerlin,

November 29, 2016

Calypso Farm & Ecology Center's mission is to encourage local food production and environmental awareness through hands-on education in natural and farming ecosystems. Calypso seeks to connect Fairbanks to their food sources through CSA and community markets, and enable community members to grow their own food through educational programs for all ages: ecological gardening workshops, on-farm field trips and camps, and intensive Farmer Training Program, and the School Garden Initiative.

We believe that our educational programs and food justice initiatives align with Co-op Market's goals to promote awareness and access to healthy food, rooted in the local economy. If selected for the Lend-A-Hand Program, Calypso's proceeds would support Hunter Elementary's Schoolyard garden, not far from the Co-op Market. The School Garden Initiative offers exciting summer programs that provide low-income Fairbanks youth an opportunity to physically work, play and learn about growing their own food. In spring and fall, the gardens serve as engaging outdoor classrooms for students to learn about plant life, nutrition, and gardening through hands-on activities. In the summer of 2017, Hunter will host a LEAF (Learning Ecology and Alaskan Farming) Camp session and EATinG (Engaging Alaskan Teens in Gardening) Program for ages 11 and up, offering students further opportunity to learn how to grow and prepare their own food. Funding through the Lend-A-Hand program will be put toward the general operating budget of the Hunter School Garden, helping to cover the cost of seeds, tools and other gardening supplies, support staff maintaining the gardens and leading educational programs, and keep program costs affordable for all families.

Thank you so much for considering our request. We would be honored to be chosen as recipients of the Lend-A-Hand Program, partnering with Co-op Market to strengthen the community's local food system and education resources for healthy decision making.

Sincerely,

Hillary King  
Office & Fundraising Assistant

Calypso Farm and Ecology Center is a 501 (c) (3) Non-profit Organization (EIN 92-0169368).  
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