



## 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 Fairbanks Children's Museum

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Type of Organization:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental   | <input checked="" 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**

Type of donation you are requesting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Lend-a-Hand Register Round-up* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Basket      | <input checked="" 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? We do a large part of our communication through social media  
If we were to receive your sponsorship, we would publicly thank the Co-op Market on our social media platforms, as well as our monthly newsletter. We would also display your literature in our shop/front.

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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To Who It May Concern:

The mission of the Fairbanks Children's Museum is to connect and inspire families through discovery and the power of play.

### **Background: Who we are & What we do.**

The Fairbanks Children's Museum is located in downtown Fairbanks. The organization received 501(c)3 status in 2011 and began providing educational programming through a series of traveling events that same year. In 2013, the museum was afforded the opportunity to open a 2000 square foot gallery inside the UA Museum of the North as a test site for seven months. With that success, the museum signed a lease for 7500 square feet in the old Woolworth's building and opened permanently on January 31st, 2015.

The museum provides a space for young children and their caregivers to explore interactive exhibits focused around social interactions, creativity and the sciences. Daily and regular programming layers in art, performances, physical activity and reading. Other programs include summer camps, monthly concerts, outreach events and education, and community partnerships for extended learning. The education staff is led by two Alaska certified teachers who design activities and programs around age-appropriate, experiential curriculum.

Museum exhibits and spaces are designed for young learners to explore concepts such as air, water, light and art in a way that invites play. Family spaces include a large gallery of exhibits, a fully-stocked art room with maker-space, a carpeted area for infants and toddlers, multi-purpose rooms that serve as lunchrooms and classrooms, and large bathrooms with toddler-friendly equipment. We would like to expand these exhibits in 2017, always focussing on collaborative play a community-centered environment.

In 2015, the museum served over 35,000 visitors. Most are from the Fairbanks community, however, many visitors from other communities and states visit. The majority of museum visitors are children aged 1-8 and their caregivers (to include parents, grandparents, foster parents and therapeutic caregivers). The museum also includes developmentally disabled participants of all ages and works with adult-care agencies. The museum has also proved a popular field trip destination for local schools. We have been benefitted from the Museums for All program that allows patrons with state EBT cards or Alaska Quest cards admission at a reduced rate. We believe all families should have the opportunity to be inspired by the museum. The Fairbanks Children's Museum provides a space where education and play coexist to spark creativity.



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## Program Goal and Objectives

The museum's program goals and objectives are to be able to offer collaborative, creative, community-centric discovery play that is new and refreshing in 2017. We would like to strengthen our existing exhibits, and create additional interactive pieces that add to our community-centered environment. We have a farmers market in our pending future. It will teach about a thriving local economy, healthy food options, community informed choices that impact personal wellness and the environment. "From the earth to the table." This is just one example of our pending future exhibits, simply waiting on appropriate funding. If you would like to see plans for this exhibit, or any others, feel free to contact me. We feel strongly about promoting local suppliers, and fostering a sense of "home." From our very own "Wooly" the mammoth, to the Alaskana art projects, we are great local advocates. The Co-op Market is doing such strong work in the Fairbanks community, thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration,

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