



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 Emilie's Montessori School

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Type of Organization:

- Agricultural
- Environmental
- Health-oriented

- Educational
- Community
- Other: Non-Profit

Have you received any donations from Co-op Market within the last year? Y a \$75 gift card

Type of donation you are requesting:

- Gift Certificate
- Gift Basket
- Food

- Lend-a-Hand Register Round-up*
- Sponsorship

*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? Local Facebook page, in

the monthly newsletter and our parent bulletin board. We
could also make a poster of something that you could

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.



Fairbanks
Montessori
School

Dear Co-op Market Lend-a-Hand Program,

Fairbanks Montessori School's (FMS) goal is to "build a better world one student at a time." The Montessori teaching method encourages creativity, respect for self & others, independence, and enthusiasm for learning.

How do our goals align with those of the Co-Op Market and Deli?

Respect for self and informed choices lead to healthy choices: Every classroom has a monthly snack calendar, which schedules every student a snack day. On their snack day, students have a show-n-tell where they get to teach others about themselves and they are all encouraged to provide healthy snacks for their classmates. On their snack day, they are responsible for preparing their snack (washing the grapes, cutting up the cheese sticks, etc...) Many families have their children make the snacks, such as making muffins with blueberries they picked during the summer months or help choose their own snack from the grocery store.

Providing others access to good, healthy food and community awareness: Our school had a food drive for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank over the last few weeks. We collected 201 lbs. of food school wide that we donated. Last year we donated over 350 lbs of food. Every December FMS also participates in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program and the Cards for Kids (gift cards for the Boys and Girls Home of Alaska). At FMS we have been a part of the Fairbanks community for over fifty years and know how important it is to give back to our community.

Supporting local agriculture: This spring, Fairbanks Montessori is renovating our playground to solve some drainage issues. We will also create more of a natural playscape which aligns with the Montessori philosophy. As a part of this renovation, we are having parent volunteers build more raised garden beds and garden boxes along the fence. Our preschool classrooms usually start plants and fill our existing gardens with fruits and vegetables that we tend and harvest throughout our summer session. FMS is also partnering with a local farm and greenhouse for soil and other plant starts that we may need. The produce we

harvest become our snacks for the Before and After School Programs throughout the summer and fall.

I hope you consider our school a strong candidate for the Lend-a-Hand program. As a small non-profit, who is always on the lookout for new fundraising opportunities, we would certainly appreciate your assistance.

If you have any questions, you may call at 907-451-8485 or email me at sarah@alaskafoodbank.org.

Thank you,

Sarah Robinson

Executive Director