



Conservation's Northern Voice

November 18, 2014

Co-op Market Grocery & Deli
526 Gaffney Road
Fairbanks, AK 99701

RE: Lend-a-hand Program

Dear Community Outreach Team;

Thank you for offering this program to our community and for bringing good healthy food to Fairbanks. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be considered for your Lend-a-hand Program. The Northern Center has been in Fairbanks since 1971, with our start in downtown, just like you. Our mission is this: The Northern Alaska Environmental Center promotes conservation of the environment and sustainable resource stewardship in Interior and Arctic Alaska through education and advocacy. To condense that further; we want clean air and clean water, something we think everyone can agree on. Through education and outreach to our local and northern communities, we are doing our part to create a more sustainable Fairbanks. This is where we live and play and eat – we want to protect it for healthy living and for future generations.

We are working on finding solutions to the Air Quality challenge in Fairbanks. The micro particulate matter that we are breathing affects all of us and we're hands-on trying to help be part of the solution. We also watchdog the water supplies, with a goal of no contamination in our watershed. There are challenges in front of us each year since we are a state with a lot of resources being developed and extracted. The Northern Center is here to keep an eye out for bad practices that would impact the land, air, and water. We also teach conservation, believing this to be the best practice for sustainability. All of the program work we do throughout the year helps make Fairbanks a place where we do have access to clean water for growing organically and raising healthy animals.

Our missions do share values, and we would appreciate being considered for this program. With the funds, we'll continue to work on clean air and water. We often support small ad-hoc groups of concerned citizens when we lack funding and an important issue comes to us. The clean air work is being done by several of our members and an emerging issue is coal ash, being looked-into by a member/concerned citizen, to keep waste coal ash out of our rivers and water tables. With funds from your program we can offer them office space, computer and copier access, phones and a network of support; otherwise we struggle to help them do their important work. These grassroots groups are a part of our work we can't stop doing, but it's challenging to find funding for. This money would help us provide for them.

Thank you in advance for your time and for all you do at the Co-op.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Hanemann", with a long, sweeping underline.

Lori Hanemann
Development Director
lori@northern.org



Co-op Market Grocery & Deli 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 Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Contact Name Lori Hanemann

Phone 452-5091 Email lori@northern.org

Type of Organization:

- Agricultural
 Environmental
 Health-oriented

- Educational
 Community
 Other: _____

Have you received any donations from Co-op Market within the last year?

Type of donation you are requesting:

- Gift Certificate for auction Lend-a-Hand Register Round-up*
 Gift Basket Sponsorship
 Food

**If you are submitting a Lend-a-Hand request, please include on your letterhead a detailed statement of your organization's goals and how the donations will be used to meet them.*

How will Co-op Market's participation be recognized? Social media, our weekly eblast with your logo + link to apx. 700 locals.

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

Event Name/Date n/a

Description of Event n/a

Estimated Attendance n/a

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.

Thank you for your interest in Co-op Market and for the valuable work you do for our community!