



Co-op Market Grocery & Deli 2018 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 Access Alaska, Inc.

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Type of Organization:

- Agricultural
- Environmental
- Health-oriented

- Educational
- Community
- Other: Independent Living Center

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

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 12/1/17. 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? If Access Alaska is Chosen we can mention Co-op in our newsletter, send a letter of thanks, and display Co-op logo on the HubScrub for a time.
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.

Access Alaska has been a private non-profit Independent Living Center here in the Interior since 1984. As an Independent Living Center our mission is to encourage and promote the total integration of people who experience a disability and Alaskan elders to live independently in the community of their choice. We believe that regardless of disability or age people should be able to make their own decisions about their independence, health, and lifestyle choices. Access Alaska encourages all individuals to embrace self-sufficiency, advocate for change, and be inclusive, productive members of this community.

Our main services include information and referral, independent living skills training, and personal care attendant services. Access Alaska also provides benefits and Medicare counseling, peer support groups, nursing home transitions, youth employment transition skills training, advocacy training, ASL interpreter services, and durable medical equipment (DME) loans.

One of our most well-known and underfunded services in the community is our DME Loan Closet that provides adaptive equipment that consists of donated wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, hospital beds, shower chairs, etc., at no cost to those in need in our community. Loaning these recycled DME items to people helps them to be able to perform activities of daily living and increases their personal wellness by keeping them in their own homes so they can remain independent. This program is valuable to the community because it is available to everyone from those with low income and people who do not have healthcare insurance, or conversely to those that do have coverage for DME items but need the equipment sooner than can be provided by insurance. This service is also available to anyone in the community who may only need equipment temporarily to maintain their independence. Last year our Fairbanks and Anchorage offices combined loaned out over 4,000 pieces of DME to individuals and families in need.

Access Alaska recently acquired a machine called a HubScrub for our Fairbanks location. This piece of equipment allows us to clean and sanitize our DME much more efficiently and thoroughly. It has greatly improved our DME reuse program allowing for faster turnaround and extended equipment life.

The DME Loan Closet service that Access Alaska offers aligns with the Co-op Market mission of providing access to goods and creating a knowledgeable and informed community that impacts personal wellness and the environment. With the help from monetary donations Access Alaska can continue to maintain this supportive cost effective service to our community. Donations to this program will assist Access Alaska with the cost of consumable supplies and routine maintenance for the HubScrub as well as funding for replacement parts of DME when equipment requires repairs, so they can be made ready for use by the public.

Co-op Market and Access Alaska both strive to create a healthy and sustainable community. By working together we can provide the people of Fairbanks increased economic opportunity and an enhanced quality of life. Thank you for considering Access Alaska as a potential Lend A Hand recipient.