



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 _____

Contact Name _____ Date _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Type of Organization:

Agricultural

Environmental

Health-oriented

Educational

Community

Other: _____

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? _____
_____ platforms.

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 CHILDREN'S museum

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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 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, a nursing nook, and large bathrooms with toddler-friendly equipment. We would like to expand these exhibits in 2018, always focussing on collaborative play a community-centered environment.

In 2017 we launched several new "free with admission" programs: *Baby Mingle Wednesdays* for babies (ages 0-2), and new or returning caregivers , to meet, mingle, and generate friendships with each others and community partners (FMH, TVC, Thrivalaska, RCPC, etc.) New preschool programs, *Storybook Pals* an interactive story-time for tots and their grownups, *Story Movers* a preK physical education and drama class! An after-school program titled *Tinkering Tuesdays* for school-aged students to explore building, circuits, and other life skills.

In 2016, the museum served nearly 40,000 visitors. Most are from the Fairbanks community, however, many visitors from other communities and states visit. The majority of museum visitors are children aged 1-9 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 taken part in the *Museums for All* program which 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.

Program Goal and Objectives

Play teaches children about the world, themselves and how to positively interact with others. The museum's objective is to connect families through the power of play, by creating a community-centric environment, sustainable programs, and support the local economy.

We foster community everyday through our open floor plan, family programming, and making local resources and information accessible to our families throughout the museum. Playing in public social groups, introduces children to varying cultural norms, genders, and ethnicities. This exposure to diversified thinking helps to develop the skills necessary to play and communicate collaboratively within a community.

We encourage sustainability through our recycling and up-cycling of donations used in programs, classes, and guided art projects. We receive paper, plastic, and cardboard recyclables which children use daily in the maker-space, and other donations we reuse in our regular programming.

We support the local economy through our regular partnerships with other local businesses and nonprofits (i.e. super Saturdays, family concert nights, etc), by providing volunteering opportunities for those in the community, and showcasing local suppliers (i.e. the FCM sign, the family concert series stages, drums, outdoor playground supplies, etc). We love Alaskan culture at the museum, from locally themed art projects to our new Athabaskan field trip workshop, even down our mascot "wooly" the mammoth.



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Date: **JUL 13 2011**

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Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 03, 2011
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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