November 29, 2019

Dear Coop Market Owners,

NAMI Fairbanks is a local non-profit that has been active since 1983. Our mission is to offer support, education, and advocacy for people experiencing psychiatric difficulties, their families, friends and community members. We are the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

We believe that our goals align with those of the Coop Market because we promote good health including mental health, social justice towards those with disabilities and service. “Mental Health Care is Health Care”. We know that with proper support, recovery from mental illness is possible. Healthy eating habits and exercise improve health including mental health. All our programs are conducted by trained volunteers. We fight stigma.

Receiving a mental illness diagnosis is overwhelming for an individual and their family. Our programs support, educate and give hope to family members for the best possible outcome for their loved one. We have a peer recovery support group for adults who have experienced symptoms of mental illness. We have a peer support group for families and caregivers. We collaborate with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Fairbanks Police Department to offer a Crisis Intervention Program to teach law enforcement how to recognize that a person has a disability, how to de-escalate a crisis and bring them to treatment whenever possible. CIT is so needed in our community.

We maintain an office with one part-time employee. Our classes, presentations, and support groups are given free of charge by trained volunteers. We rely on dues, fund raisers and generous donors from the Fairbanks Community for funding. We are thankful for this opportunity to ask your owners to help support our work.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Grasto, President

3504 Industrial Ave, Room 104, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
P.O. BOX 72543, Fairbanks, AK 99707   (907) 456-4704
2020 LEND A HAND APPLICATION
Deadline: November 30, 2019

OUR MISSION:
Co-op Market Grocery & Deli works for health and sustainability by providing healthful foods and products, promoting local suppliers, and offering consumer education in an open, community-centered environment, through a viable business.

OUR VALUES:
• Service – We are committed to the joy of true service, putting the needs of others first in a way that touches lives and hearts. Our service is an honor and a privilege.
• Sustainability – We seek to sustain our co-op’s financial health and growth while working toward solutions to economic development that consider the health of our community and planet.
• Social Responsibility – We believe that our actions must benefit the global community at large. This means that we promote justice and equity in all of our relationships and are committed to the people who use and work for our business.

Name of Organization: NAMI Fairbanks
Mailing Address: PO Box 72543
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
Contact Name: Jeanette Grasto Phone: 907-455-6263
Contact Email: jmgrasto@mosquitonet.com
website: Not yet.
Facebook: NAMIFairbanks Instagram: Twitter:

Name and address for check remittance (if it differs from above):
Name:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip:

Is this a 501(c)3 non-profit organization? If yes, please include certification with application. Yes

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? If so, when? NO

Instructions: Please include a cover letter on your organization's official letterhead with this form.

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

   Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for people experiencing psychiatric difficulties, their families, friends and community member. We offer peer run support groups for families and mental health consumers. We help teach law enforcement (SIT), offer UF scholarships and advocate for adequate services.
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market’s mission and values? We both support health, social responsibility & service. Mental health care is part of health care. Healthy eating and living habits improve both physical and mental health care. All our programs are carried out by trained volunteers.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used? We will use the funds to provide materials for our NAMI programs.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

We have not received funds before.

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

NAMI Fairbanks is a local grass roots non-profit that provides peer support for those living with a psychiatric disability, their families and friends. We also work to advocate for needed support for recovery from mental illness.

6. Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? (Note: We cannot guarantee your month of choice.) Any month is wonderful.

Applications will be published on our website. For this reason, please include no more than one piece of supplemental information (brochure, flyer, annual report, etc.) with your application.

In December, our Owners will vote to select our 2020 Lend a Hand recipients. If your organization is selected, we will require the following:

- 2 or 3 high resolution photos representing your work. Please include a photo release for any people appearing in your photos.
- A high resolution, printable jpg of your organization’s logo.
- Promotion of the Lend a Hand program via your website, newsletter and/or social media pages.
- One scheduled 3-hour shift of tabling at the store during your Lend a Hand month.
- Brochures or flyers about your organization if available.

Important Note:
We do not donate to individuals, national charities, political candidates or organizations, organizations that advance a particular religious belief, or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or status in any other protected group.

Submit applications to the attention of Kristin Summerlin, Marketing & Owner Services Manager:

- via email to marketing@coopmarket.org (preferred). Be sure to include scans of supporting materials.
- by hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk.
- by mail to the following address: Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.
BUILDING BETTER LIVES

NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation’s leading voice on mental health. Today, NAMI unites the power of thousands of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers to realize our vision.

We believe that recovery is possible, lives can be restored and families made whole. Together, we make it happen.

May we count on you to join us?

Your membership dues and generous donations help us keep training free, Help Line phones answered and supports groups and meetings.

NAMI membership benefits include:

- NAMI’s Advocate magazine, mailed twice per year
- Discounted rate at the National Convention
- Percentage of dues given to NAMI Fairbanks

NAMI Help Line
1-800-950-6264

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I want to join my voice with NAMI by becoming a member!

When you join, you become a member of your local NAMI affiliate, as well as your state and national NAMI organizations.

Primary Member: __________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City, State, ZIP: __________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________
Email: _______________________________________

Membership Dues:

$5 Open Door (for low income)
$40 Individual
$60 Household (individuals at same address)

Names covered under Household Membership:

________________________________________

Payment Information: ___ Check ___ Cash

Send this form and your payment to:

NAMI Fairbanks
PO Box 72543
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

or join online

www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Join

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NAMI Fairbanks Office
Physical Address:
3504 Industrial Avenue, Suite #104
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

907-456-4704
fairbanksnami@gmail.com

Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mailing Address:
PO Box 72543
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Established 1983
WHAT WE DO

NAMI works to inspire a move away from illness, stigma and ignorance toward brighter days filled with hope, health and recovery.

WE EDUCATE. Offered in thousands of communities across the United States through NAMI state organizations and NAMI affiliates, our education programs ensure hundreds of thousands of families, individuals and educators get the support and information they need.

WE ADVOCATE. NAMI shapes the national public policy landscape for people with mental illness and their loved ones and provides volunteers with the tools, resources and skills necessary to promote mental health in all states.

WE LISTEN. Through the toll-free NAMI Help Line, we respond to thousands of requests each year and provide free referrals, information and support — a much needed lifeline for many. Just call 1-800-950-6264.

WE LEAD. Awareness events and activities, including Mental Health Month, Mental Illness Awareness Week and NAMI Walks successfully fight stigma and encourage understanding. NAMI works with the media and policymakers to make sure our country understands how important mental health.

NAMI advocates for local and statewide mental health services.

Find Help. Find Hope.

NAMI SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Call NAMI Fairbanks 907-456-4704
for meeting times and locations.
Meetings are not held when it is -35°F or colder.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS
NAMI Family Support Group is on-going support for families, friends, and caretakers of individuals living with mental illness. Participants share their experience and offer mutual encouragement. We respect attendees’ privacy.

CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP
NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group program is a free, confidential, peer-led, mutual support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition.

FAMILY TO FAMILY
This free eight-week program is for families, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. The classes are designed to facilitate a better understanding of mental health conditions, increase coping skills and empower participants to become advocates for their family members. The program is designated an evidence-based program by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

OTHER SERVICES WE OFFER

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS
We share our personal family experiences within the community. We present to health and police academy students, school counselors, and others. We respect out loved ones’ privacy and follow NAMI Guidelines.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Four NAMI Scholarships are available to students enrolled at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, UAF Community & Technical College, UAF Rural Campus or UAF Graduate School each fall. Contact UAF Financial Aid at 907-474-7256 for an application.

MINI-GRANTS
Given by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for their beneficiaries. Our office can submit up to three grants monthly for individuals who are under the care of a professional. Applications are carefully screened. Call 907-456-4704.

LENDING LIBRARY & NEWSLETTER
NAMI makes its lending library available to families, individuals and educators and mails the NAMI Advocate magazine to members.

NAMI Alaska – ONLINE
Family Support Groups and Connection Recovery Support Groups are also offered online.
For more information call NAMI Alaska in Anchorage
907-272-0250

NAMI Fairbanks Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/namifairbanks/
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Employer Identification Number:
92-0109272

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608340001

Contact Person:
JOHN JENNEWIN

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Public Charity Status:
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date: DEC 16 2008

KMI OF FAIRBANKS ALASKA INC
PO BOX 72543
FAIRBANKS, AK 99707

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated February 1986, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1056 (DO/CG)