November 24, 2020

Dear Owners of the Co-op Market & Deli,

Friends of Creamer’s Field, a nonprofit 501 ©3 organization, would like to be considered for the 2021 Lend-a-Hand program in support of the educational programs we offer at Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. All year long, tens of thousands of people from Fairbanks and around the world enjoy the multiple-use opportunities the refuge offers, including birdwatching and wildlife viewing, skiing, dog mushing, hunting, trapping, falconry and photography. Our programs focus on the natural ecology of the refuge and the history of the Creamer Dairy.

COVID-19 restrictions have resulted in the Alaska Department of Fish & Game closing the Farmhouse Visitor Center, and canceling all in-person programs at Creamer’s Field for the 2020 season. We anticipate the closure to remain in effect until local COVID-19 cases have been reduced to acceptable levels. The trails at Creamer’s Field, however remain OPEN and usage by locals is higher than ever. This has required our staff to transition from offering interpretive education programs from an in-person to an online format. We are working to make sure those who visit Creamer’s Field, continue to have access to educational resources that will add value to their self-guided experience.

Friends of Creamer’s Field relies solely on donations, grants and gift shop sales to fund the programs we offer to the community FREE of charge. Our contributors are acknowledged during community programs, on our website, in our newsletters and the annual report. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lissa Hughes
Executive Director
Fairbanks Co-op Market
Lend-A-Hand Application - Supplemental information (Questions 1-5)
Friends of Creamer’s Field

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

Friends of Creamer’s Field is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural and human history of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. Friends of Creamer’s Field operates a visitor center out of the original Creamer family farmhouse (circa 1908), which features interpretive exhibits on migratory birds and the historic Creamer Dairy complex. In addition to a full schedule of year-round programs, we serve as the fiscal sponsor for Camp Habitat, a summer day camp that operates during the months of June and July. Our mission is “Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge”.

2. How does your work align with the Co-op market’s mission and values?

Friends of Creamer’s Field share many of the same values that support our community.

- **Service** - We provide a venue for community involvement through educational programs, annual events, and interpretive nature walks. The majority of our programs (with the exception of Camp Habitat) are free, or donation-based and available to the general public.
- **Sustainability** – We also seek long-term organizational health through balanced budgets and living within our means. We also make every effort to support local businesses when making purchases with any contributions received.
- **Social Responsibility** – Our programs provide knowledge about local natural resources and our curriculum supports a conservation ethic. We provide an venue for community involvement and many opportunities for the public to act as “stewards” of our local refuge.

3. How will Lend-A-Hand funds be used?

Awarded funds will allow Friends of Creamer’s Field to continue to provide educational programs to the general public, free of charge. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our staff has been working to transition from offering in-person programs to a digital format, which provides Refuge visitors resources to maximize their self-guided experience.

4. If your organization received funding in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission?

Past awards have supported the delivery of educational programs offered to the public, free of charge. This includes advertising, program materials, and staff support required for implementation and delivery.

5. What is your elevator pitch?

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Any and all funds awarded will allow us to continue to provide educational programs to the general public, free of charge.
2021 LEND A HAND APPLICATION
Deadline: November 30, 2020

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: Friends fo Creamer's Field
Mailing Address: PO Box 81065
City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, Alaska 99708
Contact Name: Lissa Hughes
Contact Phone: 452-5162
Contact Email: director@friendsofcreamersfield.org
Website: friendsofcreamersfield.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcreamersfield
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/friendsofcreamersfield
Twitter: https://twitter.com/CreamersField

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

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

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? Yes If so, when? 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? June
Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.
INSTRUCTIONS

Please include a cover letter on your organization’s official letterhead with this form.
Attach a separate sheet with answers to the following questions.

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market’s mission and values?
3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?
4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.
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.

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 2021 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.
- 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.

Friends Of Creamer’s Field
PO Box 81065
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708
(907) 452-5162
www.friendsofcreamersfield.org

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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We are the Friends of Creamer’s Field

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2019 Programs & Events

For the past 28 years, Friends of Creamer’s Field has offered education programs that focus on the ecology of the refuge and the history of Creamer’s Dairy.

In 2019, we had 14,679 guests in the Farmhouse Visitor Center; 5,488 people attended scheduled programs, and 14 programs have been provided to organizations upon request. 11 individuals completed the Sharing Nature & History Volunteer Training Program, and guided nature walks provided an outdoor experience for 1450 participants.

Increased and consistent program attendance clearly indicates that Friends of Creamer’s Field is adding value to the community.

We offer daily guided nature walks during summer months, monthly programs for children ages 0-6, seasonal activities, like the winter track walk and signature events, such as the Spring Migration Celebration and the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk. The annual Sandhill Crane Festival in August attracts over 1000 attendees from all over Alaska, as well as the global birding community.

The complete calendar is operated by one paid full-time Executive Director, a half-time Administrative Assistant, seasonal Camp Habitat staff, and a dedicated group of over 100 volunteers.

2019 Program Partners

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Alaska Songbird Institute
Alaska Falconers Association
Arctic Audubon Society
Audubon Alaska
Ducks Unlimited
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Boy Scouts Troop 38
Tanana Yukon Historical Society
UA Museum of the North
Fairbanks Children’s Museum
UAF Summer Sessions
Financial Position

In 2019 we suffered losses due to the cancellation of Camp Habitat resulting from unhealthy levels of wildfire smoke, and a re-adjustment of giftshop inventory. In spite of these losses, we increased our income and reduced our expenses. Our financial position remains strong. Lissa Hughes, Executive Director

2019 INCOME = $157,345.33

2019 EXPENSES = $128,176.81

Net Income = $29,168.52
Thank You Friends, for Your Support!

Sandhill Crane ($1,000 or more)

Anonymous
Marion G. Weeks Foundation
Sherry Abrahams
In Memory of Caye & Lou Carufel, Jr.
Craig & Cynthia Dorman
George Happ & Christy Yuncker Happ
Marvin & Becky Hassebroek
Ellen Weiser & David Weissman
Sonia Mazurek & John Hagey
Gail Mayo
Terry Chapin
Laurie Trotta
Brian Rasley
In Memory of David L. McCaleb
Ree Nancarrow
E. Thomas & Raye Ann Robinson

Wigeon ($100-249)

Peter Bowers
Charles & Geraldine Collins
Jeff & Chrlost Creamer
Lenore Farmsworth
Frances & Mark Jurek
Katie Kennedy
Jan & Stan Mishin
Ron & Dorothy Rasmussen
Frances Schulz
Gerda Sylvie
Mary Zalar & Ken Whitten
William & Carolyn Wutke

Sandhill Crane ($1,000 or more)

Martin & Manuela Hitz
Mark Hodge & Anne Demuth
Tammy Holland
Helen Howard
Lissa Hughes
Dinah Jelinek
Karen Johnson
Carol Johnson
Lawrence Kaplan & Janice Dawe
Stephen Kibbee
Donna Krier
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Peregrine Falcon ($250-499)

Anita Hartmann
Nancy Herning

Wigeon ($100-249)

Christine & Larry Smith
Iris Sutton
Scott & Janet Taylor
Anne Udry
Anne & David Vick
Jacque Virgin
June Weinstock
Jack & Carol Wilbur
Frank & Judy Williams
Constance Zachel
Vladimir Zhikhartsev

Swan ($500-999)

Ken Alt & Penny Wakefield
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Cynthia Beale
Richard & Mary Bishop
Achim & Karen Brauser
Mary Bunch
Eileen Cahill
Richard & Marilin Campbell
Betty Carlson
Harrison Carpenter
Elizabeth Cook
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Sandra Dauenhauer
Jennifer Delamere
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Erik & Emily Drygas
Faye-Lynn Gallant
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Michael & Nancy Gigliotti
Daniel Hancock
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Lottie Ballard
Alden & Liam Barry
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James Brader
Mathew & Ashley Carrick
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Randall Compton
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Stephen & Jittinee Cysewski
Barbara Day & James Dixon
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Gail Mayo, Caroline Wolf, Jan
Michin and Susie Crevensten.

Nature Walk Leaders:
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Betsy Ross Smith, Jeff Adams,
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Charles Collins, Janet Taylor,
Bill Holman, Louise Biderman,
Mark Ross and staff from the
Alaska Songbird Institute.

Thank You to our Volunteers!
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liams, Judy Williams, Janet Taylor, Ken Russell, Chris
Larrick, Ryan Hughes, Bennett Wong, Randall Compton,
Mark Ross, Dave Lorrying, the Fairbanks Children’s
Museum, Boy Scout Troop 38, and the Fairbanks Gar-
den Club.
Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

C. Ashley Ballard
District Director

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)