

# First Alternative NATURAL FOODS CO-OP

Fresh, local, organic groceries for everyone

North Store: 2855 NW Grant Ave • South Store: 1007 SE 3rd St

The  
SCOOP

October 2021



From the  
Board of  
Directors

**Lino  
Rauzi**

**Vice President**

Greetings, Co-op Owners! I hope this finds you well and safe as we leave summer behind.

This autumn will mark big changes at the South Store, with the demolition and rebuild of the Annex building. The Board has voted to amend the Co-op's loan agreement and approved a resolution to disperse insurance proceeds from the fire damage so that construction may begin.

The General Manager's impression is that the plan for the Annex redesign is solid and well informed by all departments and staff that will use the building daily. The Finance

Committee will be tracking the construction progress monthly, and the full Board will get monthly briefs and thorough, quarterly updates.

Each year, with the arrival of new directors, the Board elects its officers. Our officers for the next eleven months are:

Jasmin Woodside: President  
Lino Rauzi: Vice President  
Camille Freitag: Secretary  
Rob May: Treasurer

All are ready and willing to ensure the smooth operation of Board business in the coming year.

As August comes to a close, the Finance Committee begins to present the budget for the coming fiscal year. Though the Finance Committee is responsible for the hard details of each new budget, the whole Board must vote to approve it. To prepare new directors, and as a refresher

for sitting directors, Finance Manager Mark Tarasawa holds an annual Board financial training at this meeting. In this training, we get a thorough (and entertaining) overview in how to read important financial briefs such as income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow; as well as how to compare key financial ratios to financial covenants from the Co-op's loan restructuring in 2015.

You may remember an event from days-gone-past called the Owner Rendezvous; unfortunately, this will be another year without it.

What you may not remember is that the Owner Rendezvous is where the Board typically holds its annual business meeting with Owners. This meeting serves as an opportunity for Owners to meet newly-elected directors, hear about the Co-op's goals for the next year

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## October Board Committee Meetings

Owners interested in virtually attending meetings should contact [BREC@firstalt.coop](mailto:BREC@firstalt.coop) for details.

**Board Recruitment & Elections Committee:** Working to recruit qualified Board candidates.  
**Tuesday, October 12, 6pm**

**Finance Committee:** Reviews, analyzes, and makes recommendations on financial matters.  
**Wednesday, October 13, 4:30pm**

**Owner Relations Committee:** The conduit for communication between Owners and the Board.  
**Wednesday, October 13, 6pm**

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Develops strategic plans consistent with the Board's vision and direction.  
**Monday, October 18, 6pm**

**First Alternative Board of Directors:** Elected Owners putting our principles into action.  
**Tuesday, October 26, 6pm**

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or two, get updated on the Co-op's financial standing, and sometimes hear from a guest speaker. In lieu of the annual Rendezvous, the Owner Relations Committee is looking to hold focus groups sometime in the coming months in concert with the results of a market survey to help both stores understand how they can be more relevant to the communities they serve.

The annual Board Retreat is coming up near the end of October. This retreat serves as a time for the Board and Co-op management to come together for an extended set of intensive work groups and meetings, guided by our personal consultant at Columinate. Columinate is a cooperative development consultant that (among other things) guides Co-ops and their Boards to make a broader and more effective impact in their communities. This year, we have decided to focus on two specific areas of interest: strategic planning and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

On the topic of strategic planning, the Board seeks to reconcile our vision(s) for the Co-op's near future

with the realities that staff and the greater community are facing as a result of the ongoing pandemic and deepening, global economic downturn. Moving forward from this discussion we can set realistic trajectories for planning across all Board committees.

Any Board decision is made with careful consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Diversity being all the ways in which people differ; equity meaning fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all people; and inclusion ensuring power, a voice, and shared decision-making authority to everyone.

To further strengthen our commitment to this, at our retreat we will be examining each of our governance policies and rewriting them, as necessary, to include language that enshrines DEI in daily Board function. Our goal here is to continue working toward a Board that serves, and feels accessible to, everyone in our community.

As above, I hope this finds you well and safe. May the coming months bring us lots of rain! ☔

# BEANS 4 BAGS

The Beans for Bags program was created to encourage bag reuse while supporting local charities. Typically, shoppers grab a bean token from the register for each reusable bag brought from home and use it to choose which organizations they'd like to support.

At the end of the quarter, the tokens are tallied and \$1,000 in donations gets divided between organizations, relative to the number of tokens they received. COVID-19 necessitated some changes. For the time being we've removed the bean tokens from the registers and are splitting the quarterly \$1,000 equally between the four organizations.

We have 32 candidate organizations this year, each of them doing great work, and it's up to our Owners to select 16 of them to receive donations in 2022. Four of the sixteen selected

## 2022 Election Info



organizations will take their turn every quarter and at the end of the quarter will receive \$250.

Read about the missions and accomplishments of the candidates, presented alphabetically on the following pages. Then vote via paper or online ballot.

Owners with a valid email address will receive an online ballot. If you vote online, DO NOT complete a paper ballot. If you vote with a paper ballot, fill out your ballot and drop it in the ballot boxes at either store and DO NOT vote online. All ballots, digital and printed, are due by 9 pm on October 31. ☔

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**500 Women Scientists:** The mission of 500 Women Scientists is to serve society by making science open, inclusive, and accessible. Their goal is to transform society by fighting racism, patriarchy, and oppressive societal norms. Corvallis pod initiatives include: 1) Tap Talks—monthly online and in-person presentations by local women scientists and experts. 2) Solutions Displays—information, activities, and resources to help address environmental, economic, social, and health crises. 3) Role Models—connecting classrooms and schools with diverse scientists to enhance the visibility of different fields of expertise and methods of discovery. 4) Outdoor Science Education—teaching methods to identify how our climate is changing, the impacts on biodiversity, and what to do about it.

**ABC House:** ABC House's mission is to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, support children as they find their voice, and help children and families heal and thrive. They work with children, youth, and their families to overcome the crisis of abuse and neglect in Linn and Benton counties. ABC House provides child abuse assessments and trauma counseling to ensure children impacted by abuse receive the services needed to heal and live a healthy, happy, productive life. For 24 years, ABC House has been the only agency providing child abuse assessment and support services in the local community. ABC House serves approximately 4,000 individuals each year, including 700 children with assessments and medical consultations. No child is ever turned away due to inability to pay, and families pay no out-of-pocket costs.

**Benton Habitat for Humanity:** Bringing people together to make decent homes achievable for everyone in our community. Habitat is a non-profit organization founded in 1991, dedicated to eliminating substandard housing through constructing and preserving homes. Founded on the conviction that everyone should have a simple, decent place to live and that decent shelter is a matter of action for all. Working in partnership with low-income families, Benton Habitat has built 39 homes and is in progress of constructing an additional six. To date, over 204 people, including 129 children, live in Habitat homes throughout Benton County.

**Boys & Girls Club:** The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC, the Club) is the only year-round

K-12 youth center in Corvallis. Their affordable and equitable out-of-school care empowers families on the path out of intergenerational poverty, essential worker families, and youth facing the opportunity gap. Their mission is to attract, continually engage, and inspire youth in elementary through high school to realize their full potential by mentoring, modeling good character, and delivering relevant structured enrichment programs in a safe, inclusive, and positive environment. They deliver bilingual positive youth development in academic success, workforce development, good character/civics, social-emotional development, and healthy lifestyles. They serve 3,000 youth, provide over 8,000 no-cost meals per year, and support 5,000 additional youth across a three-county region. Their proven service model returns \$14 to the community for every \$1 invested in them. It is their goal to eliminate intergenerational poverty in Benton County!

**CASA—Voices for Children:** CASA's mission is to ensure the best outcome and future for each abused and neglected child in Benton County and beyond by training volunteers to provide advocacy and life skills, while expanding services to help kids thrive.

**Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence:** The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)'s mission is two-fold: to provide services and support to those affected by sexual and domestic violence and to provide education and leadership within the community to change the societal conditions that cultivate these forms of violence.

**Chintimini Wildlife Center:** Chintimini Wildlife Center (CWC) provides care for Oregon's injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat and fosters a connection between people and wildlife through education. CWC is home to a wildlife hospital, a Raptor Education Program, and a youth education program—all located right outside Corvallis.

**Co-op Recycling Center:** The Co-op Recycling Center provides multiple resources for most of your recycling needs in Corvallis and the rest of the valley. They are the only place in town where you can recycle Styrofoam and are a focal point in South Town that helps

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fulfill the community's needs for recycling items that would otherwise go to the landfill. In an average year they recycle 3,700 lbs. of metal, 1,420 cubic yards of Styrofoam, 840 cubic yards of commingled items, and 510 cubic yards of glass. The center is operated on a zero-dollar budget; community support is vital to its success.

**Coastal Range Food Bank:** Each month the Coastal Range Food Bank (CRFB) provides emergency food to Benton County individuals. Customers shop in their country store for quality items that include meat, produce, canned and dry foods, and bottled drinking water. CRFB features a total organic section with items purchased from First Alternative Co-op. They have been in operation for 29 years and are totally volunteer operated. Their Board oversees the food bank by implementing USDA food safety regulations, civil rights trainings, and fiscal management. CRFB puts client dignity and respect at the forefront of their Food Assistance & Nutrition Program. They create access to varieties of healthy food by promoting client autonomy and reducing barriers to food access.

**Community Outreach, Inc.:** Community Outreach, Inc. (COI)'s mission is helping people help themselves lead healthy and productive lives. COI responds to human needs by providing direct services, and by collaborating with other agencies and organizations. Their programs and services are specifically designed to move families and individuals from crisis to self-sufficiency and stability. Each of their unique services can operate independently or collectively to create a comprehensive continuum of care. The staff, board, and volunteers of COI value a client-centered approach, which is fostered by trust, inclusion, and fairness for all. They believe that everyone, regardless of their personal circumstances, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect and offered the skills, knowledge, and assistance needed to help themselves lead healthy and productive lives.

**Corvallis Multi-cultural Literacy Center:** The Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center is a safe, equitable, cross-cultural learning community providing educational and community resources.

**Corvallis Sustainability Coalition:** The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is a network of organizations and individuals working together to

create a sustainable community. It includes businesses, nonprofits, faith communities, educational institutions, and government entities—all committed to creating a community that values environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality. Accelerating progress toward that sustainable future *must* include hands-on education about food, one of a community's most vital resources. Beans for Bags funding will support the Sustainability Coalition's in-person community and school outreach efforts around food issues.

**Corvallis-Gondar Sister Cities Association:** Corvallis-Gondar Sister Cities Association (CSCA-G) works with the people of Gondar, Ethiopia, to develop sustainable solutions and promote cultural awareness and understanding. Helping people access clean water and quality education is at the heart of their work. By constructing wells and developing springs, they've provided clean water to over 2,700 households in Gondar, along with planting trees for watershed rehabilitation. They also help by supplying school materials, teacher training, and cultural exchanges between both cities' schools. 5th graders in Corvallis recently assisted in illustration, publication, and distribution of bilingual early readers throughout Ethiopia. CSCA-G sponsors two annual events to bring awareness of the Ethiopian culture.

**DevNW:** DevNW is a nonprofit created in 2019 when Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) and Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services (WNHS) united to expand their impact. DevNW's mission is to create thriving, inclusive, and healthy communities through affordable housing, financial opportunity, small business development, and policy change. Each year, they serve more than 5,000 individuals and families across their program areas. DevNW owns 411 units of affordable rental housing, where Community Health Workers engage residents in health navigation and service programs; provides housing paired with intensive case management for former foster youth/ youth at risk of homelessness; offers innovative financial and homeownership education and counseling (including a recently-launched Wildfire Recovery Navigation program); provides access to affordable capital through their affiliate Community LendingWorks; offers home repair and down payment assistance loans; and they administer the Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance.

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**Fresh & Local, First!:** Fresh and Local, First! was formed to help create a vibrant, resilient food system that provides the whole community with access to locally produced food. One of the most difficult issues to address is how to make fresh, local food affordable for community members with low incomes and still provide an adequate income to our local food producers. Low-income people depend on the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to feed their families. Fresh & Local, First! raises money to support local SNAP incentive programs. The Corvallis and Albany Farmers Markets (CAFM) and First Alternative Co-op use SNAP incentive programs to match the first \$10 of SNAP dollars spent each day at the farmers' market or Co-op with an additional \$10. This increases access to fresh, local food for those with low incomes by augmenting the value of SNAP dollars spent providing healthier food for people with low incomes while supporting our local food system.

**Friends of Corvallis Parks & Rec.:** The Friends of Corvallis Parks & Rec. work to enhance and preserve the livability of our community and the quality of life for all residents. They provide support and generate funding for the operation of public parks, natural areas, cultural and historic resources, recreation facilities, and programs, and help strengthen and expand these services. And they advocate for public parks, trails, natural areas, cultural and historic resources, recreation facilities, and programs that are accessible and affordable for all.

**Friends of Family Farmers:** Friends of Family Farmers (FoFF) is the voice for Oregon family farmers who responsibly steward their land and feed our communities. Not everyone can be a farmer but it is their belief that every person—urban and agrarian, farmer and eater—has the ability to make choices that can help regenerate our food system. Their program works to provide technical assistance producers need. By providing opportunities for community members to hear from their farmers and build a deeper relationship with their food, they create a better localized food system for Oregon. FoFF builds a strong and united voice for Oregon's independent family farmers, food advocates, and concerned eaters who are working to foster the type of agriculture that respects the land, treats animals humanely, sustains local communities, and provides a viable livelihood for family farmers.

**Furniture Share:** Furniture Share's mission is to redistribute gently used furniture and household items from community donors and provide locally grown healthy foods to people experiencing furniture and food poverty, thus diverting items from the landfill. Primary activities are to obtain donated furniture, household items, and food boxes to transfer to more than 4,500 people annually, and to build and strengthen resources. Clients are referred by other social service agencies. Life is better when a house is a home. Home is at the center of every person's well-being. Furniture Share helps create stronger home foundations and brighter futures.

**Grace Center for Adult Day Services:** Grace Center's mission is to provide day services that optimize the cognitive and physical abilities of seniors and adults with disabilities so they can remain in their homes, as independent as possible. Serving the community since 1983, Grace Center provides therapeutic programs and services designed around key areas including socialization, exercise, memory care, health monitoring, post-rehabilitation, nutrition, hygiene, and respite for caregivers. Health services include a varied and specialized exercise program, health monitoring overseen by an LPN, and individualized service plans. Social services involve various therapeutic activities such as art, music, woodworking, gardening, cooking, and outings into the community. Programs are aimed to improve the quality of life for both caregivers and participants.

**Greenbelt Land Trust:** Greenbelt Land Trust works to protect in perpetuity native habitats, working lands, and lands of natural beauty, which provide a connection to the natural world for residents of the mid-Willamette Valley.

**Heartland Humane Shelter and Care:** Heartland Humane is a non-profit animal shelter and care organization working to make Benton County a safe and healthy place for every pet, and for the people who love them. They offer pets for adoption to the community.

**Jackson Street Youth Services:** Jackson Street Youth Services is here to promote safety, stability and well-being for youth. They work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and teaching skills for self-sufficiency. They serve Benton, Linn, and

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Lincoln counties and operate the only shelters for minors (youth ages 10-17) from Salem to Eugene, including the coast. 24/7 shelters provide crisis stabilization for youth experiencing or at-risk-of homelessness. Beyond the shelter, prevention and outreach programs aim to halt youth homelessness before it begins. Staff meet youth in schools, on the streets, and at drop-in centers, building trust and connecting youth to needed resources. Jackson Street also offers a longer-term housing program for young adults ages 18-24, with the aim of guiding youth who would otherwise be homeless towards independence and self-sufficiency. In 2020, they added 9 new beds in Corvallis to this "Next Steps" program.

**Linn-Benton Salmon Watch:** The Calapooia Watershed Council promotes and sustains the health of the Calapooia Watershed. The Linn Benton Salmon Watch is a program of the Watershed Council. The Salmon Watch's mission is to provide experiential education and encounters with Pacific wild salmon to connect students and adults with nature and empower community engagement. Site coordinators and volunteers provide experiential field trips for mostly 5th grade students. Bilingual field trips are provided for three local dual immersion schools.

**Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care:** Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care is a community-based nonprofit serving the Mid-Willamette Valley. It is their mission to provide compassionate care and support for individuals, families, and caregivers facing serious illness or end of life. Over the years, Lumina has earned a reputation for their commitment to promoting dignity, respecting choices, easing suffering, and honoring the grieving process. They take pride in going above and beyond as both a trusted healthcare provider and a community resource.

**Marys Peak Search and Rescue – Region 3 K9 SAR Unit:** Marys Peak SAR mission is to support the community by having well-trained, nationally certified canine teams able to assist 24/7 with missing person searches and emergency response missions in a variety of capacities: area search, trailing, human remains detection, water search, and disaster response. They also use public relation opportunities to teach children, youth, and other community members' techniques on how to remain safe in wilderness and urban environments.

## **Marys River Watershed Council**

Marys River Watershed Council's mission is to inspire and support voluntary stewardship of the Marys River watershed. Three main focal areas are: Restoration—working with landowners to restore natural function to streams, wetlands, prairies, and oak savannas. Education—partnering with local schools and other non-profits to provide outdoor learning through field exploration and service projects. And Outreach—project tours, workshops, and quarterly forums on aspects of watershed health.

**Old Mill Center for Families & Children:** Old Mill Center for Children & Families is a community-based, family-oriented center empowering children and families of diverse backgrounds to optimize their potential through specially designed education and therapy programs. Originally a first-of-its-kind integrated preschool, today it serves as a centralized hub for services bettering the lives and improving the futures of children and families in our community. In 2020, they served nearly 6,000 children and families in Benton and Linn counties who were facing significant hardships and needing support for their children's social, emotional, educational, and/or physical health. During the pandemic they provided crisis services, served as a critical food resource for families, conducted therapy via telehealth, delivered educational supplies, and supplied more than 1,000 books to children at home.

**Philomath Community Gleaners:** Philomath Community Gleaners is a non-profit community membership organization in which members work side by side to provide a "helping hand" not a "handout." Members glean food, household supplies, and wood. Regular members share food with "adoptees" who are elderly or disabled and not required to work. Many tons of food are kept out of the landfill by the work of Philomath Community Gleaners.

**Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon:** Senior Dog Rescue promotes the well-being, safety, and care of older dogs. Our mission is finding new homes for dogs who are homeless or in unhealthy or unsustainable homes, so that they may spend the remainder of their lives in positive, loving homes.

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**Ten Rivers Food Web:** Ten Rivers is an all-volunteer organization working to steward the growth of a resilient local food web in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties. They organize two annual cornerstone events. The Soil Amendment Sale in March brings about 100,000 lbs of pre-ordered soil amendments, growing supplies, and cover crop seeds—sourced from Concentrates in Portland, and local seed growers to community members at reduced prices. Fill Your Pantry is a one-day farmers' market held in November. Bulk quantities of beans, grains, storage crops, and preserves are offered facilitating local eating during the winter season.

**The Corvallis Environmental Center:** The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on a number of environmental issues. For over 25 years CEC has been a keystone of our local community. Through programs focused on environmental legacy, food and farming education, local food security, energy efficiency, and climate action, CEC has established itself as a regional leader in the environmental movement. Their mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to be involved in creating a healthy, sustainable community. CEC fills an import niche, directly reaching more than 15,000 people each year through projects and programs.

**Vina Moses:** Vina Moses helps people through hardship, engaging the community to build resilience and improve well-being. They serve low-income and under-resourced communities in Benton County. Their programs include: Free Thrift Store—community donations are available to anyone in need. Emergency Financial Assistance—meets urgent needs and fills financial support gaps to restore utility services, replace ID, and more. Back to School—supports students with needed items that classrooms don't provide. Giving Tree—provides holiday food and gifts to kids, families, and seniors. Outdoor Food & Hygiene Pantries—give and take community pantries of non-perishable items. Community Clothes Closets—in specific communities that face barriers to visiting their free store. Volunteers make it possible for Vina Moses Center to help more than 7,000 people every year. 🥬

**Voting Owner name (required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Share # (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voting Owner signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be an active Owner to vote.** Owner share payments must be current or paid, share must be in good standing. One vote per Owner number.

- 500 Women Scientists
- ABC House
- Benton Habitat for Humanity
- Boys & Girls Club
- CASA—Voices for Children
- Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence
- Chintimini Wildlife Center
- Co-op Recycling
- Coastal Range Food Bank
- Community Outreach, Inc.
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- Philomath Community Gleaners
- Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon
- Ten Rivers Food Web
- The Corvallis Environmental Center
- Vina Moses

**Vote for up to 16 nominees**

*Ballots with more than 16 votes will be considered invalid*

**Ballots must be received by 9 pm Oct. 31st**

# Community Happenings

## Art for the Heart 2021 Virtual Gala

Saturday, October 9 at 6pm, online

Celebrate community arts with impact at the annual premier fundraising event for The Arts Center. Registration is free at: [theartscenter.net/artfortheheart21](http://theartscenter.net/artfortheheart21). For more info, contact [cynthia@theartscenter.net](mailto:cynthia@theartscenter.net) (and learn about *The Arts Center in the Fall Thymes*, available now, in-store and online.)

## Fill Your Pantry

Pre-order: October 10-31. Pick-up & shop in person: Sunday, November 14, noon-3pm at Peoria Gardens, 32355 Peoria Rd SW, Albany

A one-day farmers' market offering bulk quantities of beans, grains, storage crops, and preserves from local food farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and beekeepers. Prepare for winter while supporting across the Willamette Valley! Get all the details at [www.tenriversmarketplace.com](http://www.tenriversmarketplace.com).

First Alternative Co-op and I would like to recognize the owners of Purple Moon for providing our community with fresh, organic coffee and smoothies from 2006 until March of 2020.



The Purple Moon Kiosk

John and Isabelle ran the most sustainable and most delicious coffee shop in Corvallis, committed to recycling, composting, and organic ingredients—a wonderful legacy to celebrate and maintain for years to come. Our staff and customers have been missing those lattes and wheatgrass shots over the last year and a half and we're happy to say that the Co-op is working on reviving the drive-thru as we continue to work on rebuilding our Commissary. We hope to carry on the tradition of great coffee and great service that Purple Moon was known for in Corvallis. A few months ago, John Bain Jr., owner of Purple Moon, generously donated the coffee shop to the Co-op.

John initially opened Purple Moon in 2006. Over the years, John managed the Purple Moon kiosk at First Alternative Co-op in Southtown and the Purple Moon Corvallis Farmers' Market with his wife Isabelle who passed away suddenly at 36-years-old in the summer of 2018. Many loyal customers who loved and supported Isabelle and John often saw their children Ray and Freddi at Purple Moon—Freddi working behind the counter at the markets and Ray sometimes playing the harmonica for tips next to the Purple Moon booth.

We wish John and the family much success and happiness in the coming years.

—John Bain Sr.  
and Cindee Lolik 🌱



Isabelle and John



Ray (left) and Freddi

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# Own it in October!

Sign up to be an Owner during October and

## GET 20% OFF your next shopping trip.



**SAVE** – Get 10% off your purchases one day per month (excluding sale items).



**EARN** – Owners may receive a patronage dividend in years the Co-op is profitable. The more you spend, the more you earn!



**SUPPORT** – Invest in a locally-owned business that supports local producers, fair trade practices, sustainability, and community.



**VOTE** – Each Owner has an equal voice. Vote for or serve on our Board of Directors and vote for annual donation recipients.



**CONNECT** – Enjoy access to Co-op Community events for Owners and build a sense of community.

Already an Owner? Increase your equity to \$300 to receive 20% off on your next shopping trip. Visit Customer Service for assistance.