

# Community Outreach Partner Policy

City Market partners with non-profit community organizations that align with our mission and need volunteer labor! Members of the Co-op can volunteer with our Community Outreach Partners and receive a store discount.

#### **Our Mission**

City Market partners with organizations whose work aligns with our Global Ends Statement:

The Onion River Co-op will be central to a thriving and healthy community, where:

- consumers have local access to progressive social, environmental and healthful choices;
- residents enjoy an enhanced quality of life;
- the local food system is strengthened;
- the cooperative model is supported;
- our owners have a sense of pride in their Cooperative.

Priority is given to organizations that serve to end childhood hunger and strengthen the local food system. We do not partner with partisan organizations or those that advance a particular religious belief.

## **How to Join the Community Outreach Program**

- Requests must be received in writing and accompanied by our Community Outreach Partner Application, proof of 501(c)(3) status and proof of insurance coverage for volunteers.
- Organizations will be considered based on how closely they align with our Global Ends and with their ability to track and report hours.
- New COPs will start the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1) following their application's approval or at the discretion of the Co-op.
- City Market reserves the right to: reject COPs, stop working with COPs once accepted to the program and change COP policies.
- City Market limits this program to a specific number of partners and available hours each year. Please understand that we may not be adding new partners at the time you apply.

#### **Once You Have Become a Community Outreach Partner**

- Member Workers contact Community Outreach Partners (COPs) directly to set up a volunteer shift.
- Member Workers log their hours with the COP, who is then required to report the hours to City Market by the end of each month.
- City Market will publicize volunteer opportunities. It will also list COPs and their contact information on the Co-op's website and in the Member Worker binder at our Customer Service desk.

For more information, go to <a href="https://www.citymarket.coop/memberwork/community">www.citymarket.coop/memberwork/community</a>.

## **Current Community Outreach Partners**

- Burlington Area Community Gardens
- Burlington Bike Project
- Burlington School Food Project
- Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf
- Committee on Temporary Shelter
- The Farm at VYCC
- FRESH Food
- Hunger Free Vermont
- Integrated Arts Academy

- Intervale Center
- Local Motion
- New Farms for New Americans
- NOFA-VT
- ONE Community Dinner
- Pine Island Community Farm
- Sustainability Academy
- Vermont Community Garden Network
- Vermont FEED

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