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# 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 [www.citymarket.coop/memberwork/community](http://www.citymarket.coop/memberwork/community).

## Current Community Outreach Partners

- Burlington Area Community Gardens
- Burlington School Food Project
- Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf
- Committee on Temporary Shelter
- Grow Team ONE
- Hunger Free Vermont
- Integrated Arts Academy
- Intervale Center
- Local Motion
- New Farms for New Americans
- NOFA-VT
- ONE Community Dinner
- Sustainability Academy
- Vermont Community Garden Network
- Vermont FEED

Questions? Contact Liz Dykes, Member Services Coordinator, at [ldykes@citymarket.coop](mailto:ldykes@citymarket.coop) or 861-9707.