



Positive Change Donation Policy for Mississippi Market

Mission Statement:

Mississippi Market creates positive change in the community by influencing the production, distribution and enjoyment of food.

Positive Change Donation Policy:

One way we carry out our mission of *creating positive change in the community* is to support local nonprofit organizations through our Positive Change Program. Non-profit organizations with missions dedicated to the environment, sustainable agriculture, and food access are eligible to apply.

This program enables shoppers to round up their purchases or donate 10¢ credits when they bring their own reusable bags to shop. Positive Change recipients collect donations for a one month period from all three stores and are publicized throughout our stores and website. Donations are generally granted to organizations at most once every two fiscal years (July-June).

When considering a potential Positive Change recipient, we look at the following criteria:

1. Does the organization mission pertain to local & sustainable agriculture, local hunger initiatives, nutrition education, or environmental sustainability?
2. Is the organization within St. Paul or the surrounding community?
3. When has the organization last received a donation from Mississippi Market?

We recognize there are many causes worthy of our support, but we feel that focusing our resources to a few select areas that relate to our mission has more impact.

Positive Change Application Process:

Please fill out the following Positive Change donation application and return it to Katie Marty, Education & Events Specialist. Include certification of your non-profit status and any additional information about your organization. To submit your donation request you can:

- Drop off or mail to: 622 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
- Email to kmarty@msmarket.coop
- Fax to: 651-310-9498

Positive Change applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year with quarterly review dates:

Submission Deadline	Donation Recipient Months
May 31	Aug-Sept-Oct
August 31	Nov-Dec-Jan
November 30	Feb-March-April
January 31	May-June-July

Positive Change recipients will be notified 30-60 days in advance of their Positive Change month start.



Mississippi Market
Natural Foods Co-op

Positive Change Donation Program Request Form

Fill out and return to the customer service desk at the Selby Store, c/o Katie Marty; mail: 622 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104; or email to kmarty@msmarket.coop; or fax: 651-310-9498

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Organization address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Is this a registered 501c3 non-profit organization (please provide non-profit tax ID#)?

Please provide your organization's mission statement and a summary of your organization:

For what program or purpose are you requesting a donation?

How does your organization and/or this program connect to at least one of Mississippi Market's four strategic focuses (*local & sustainable agriculture, local hunger initiatives, nutrition education, or environmental sustainability*)?

How will the funds be used?

How will Mississippi Market be recognized?

Positive Change recipients collect donations from one calendar month. Is there an ideal time of year or particular month for which you are seeking funds?

Date submitted: