



## Mississippi Market

Natural Foods Co-op

### Donation Policy for Mississippi Market

#### **Mission Statement:**

We provide high-quality, fairly priced natural foods, promote the cooperative principles and work together toward a sustainable local economy.

#### **Our Philosophy:**

At Mississippi Market, we support our community in a variety of ways, including:

- Annual March partnership with the Minnesota Food Share
- Midwest Food Connection Sponsor, a series of educational classes taught to elementary students.
- Our Eco Stamp bag reuse program donates five cents each time a customer reuses their bag and goes to a community nonprofit.
- Selby Avenue Jazz Fest Sponsor
- St. Paul Saints sponsorship
- St. Paul Friends of the Public Library reading series sponsor

#### **Community Donation Policy:**

We will offer gift cards ranging from \$15 to \$30 for use at fundraisers, silent auctions or one time events. **We cannot provide prepared food trays.**

When considering a potential donation, we look at the following criteria: 1) Is the organization in line with our mission? 2) Is the organization within St. Paul or the surrounding community? 3) When has the organization last received a donation from Mississippi Market? Donations are generally granted to organizations once during the co-op's fiscal year. (July-June)

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

#### **Requesting a donation:**

Please fill out the donation request form and return it to our customer service desk, mail, or fax to Krysta Tanico, Education & Events Coordinator. Include certification of your non-profit status, a copy of your program flyer, and any additional information about your organization.

Requests should be made a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Donation requests submitted less than 72 hours before the event generally will not be accepted. Please understand that the more lead time we are given to fulfill your request, the greater chance we can help you.



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**Community Donation Program Request Form**

*Fill out and return to the customer service desk at the Selby Store, c/o Krysta Tanico; mail: 622 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104; or email to [ktanico@msmarket.coop](mailto:ktanico@msmarket.coop); or fax: 651-310-9498*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a non-profit? Yes (please provide non-profit tax ID#)      No

For what purpose are you requesting a donation?

When is the event? (Please include event flyer or organizational information)

How will our donation be used?

How will our donation be recognized?