

## History

Since its inception in 2015, the Food Co-Op has held fundraisers and events to raise public awareness and help finance the opening of a local alternative to big box stores.

Opening a market in 2017 in the former Gatti Pharmacy, the co-op has gained the support of many residents and public officials. Special thanks goes to sponsors David and Kay Smith, building owners, for helping to make this happen.

In the spring of 2018, the Food Co-Op became a vendor with the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Market, a market at 701 Philadelphia St. featuring a restaurant and local vendors with unique and handcrafted items. At the end of our growing season in October 2018, the co-op paused its retail operations at 701 Philadelphia St.

## The goals of the Food Co-Op are to:

- Provide ease of access to local foods and products
- Help support local growers and producers
- Provide a walkable grocery for downtown's food desert, addressing a need for residents
- Invest in our community by increasing reasons to visit/live in downtown Indiana
- Offer a mixed-use space for food education, meetings, and community empowerment
- Contribute to Indiana's sustainability profile, qualifying the Borough to receive more grants

## Pop-Up Markets

The Co-Op is looking to do pop-up markets during the winter months. Check our Facebook page and website for more information!



## How can you help or get involved?

- Visit a board meeting or join a committee
- Become a member or vendor
- Assist with PR and advertising
- Help lead our 501(c)3 non-profit application
- Organize fundraisers and write grants

Please visit us, become a member by filling out this flyer, or go online to find out more.



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# THE FOOD CO-OP OF INDIANA PA

## Volunteer, Vendor and Member Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Food Co-Op?

Membership:  \$25 regular annual  \$50 sustaining/family/business  \$200 for 5 years  \$1,000 lifetime

Are you interested in volunteering at the Food Co-Op? If so, please check all that apply:

Fundraising and Publicity Committees  Strategic Planning  Cashier  Pick-Up/Receiving  Other

Are you interested in selling goods, services or products at the Food Co-Op? If so, please describe them below:

### How the Co-op Works:

You don't have to be a member to shop at the co-op, but by joining, you'll receive a minimum 2% discount on all purchases and a discount on special events such as farm to table dinners and food and nutrition related classes.

When you join as a sustaining member, you will receive a minimum 3% discount, two 10% one-time purchase coupons, and membership covers everyone in your household. You can also sell food or products with us as a vendor.

Members are considered part-owners of the co-op and can participate in elections and votes at our annual meeting.

### How to get involved

Attend board meetings, the 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Spaghetti Benders. We're looking for help with each of our four committees:

- Planning and Legal
- Fundraising
- Membership & Public Relations
- Co-Op Market and Education

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with pop-up markets.

We are dedicated to making local food and products more readily available to people of all incomes and are becoming an integral part of our community, serving area residents, seniors, and students alike.

**We have offered locally grown and produced products such as:**

- Produce
- Milk, Dairy, and Eggs
- Beef, Poultry, and Pork
- Bulk Foods
- Syrup and Honey
- Herbs and Spices
- Coffee Beans
- Nuts and Snacks
- All-Natural Cleaning Supplies
- Green Paper Products
- Hand-Crafted Items and Gifts
- Art and Crafts from Local Artisans

Our mission is to develop an economically viable, yet socially conscious co-op, emphasizing:

**people, planet, and purpose**

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