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Dear Friends.

Greetings from the Community Food Co-op. We applaud your organization and the work you do in the community. On behalf of the Member Affairs Committee we encourage you to apply for a Community Shopping Day (CSD).

Each month the Co-op supports a local community group by donating 2% of sales on our CSD to the organization (2% of current sales ranges from \$780 to \$1000.) The Co-op helps educate the community about the group through an article in the *Co-op Community News*, and a display at the front of the store. Each organization is expected to table at the store on their shopping day, and at the Co-op's Community Party in August '06. It's a great way to let people know about the work you do, gather new supporters and gain cash for a project that needs support.

This fall the Board will again select 12 community organizations for the 2006 Community Shopping Day Program, based on the recommendations of the Member Affairs Committee. Awards will focus on one or more of the following areas: food and sustainable agriculture, peace and human rights, ecological issues, education, health and well being, community health and social justice. A copy of the Co-op's Mission, Vision and Values statements follows this letter.

If you are interested in a Community Shopping Day for your organization please complete and return the application form, addressed to the attention of Jean Rogers. If you would like us to email you an electronic copy of the application, contact Jean at jeanr@communityfood.coop Application forms are also available at the Co-op service desk. Please limit your description of your program to 200 words. Info brochures can be attached; the Member Affairs Committee does not review CDs, DVDs or videos. The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 5, 2005.

Please pass this information along to any other organizations that you feel fit our criteria. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bellingham Community Food Co-op

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A just and livable world with cooperatively owned enterprise as a cornerstone of a sustainable economy

Our Mission

A consumer-owned grocery store serving our community with quality products and honest information

Our Values

We are committed to maintaining the economic viability of the Co-op in order to:

Promote cooperative ownership by fostering member involvement and responding to member needs.

Build community by respecting diversity and cultivating connections within the Co-op and Whatcom County.

Encourage informed choices by educating ourselves and our community around issues of food, healthy lifestyles, the environment and human rights.

Model ethical business and employment practices by acting with honesty, integrity and respect in the workplace and marketplace.

Promote a sustainable economy by supporting organic and sustainable food production and other environmentally and socially responsible businesses locally, regionally and national



Date:

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2006 Community Shopping Day Application

Organization:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Contact Person:
Please <u>circle</u> one of the following categories: Food & Sustainable Agriculture, Peace and
Human Rights, Ecological Issues, Education, Health and Well-being, Community Health and
Social Justice
Mission Statement:
How do you feel your mission statement is congruent with the Co-op's mission, vision and values (see the back of your invitation letter)?
How would you direct funds from a CSD grant (approx. \$750 - \$1,000)?

Describe your organization (LIMIT YOUR DESCRIPTION TO 200 WORDS). Relevant info can include all, some, or additions to the following: *local, grassroots, start up, non-profit, who/how many served, staffing/volunteers, programs, services, activities & how you provide them, free services, scholarships, sliding scale, current funding, outcomes, etc.* Your courtesy in keeping this description at 200 words is much appreciated by the Member Affairs Committee. You may attach a brochure or other printed matter (no CDs, DVDs or videos) to support your application.