

*Chester's Community
Grocery Co-op*

- **What's a food Co-op? A place that sells foods - like fresh fruits and vegetables, quality groceries.**
- **How is it different from a supermarket? A supermarket is owned by a company that spends its profit as it sees fit; a co-op is made up of people like you, and you get to choose how any profit is used.**
- **What do I get out of it? Fresh foods right where you live and work here in Chester – and a chance to help decide what foods are in the Co-op**
- **What do I have to do as a member? Pay a one-time refundable membership investment and a joining fee to use the Co-op. As a member you will also have to work a small number of hours in the Co-op each year**
- **How can I find out more?**

See inside & check resources listed on back panel

**Learn More about
food co-ops**

Websites

www.ncba.org/abcoop_food.cfm

www.cooperativegrocer.coop/cg_coops.html

www.localharvest.org/food-coops/

**Learn about Chester
Community Grocery Co-op at
a community meeting.**

The next one is listed at

www.chestercoop.com.

**Or call 610-874-2827
for the latest update.**

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P.O. Box 136
Chester, PA 19016*



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By the people

For the people

**When you decide to join,
you are saying YES to
healthy food, greater
choices, and a grocery that
sticks with Chester as long
as members like you decide
to stay.**



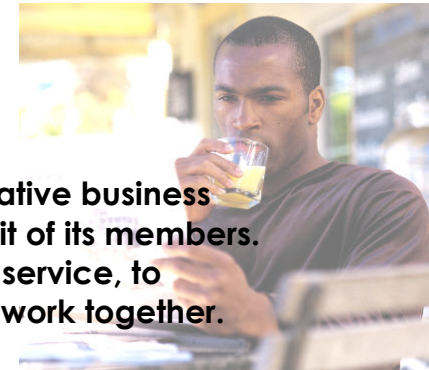
~Mission Statement~

Our mission in developing this food co-op is:

To satisfy the individual and collective needs of people who live, work, worship or volunteer in Chester and its surrounding communities; by providing local availability of quality, nutritious and fresh food at the lowest possible cost; during a grocery store shopping experience in the City of Chester that is respectful, safe, clean and environmentally sound.

You can be a part of the Co-op

Chester's Community Grocery Co-op is a cooperative business owned by the people and operated for the benefit of its members. It will provide jobs, and offer opportunity, through service, to strengthen the community, as members and staff work together.



As a business, it will support the local tax base, and participate in community development.

To become a member, you'll attend an orientation, pay an initial investment and a joining fee; and you will sign up for a work assignment.

As a member of the Co-op you share ownership with others; you have a voice in the decision; you can participate in planning and discussions of its future.

You can help bring fresh, healthy, quality fruits and vegetables, meats and dairy products to our community; you can help decide what the Co-op stocks.

Any money made at the Co-op ends up staying right here in Chester, not going to some corporate headquarter somewhere else.

The Co-op is committed to paying employees a reasonable living wage, and to operating in environmentally friendly ways.



Learn more by coming to a membership orientation meeting.