

Howdy!

The **Dill Pickle Food Co-op** needs **YOU!**

We are an up-and-coming neighborhood organization working to bring good food to families at every income-level in the northwest Chicago area including Logan Square, Wicker Park, Ukrainian Village and Humboldt Park. The **Dill Pickle Food Coop** is committed to providing fresh and organic foods at affordable prices and showcasing Chicago and Illinois growers, bakers, and producers in our store.

Find out more about us at our Web site (www.dillpicklefoodcoop.org) or by reading more below:

JOIN NOW!

We can't start the co-op without grant funding, so we need you and all your friends to show community support and **JOIN NOW**.

Send a \$50 membership fee to Dill Pickle Food Coop, P.O. Box 222076, Chicago, IL 60622. Join using PAYPAL at our Web site (www.dillpicklefoodcoop.org).

Why the hurry?

We need at least 200 paid members by September 2006, to apply for matching grants from such groups as the Food Coop 500 program, www.foodcoop500.coop, bringing us one step closer to opening our store.

2. FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW. Assure them it is not junk mail or an email chain letter, and encourage them to pass it on. Let them decide for themselves about joining the coop.

MISSION STATEMENT: _

The Dill Pickle Food Coop offers healthy food choices and the benefits of cooperative practice to build a vibrant local community and more sustainable world. We meet community needs and strengthen area diversity through products, services, and education.

WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE GROCERY STORE? _

A coop is owned, operated, and financed by its members. _The startup costs and operating expenses will be generated _from our membership base and matching grants from _groups such the Food Coop 500 Program (<http://www.foodcoop500.coop/html/default.shtm>). Our goal is to _open a neighborhood grocery store that will serve member _needs and be responsive to community concerns.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE?

It's one step at a time, but here's the general plan:

- We get 200 charter members and start working to secure grants and matching fun in September.
- We establish the physical location of the coop store (probably in early 2007) and refine the operating structure of the coop

NOW DO THIS:

Send in your \$50 membership fee or much-welcomed gift along with your name address and phone number to **Dill Pickle Food Coop, 2114 N. California #3, Chicago, IL 60647**. Join using PAYPAL at our Web site (www.dillpicklefoodcoop.org).

Forward this email to all of your local friends, families and business associates. It's easy!

For more information, visit the Dill Pickle Food Coop Web site at www.dillpicklefoodcoop.org and join the users group at foodcoop@yahoogroups.com.

It will be good for you. It will be good for our community. So, what are you waiting for?

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