

Matching Gifts



Did you know that matching gifts are one of the top five motivations for workplace donors? Or that 84% of employees say they are more likely to donate if a match is offered - AND 1 in 3 say that their gift would be larger if it were matched!

Why bring this up? Because the Food Shed Co-op has the ability to accept tax-deductible donations – and your company may just offer a MATCHING GIFT opportunity!

Through a collaboration with the **Cooperative Development Fund of CDS** as our fiscal agent, the Food Shed Co-op can accept tax-deductible donations for any purpose EXCEPT for a *brick-and-mortar* cost. That means that your tax-deductible donation can be used for co-op salaries, co-op inventory, marketing expenses, and much, much more.

And – if your employer offers a MATCHING GIFT program your donation dollars can double or even triple depending on your company’s matching program! Matching gifts are a great way to support YOUR community-owned grocery store! These tax-deductible dollars will help sustain the co-op during the Community Investment Campaign and allow it to pay for budgeted items without having to depend on conventional loans, owner loans or preferred share dollars! It’s a WIN-WIN. You get a tax write-off, your employer gets a write-off, and the Food Shed Co-op has the working capital it needs to be successful!

The Food Shed is committed to community engagement and community support as evident in our [Mission and Values](#). The Matching Gift opportunity is a way for you AND your employer to support the community, make healthy food choices available, support local business, and ensure a sustainable future for McHenry County.

For more information about the Cooperative Development Fund of CDS, visit the Food Shed’s [DONATION page HERE!](#)

If you are unsure whether your company offers a match, please check with your human resources department.