

## The Swarthmore Food Co-op

Recognized as a Best of Philly in 2006, the Swarthmore Co-op offers locally grown produce, a top-of-the-line selection of meats, wonderful cheeses, many organic products and traditional groceries. Additionally, the Co-op features an assortment of locally produced foods to help support our regional economy.

The Co-op was founded in the midst of the Great Depression, by local residents who wanted to provide the community with a source of fresh fruits and vegetables. The Co-op first operated out of a basement, and then moved to two interim spaces before residing for over 60 years in a former automobile showroom. In 2004, the Co-op, with the financial support of its members, moved to its present location--a modern, light-filled store.

Since its founding, the Co-op has operated based upon the cooperative principles of self-help, responsibility, democracy, equity and solidarity. By becoming a member of the Co-op, you are joining an organization that cares about the source and quality of its food, which supports our regional economy, that promotes equity in all relationships and that strives to strengthen our community.

The continued success of the Co-op is directly related to the support of its member/owners.

***A Community-Owned  
Food Market Since  
1937***

## Our Mission Statement

We are a cooperatively owned food market whose purpose is to enrich the economic and cultural welfare of our community by:

- **Providing healthy, delicious foods our customers can trust.**  
We believe in promoting healthy living; helping people make informed food choices; supporting organic and locally grown or produced products.
- **Celebrating community and diversity.**  
We believe that the Co-op should be a warm, welcoming marketplace, creating opportunities for people to make connections.
- **Being a sustainable, vital partner in the town center, founding our business practices on accountability, honesty and transparency.**  
We believe in valuing our partner/employees; empowering them to be good stewards of our Co-op and its resources; striving to provide them with competitive wages and benefits.



*Anyone can shop.  
Anyone can join.*



***Now is the time to join  
the nearly  
900 member/owners  
of the Swarthmore Co-op!***



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