



bi-monthly eBlast for followers and supporters of the Food Shed Co-op - August 13, 2021



We're now at **1164 owners!** Join today to help us reach our goal of 1200 owners **BEFORE SUNDAY AUGUST 15th!** Click [HERE](#) or on any *Become an Owner* button!

Ready, Set, Invest

The Food Shed Co-op will embark on a capital campaign this coming Sunday, August 15 which will run through October 15th. The goal of the campaign, which is called the **Community Investment Campaign (CIC)** is to raise \$1,750,000. These funds will be raised by selling preferred shares of stock and owner-member loans. Preferred shares are available to all adult residents of Illinois, while owner loans are only available to co-op owner-members who reside in IL. There is also a tax deductible donation option available as well. Proceeds from the CIC will be combined with commercial loans to build our 8,000 ft² **Community Owned Grocery Store** located between Woodstock and Crystal Lake on US HWY 14.



The [Food Shed Co-op](#) was incorporated in April, 2014 and now has nearly 1200 owner-members. Upwards of 50% of all owner-members have joined during the pandemic as global food supply chains were interrupted and food security issues were often in the news. The co-op is a strong advocate for local farms using sustainable agricultural techniques. Owner-members also value: supporting the local economy, providing access to healthy local food, and protecting the environment by reducing the distance food travels, thus reducing carbon emissions. The store will be a model for sustainable living and help build a stronger, more

resilient local food system. Learn more about the Food Shed Co-op and the Community Investment Campaign at <https://www.foodshed.coop/cic>

To kick off the CIC the Food Shed Co-op is celebrating with a **BIG Launch Party** this Sunday, Aug 15, 2021 from 2 - 5 PM at McHenry County College. You are invited to attend, where detailed information will be available about the community-owned grocery store and the investment options available. And, we've got a lot more planned - door prizes, featured speakers, and a whole lot more! The BIG Launch Party is just 2 days away so If you haven't [RSVP'd](#)- what are you waiting for?

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to Podcast about our CIC Open House this Sunday at McHenry County College!



Upcoming Events

[Community Investment Campaign Launch Party](#)

Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM

[McHenry County College](#) in Crystal Lake, IL



Join us for the **LAUNCH** of our **Community Investment Campaign (CIC)** at McHenry County College. Whether you are an owner, a supporter, or just want to learn more about the Food Shed Co-op - this is the place. The official "kickoff" to our **CIC** campaign is Sunday, August 15 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. There will be information tables explaining how to invest, how to become an owner, testimonials by current investors, and more! [RSVP HERE!](#)

[Annual Owner's Meeting 2021](#)

Thursday, September 09, 2021 at 06:00 PM

Location: TBD

The date for the **2021 Food Shed Co-op Annual Owner's Meeting** has been set for **Thursday, September 9, 2021**. Currently we are planning on a face-to-face meeting. There is a possibility that the meeting will be moved to a virtual format if CDC or local health department mandates are put in place. Please watch the [EVENTS](#) page for updates to and announcements pertaining to the annual meeting.

NOTE: YOU MUST BE AN OWNER IN GOOD STANDING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. You may sign up to be an owner [HERE](#) if you are not currently an owner.



Help us spread the word about our community owned grocery store by sharing our posts with your followers on social media. And why not [BECOME AN OWNER](#) now?

Mission

Our mission is to build a LOCAL food COOPERATIVE promoting a HEALTHY, ETHICAL and RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

Core Values

- *Promote and foster better food choices*
- *Cultivate and strengthen our local economy*
- *Inspire and empower community*
- *Champion environmentally responsible practices*

Food Shed Outreach

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