

CENTRAL BROOKLYN FOOD
COOPERATIVE

New Member Orientation

Abridged Version



What is a food cooperative?

A community-owned grocery store that is run and democratically controlled by a group or community of people.

A coop differs from a regular grocery store because

- It centers people, rather than profit--it is created out of a need for better access to healthy food, and would consider how best to do this, without sole regard to profits
- Provides an alternative to capitalist based food retail--supermarkets pay low wages and contribute to high poverty levels
- Members are also owners and contribute their labor to ensure affordable prices for items in the store





CBFC Mission Statement

The Central Brooklyn Food Coop is a 100% working member-owned and -operated food store with membership open to all. Our mission is to utilize our collective strength to ensure access to affordable and fresh food while centering the Black, low-to-moderate-income communities of Central Brooklyn.

CBFC History and Mission

History

- The CBFC was started by residents of Central Brooklyn who care about healthy and affordable food and wanted to make sure their family and community had access
- Organizers conducted surveys and did research and learned that most people left their neighborhoods to buy groceries. At the time there were more bodegas than grocery stores.



CBFC History and Mission

Mission

- 100% member-owned open to all but centers long term Black residents, low- moderate income
- Support local Black and POC business owners, keep money flowing within the community
- Provide access to fresh and healthy culturally relevant food
- Challenging gentrification / how the neighborhood is changing

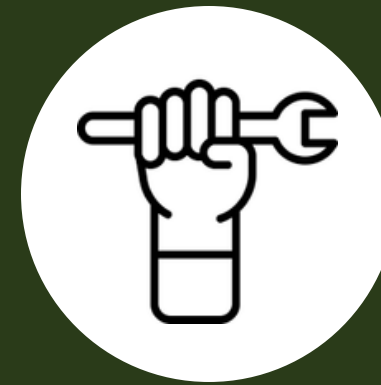


CBFC Membership

What Does it mean to be a member?

- You are a co-owner of the business
- You can vote and participate in decision making for the business
- Contribute to how decisions are made; what is voted on by general membership, what is decided on within a committee or working group
- When the store is open you will be able to shop there and will have a monthly shift

Membership Responsibilities



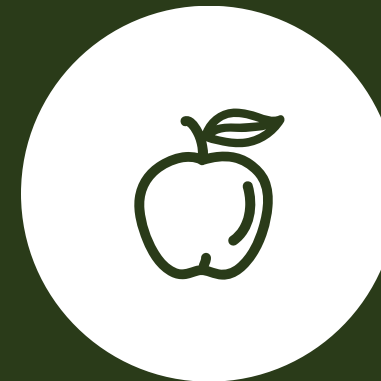
Members work
approximately 3
hours a month



Cuts down on labor
cost and the prices
remain affordable



Investment fee--
Regular and
Reduced



Members give input
on items they want
at the coop



Thank you!