



2022 Board Candidate

Anna Caduff



I was born on the banks of the Cumberland River in Nashville, TN and feel right at home these days living my past 12 years on the banks of the Huron River here in Ypsilanti. During my time in Tennessee, I earned a degree in Biology, minoring in Anthropology. As a former veterinary technician and pharmaceutical purchaser for hospitals, I now work closely with doctors in veterinary hospitals selling pharmaceuticals. This remote career has given me much needed space to make some major life adjustments. One focus became transforming my health. The food co-op, being the pulse of our neighborhood, has been a critical part of my world since I have lived here and has been my guide on a journey to better health and an excellent avenue to interact with members of our community. By running for a position on the board, I hope for a formal way to give back to the Ypsilanti Food Co-op.

1. What role do you think the Ypsilanti Food Co-op will play in Ypsilanti's future?

I see the food co-op maintaining and furthering the drive for the availability of locally sourced produce, packaged foods, and even health and beauty goods as an extension of ways to support our vibrant community. I also see it as a place to bring together all members of our community.

2. In what ways are you working to contribute to and improve the Ypsilanti community?

I am always walking, watching, and listening to the pulse of our neighborhood. I make efforts to check in with friends and neighbors. I consciously support local artists, farms, and shops around town. I work endlessly to keep my yard and garden clean and proudly presentable for our neighborhood.

3. If you can find healthy, organic food at another grocery store, why choose the Ypsilanti Food Co-op?

For me, being a member/owner of the Ypsilanti Food-Co-op comes with a strong sense of pride of ownership. The staff is amazing and incredibly personable. The selection and quality of in-season local produce is perfect for my needs and works for my flexibility. And ohmygosh the bakery!

4. What issue within the food system is the most important to you, and how would you address it?

An important issue needing to be addressed within the food system is the environmental impact of how our food is grown and sourced and the ways that the process can affect our future through the construct of sustainability. I would like to see more sourcing from within our community.

5. What is your past experience with the Ypsilanti Food Co-op and cooperatives in general (working, volunteering, shopping, etc.)? Include what you have done to improve and support the Ypsilanti Food Co-op.

I have been a member and a shopper of the co-op since I moved to Ypsilanti 12 years ago. I have a strong interest in volunteer work with the co-op, whether it be through joining the board or helping with odd jobs after work or on the weekends (or both!).

6. What has the Ypsilanti Food Co-op done for you?

The Ypsilanti Food Co-op has not only helped me build a stronger pillar of community but also a better quality of life, which has been of utmost importance. Through the co-op I have been able to achieve health goals and stay on track with working toward greater sustainability practices.

7. What skills and strengths would you contribute to the Board?

I enjoy interacting with our community and finding ways to bring people together. I have a strong desire to give back to the co-op in a way that would allow me to be a part of something bigger than myself. I am conscientious. I am dedicated. I am thorough.