



2021 Board Candidate

Susan Carter



Being an Ypsilanti resident, I have long loved the food co-op. I feel connected to our community when I shop and support the co-op and as a board member I have had a unique opportunity to help the co-op and its many growing pains. I feel strongly that as our neighborhood grocery store that it is worth protecting and I will always do my best to advocate for the co-op but also its member owners.

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

I see the co-op as a vital aspect of this community. Following the ends statement is a great example of how the co-op shows its commitment to the city of Ypsilanti.

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

My family is very committed to the city of Ypsilanti. As a household we work daily to help see the city thrive. I have been on the board for the co-op for 7 years now and my husband is on the sustainability committee. Being active in our community is important to us.

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

I like that the Ypsilanti food co-op not only offers healthy organic food but also puts its money where its mouth is regarding sustainability and free trade practices.

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

Sustainability is most important to me, I feel we need to keep our food healthy to keep the planet healthy.

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 am a shopper as well as I have been on the board for many years at this point.

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

It has given me a greater understanding of what “healthy food” really means as well as a place that I can go and feel like I am at home.

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

I feel that I am open, organized and dedicated.