

Sign us up!

We recently accepted jobs in Keene after finishing graduate school at Michigan State University, and we couldn't be happier with where we landed; what a beautiful part of the world we live in. We can walk to and through downtown, and we're already starting to recognize some of the faces we see each day (thanks to those of you who have nodded hello!). In short, we feel very welcome.

We felt especially welcome this past Monday, when we attended the public information session for the Monadnock Community Market. For those who couldn't make it, the Kay Fox room at the public library was filled to capacity with citizens from all over the Monadnock region who are excited about not only local, fresh and bulk food available at a co-op, but also the ancillary benefits that a co-op will bring to the area – things like educational workshops (we are personally excited to learn how to preserve fresh food!) and a place to meet all of those faces we recognize around town, as well as those we haven't met from all of the beautiful towns around the Monadnock region.

Before moving to Michigan, we lived in Chapel Hill, NC, home of the Weaver Street Market. No matter the time of day, you always knew someone at Weaver Street. It is the kind of place that unifies the small towns that dot the Triangle region of North Carolina. Friends, neighbors, and volunteers all converge outside during the summer, and it even hosts events and classes. The best part is that it provides living wages to local employees, and helps to support farmers in the region with fair prices for their hard-earned crops.

When we moved to Keene, we heard that a co-op was in the works, and we jumped at the opportunity to learn more and to get involved. And that is why we're signing up to become members – part of the 1,000 strong that are needed to turn this market from dream to reality. We hope that our new friends in Keene and beyond will join us because we'll be at the co-op a lot!

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