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*“The Putney Co-op is dedicated to a valuable way of doing business, and it’s loads of fun shopping there!”*

*Founding member and purchaser of the first share,  
Carol Brown*

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## **Buy Local - Shop Local - Own Local**

### **Become a Member of the Putney Co-op**

A Community-Owned Grocery & Deli since 1941

### **Benefits of Membership:**

- Annual Meeting and Dinner
- Voting privileges at Annual Meeting
- Chance to serve on our Board of Directors
- Members only items on sale each month
- Needs-based “Food For All” discount for members who qualify for WIC, SNAP or SSDI (see store for details)
- 10% off bulk and grocery pre-orders by the case (some restrictions apply)
- Free Putney Coop canvas tote with original artwork.
- Possibility of annual patronage rebate based on your purchases and Co-op profitability (subject to Board approval).

### **How Do I Join?**

- Fill out back side of this form
- Drop it off with any cashier at the Co-op, or mail to us along with your payment
- You can even split your equity share into 3 payments of \$25. It’s easy

### **Our Story**

The Putney Co-op is one of the oldest food co-op in the country. It was founded in 1941, when fuel shortages due to World War II made it hard to obtain certain grocery items. To get needed supplies, a group of Putney citizens led by Carol Brown formed the Putney Consumers Co-op according to the Cooperative Principles. Cash raised from selling member shares was used to rent a store front (purchased in 1944), obtain goods and hire staff. Today, the Putney Food Co-op is a community-owned market and deli offering a diverse selection of quality products, friendly and knowledgeable service, in a convenient location with easy parking.

### **Our store features**

Fresh, organic and local produce • Organic, humanely raised local meats, poultry, eggs • Vermont dairy products Fresh and frozen seafood • Environmentally-responsible

cleaning supplies and paper goods • Health and body care products, vitamins and supplements • Gourmet cheeses from Vermont, New England, and around the world • Bulk nuts, grains, granolas, spices and baking supplies • Fair-trade coffee, tea, chocolate, avocados and bananas • Micro-brewed beer and hand-selected wines • Hearty sandwiches made to order in the deli, homemade soups, salads and baked goods • Gluten-free selections in every aisle

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*“Co-operatives offer a powerful economic model that put people before profit, meet their community’s’ needs, and reconnect social goals with economic practice.”*

*~NFCA (Neighboring Food Coops Association)*

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## New Member Form

Full Equity Share \$75  Tote Bag Rec'd  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate additional equity to the Shareholder's Assistance Fund  
 \$5     \$10     \$20     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select a payment plan

\$75

\$15 Food For All Payment (Requires pre-approval, see staff for details)

3 Installments of \$25

Credit Card: I authorize the Putney Food Co-op to charge an additional \$50 in two installments, dated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (usually charged monthly).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ cvc# \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Equity shall be returned upon termination of membership in the Cooperative, under terms determined by the Board, provided that the Board has determined that the equity is no longer necessary for the reasonable or prospective capital needs of the Cooperative.