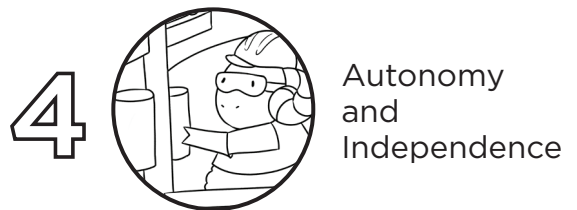
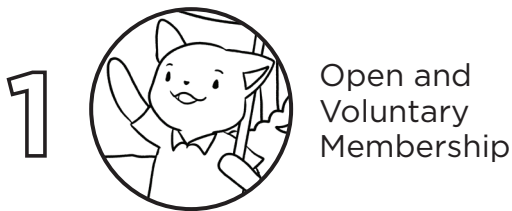


SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



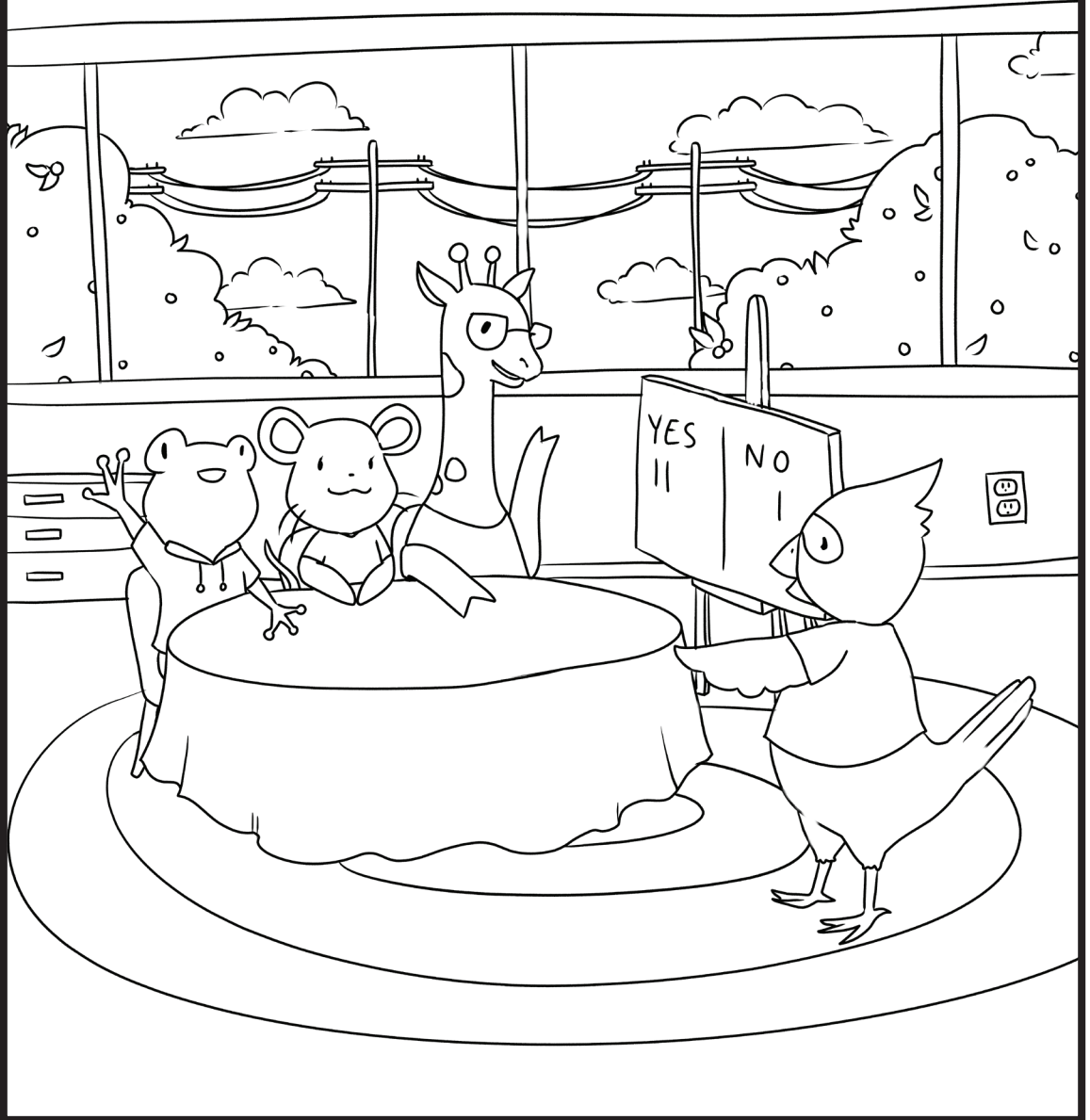
Did you know all co-ops use the same set of seven principles to guide their work?



Co-op membership is open to everyone who can use the co-op's services.



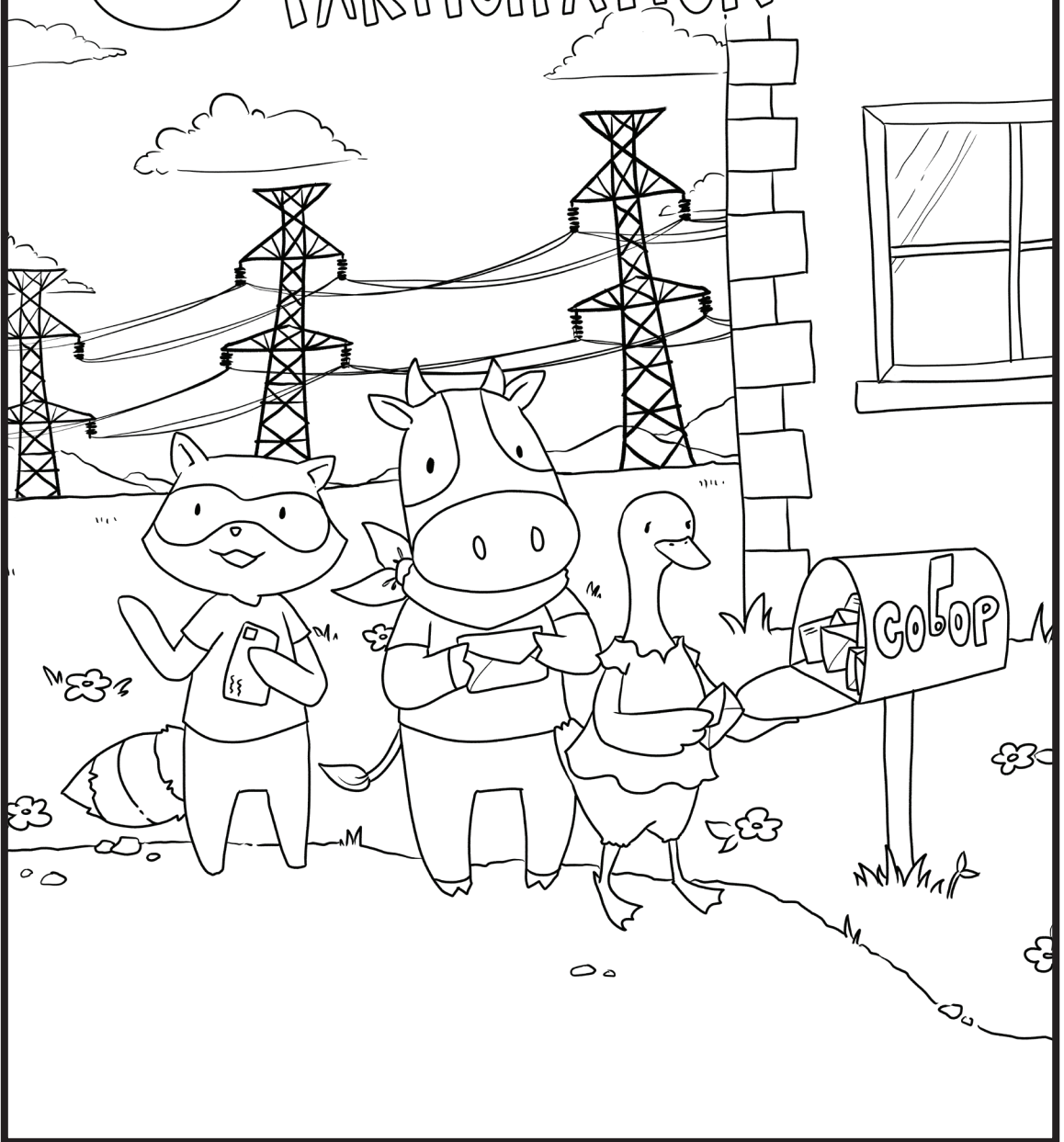
DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL



Members get to make decisions about the co-op. Why? Because co-ops are created *for* the members, *by* the members!



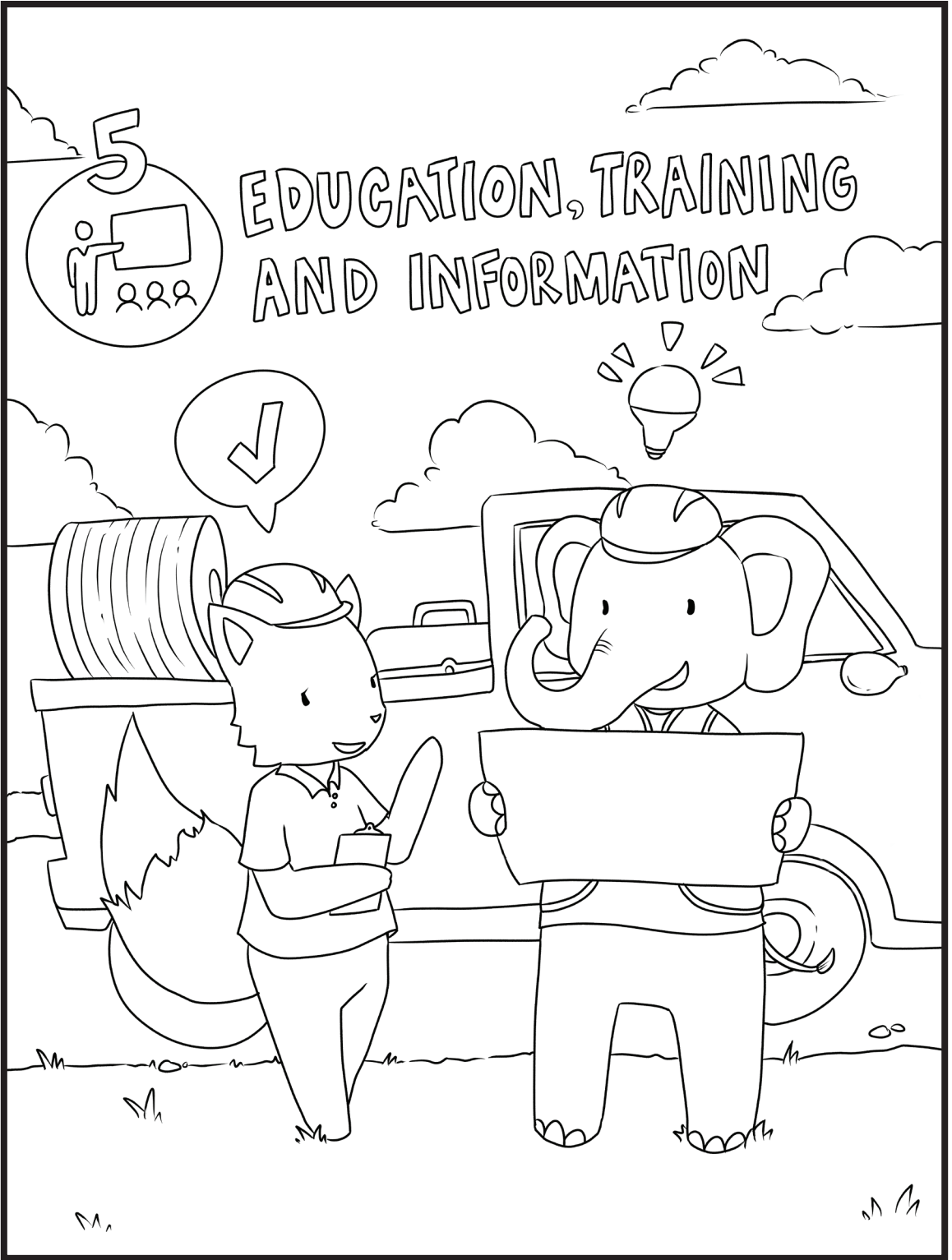
MEMBERS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION



Members contribute money to the co-op to make sure the co-op runs smoothly now *and* in the future. At your electric co-op, this happens through paying your energy bills.



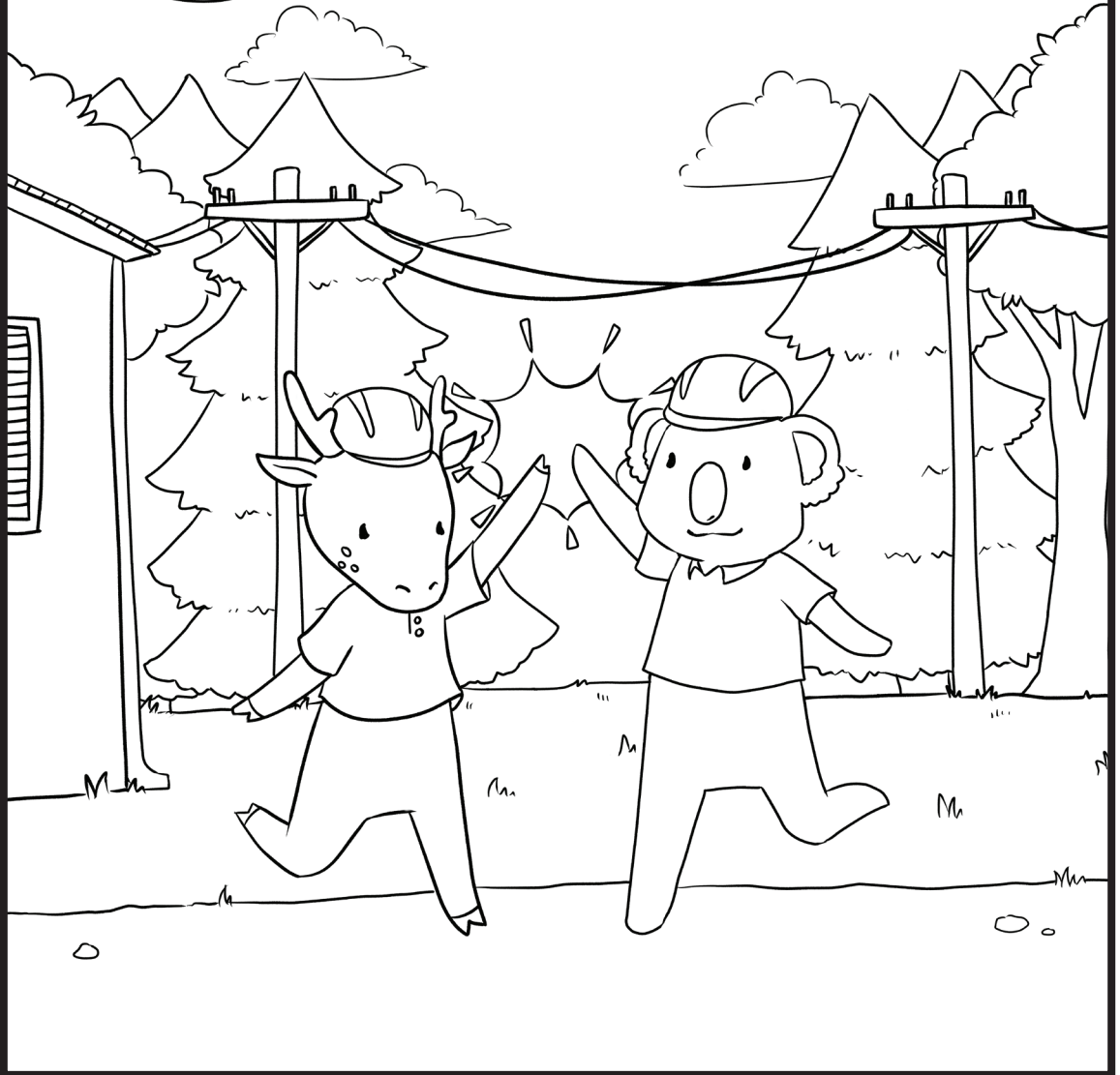
Members create co-ops to provide a service that is needed.
Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own,
which benefits the members.



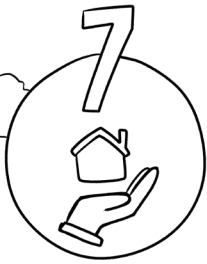
Just like you, we're always learning! The co-op focuses on education to ensure that employees and members have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.



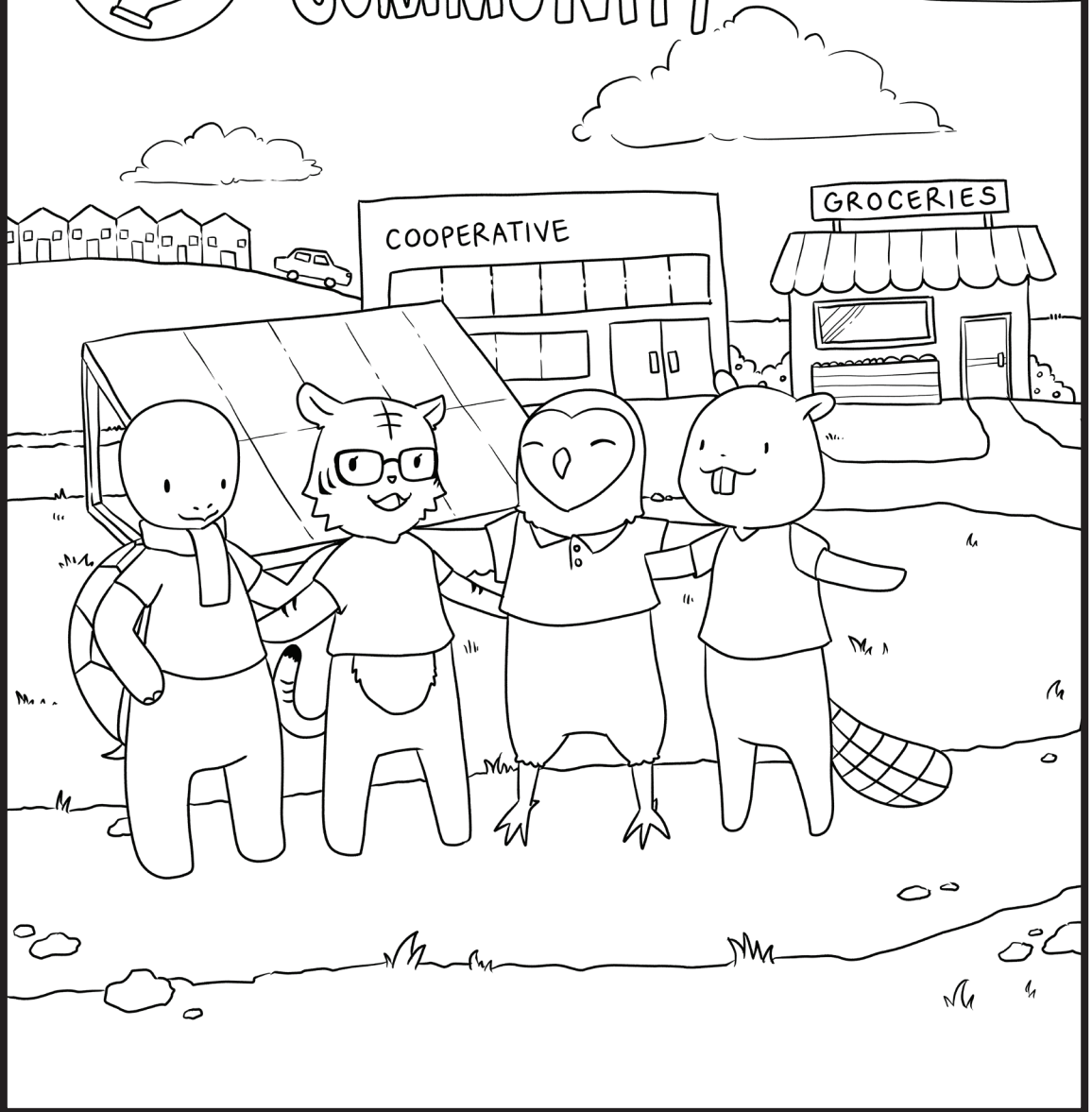
COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES



Co-ops share and learn from other co-ops.
They help each other out when needed because
co-ops want other co-ops to be successful!



CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY



All co-ops work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Co-ops give back to their communities to make sure they thrive and grow.