

Mary Katherine

Your occupation: Professional Psychologist

Your education: Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

Previous Board of Directors or related experience: Served on the DNF Board for six years in the late 90's

It is a fact that I have been "away" too many years that were spent always shopping at Durango Natural Foods (DNF) however not available to assist with operations of the company due to other obligations. As a leader in several positions over those years I know that I currently have the capability to be a segment proffering advice to the managing body through the expertise of those experiences in a team member capacity. I know that I am a responsible, supportive, knowledgeable person prepared to devote time (gift we all have but not always able to give) to one of the most worthwhile endeavors in the Durango community.

DNF has always been a favorite and meaningful grocery store in which to shop. I observed and absorbed the financial issues the store was experiencing in the past and felt such a pang of regret that I was not able to be more supportive at the time. I am proud to have witnessed the diligent manner that so many individuals provided to assist the store into becoming a once again viable business. It is a thin line sue to competition that I never witnessed to the extent that I did when I was a Durango Natural Foods Director for six years.

I have a basic understanding of the obligations of a Board member and am willing to return to what sometimes is a heartfelt effort to keep the business functioning. It is often a difficult task to join with others that have so many divergent notions and offerings. However, this is the very core of what makes this a challenging and rewarding position, that is working together for the common good and in particular for the employees and customers that contribute to the store's daily practices. My vision in the next three to five years is to see the store successfully operating in a fruitful environment. My recommendations will be forthcoming when I have succinct information about the needs of the great Cooperative.