

WHAT IS A HOUSING CO-OP?

Country Lane is a non-profit housing co-op, home to students, seniors, city dwellers, minorities, the physically and mentally challenged, families, single parents and others. We aim to meet our members needs.

CO-OPS ARE INDEPENDENT!

Every co-op is an independent, self-sustaining entity with its own mission, vision and character. Country Lane is a member owned, self managed, member governed, independent incorporated group that operates for the benefit of our members according to the international principles agreed upon by the larger co-operative community.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF COUNTRY LANE CO-OP?

- **READ** about the co-op in this booklet.
- **LISTEN** to the information given to you by our co-op member selection volunteers
- **FILL OUT FULLY** the application form, and return it to the office with a fee (\$10/single adult; \$18/married couple).
- **INCLUDE** written proof of your income and landlord contact information.

WHAT WILL THE CO-OP DO WITH THE APPLICATION THEN?

- We will review the form and application to be sure it is complete.
- We will conduct credit checks and landlord checks
- We will ask you to come back for an interview. That's when we'll find out whether co-op housing is the best option for you.
- Our Member Selection Committee and Board of Directors will decide whether or not to accept your household for membership.
- You will be informed of the co-op's decision

THIS CHART SHOWS HOW THE CO-OP IS ORGANIZED TO MAKE DECISIONS?

