

# THE NASCO FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS

NASCO, NASCO Properties, and NASCO Development Services

## NASCO

The North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening and expanding the cooperative movement across North America. NASCO was conceived to help educate new members about the principles and practices of cooperation, to forge alliances between existing coops, and to act as an advocate for group equity cooperatives serving students and community members. This is accomplished through an array of programs: training and technical service, education programs such as NASCO Institute and Anti-Oppression Action Camp, networking through publications, and regional conferences.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, UKSHA helps provide scholarships so its members can attend NASCO Institute, an annual education conference where hundreds of cooperators from around North America come together to learn, network, caucus about pressing issues, and work on building a more inclusive and accessible cooperative movement. Consider attending the next NASCO Institute, and UKSHA can help pay for your trip!

FOCUS: **EDUCATION**

## NASCO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

NASCO Development Services (NDS) provides technical resources and direct development assistance for new and expanding cooperatives. NDS is funded by member dues and through success fees generated from projects. NDS works closely with existing groups, providing technical and financial advice, generating loan applications, networking with lending sources, and coordinating development efforts to whatever extent is necessary.

FOCUS: **THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COOPERATIVES**

## NASCO PROPERTIES

NASCO Properties (NP) is a system of co-ops, a "co-op of co-ops", owned and run collectively by its members, but spread out across the country. NP's mission is to further the vision of NASCO to expand the cooperative movement by providing a property-holding entity to support development. NP serves as a permanent guardian of cooperative housing stock and a source for guidance in development of local cooperative organizations (member cooperatives) which lease NP buildings.

As of 2016, there are 15 properties owned by NP and leased by seven cooperative organizations across the United States. These co-ops each have their own boards, missions, and policies, but all of them share representation on the NP board, and all of them have access to the shared maintenance and development funds of NP.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF NP:

- Holding legal titles of co-op properties
- Assuming ultimate legal responsibility for property taxes, property insurance, property upkeep and maintenance, rental licenses, etc.
- Assisting local co-ops in managing their houses by gathering lots of people's experience from living in co-ops as well as best practices and approaches to common challenges
- Leveraging its collective assets to create affordability and develop more co-ops!

FOCUS: **PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

### THE NASCO FAMILY MISSION

*The North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO) Family [of associations] organizes and educates affordable group equity co-ops and their members for the purpose of promoting a community oriented cooperative movement.*



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**15**  **PROPERTIES**  
owned by NP.

They are leased by

**7**  **COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS**  
across the U.S.

**UKSHA**  
Lawrence, KS  
Ad Astra, 10  
Olive House, 8  
Sunflower House, 33

**Nickel City (NCHC)**  
Buffalo, NY  
Ol' Wondermoth, 14  
Plankton, 11

**KCH**  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Fletcher Collective, 10

**COUCH**  
Urbana, IL  
Harvest House, 14  
Brooks, 14

**Qumbya**  
Chicago, IL  
Bowers, 21  
Concord, 18  
Haymarket, 12

**CHEA**  
Austin, TX  
Sasona, 17  
La Reunion, 40

**SCO**  
Athens, OH  
The Vine, 8  
Lancaster, 8