



September 3, 2020

Dear _____,

We invite you to join us in sponsoring our annual event, a futuristic celebration titled "Tonight we're gonna party like it's 2099," inspired by the profound transformation sparked in Prince's hometown of Minneapolis in 2020. At 7pm on **Thursday, November 19**, our community of visionaries, organizers and cooperative entrepreneurs will look "back" on the ways that Co-op Cincy accelerated the worker co-op movement between 2020 and 2099.

When **2020 brought the start of a profound transformation**, Co-op Cincy accelerated our vision of eliminating barriers and creating an economy that works for all, alongside everyday people from all walks of life.

Now we're celebrating nearly a century of transformation, and ready to step into 2100, blessed to live in the **equitable, thriving Cincinnati** we all created together.

We'll also be joined by partners across the state of Ohio and Turtle Island* to reflect on all they have built since 2020.

We'll start with the steps we took in 2020 and 2021, which we recognize as essential to our new economy. Steps such as:

- Building a **statewide worker co-op network in Ohio**, in partnership with Co-op Dayton and the Ohio Employee Ownership Center
- **Publishing the Co-op U curricula** and legal guides that allowed co-op developers around the country to accelerate cooperative development.
- **Launching the Business Legacy Fund**, which brought a sale to employees within reach for the first several retiring business owners.
- **Building the first national worker cooperative to be co-imagined and co-created within four very different place-based co-op networks.**

We believe this program will inspire you to connect and co-create with us and our local, national and global community.

We have a number of sponsorship levels, highlighted in the attached sponsorship grid. Please contact Ellen Vera to plug in: ellen@coopcincy.org.

With deep gratitude for the many different ways our supporters contribute to our work,

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**Turtle Island is the name that was given to this land after it was created through cooperation between Skywoman, the animals and plants. The story of Skywoman and Turtle Island was a part of the Original Instructions, shared widely by indigenous people in the Great Lakes region of Turtle Island. The Original Instructions serve as a compass for each individual to find the best ways to share their gifts with the other inhabitants of the land.*

*Our summary of the “Skywoman Falling” chapter from
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer*