

## **Althea Miller**

We have lost another leader in our co-op community. Althea Miller passed away suddenly this week at the age of 45. Althea lived at Rouge Valley Co-op in Scarborough for over a decade . In 1997, she started working for the members of housing co-ops. Since 2002, Althea worked for Community First. She was the Manager of Wilcox Creek Housing co-op.

Althea touched many people's lives but her greatest impact was on young people. She was instrumental in running a breakfast program at the co-op. She recognized the need for a children's playground . She worked to fundraise the money and the playground was built. Wilcox Creek was recognized for this outstanding achievement at the CHFT Co-op Awards Night in 2008.

Althea was fearless. When there were shootings in the area, she showed calm and determined leadership. She made sure all members were supported during the crisis. Even in the worst of times, Althea brought her sense of humor to every situation.

Althea truly believed in co-ops and was able to explain the idea using humor and her broad vision of the opportunities co-ops provided. Althea was a loving mother to her son, Brandon. Her Community First colleagues had great respect for her. Those who met her have many fond memories

At CHFT, we remember her hard work, determination, wonderful sense of humor and her dedication to the principles of co-op housing. Althea was part of the bedrock of the co-op housing movement.