

Corporate Sponsor Spotlight: Zingerman's

Welcome, Zingerman's, to the list of Treeline sponsors!

The Treeline Conservancy is extremely delighted to welcome Zingerman's Community of Businesses as a corporate sponsor.

The beloved Ann Arbor entity, institution, organization—it's hard to know what to call it—*Inc. Magazine* called it “the coolest small company in America—began with Zingerman's Deli in 1982. Forty years later, “ZCoB” consists of ten independent food-related businesses in Southeast Michigan with a unique corporate culture that includes active community engagement.

Melania Bukowski, Zingerman's Community Giving Coordinator, embodies that commitment. She began her ZCoB career 9 years ago at Zingerman's Bakehouse and was an active member of the Volunteer Work Group, which gives time to local nonprofits. When the community giving role opened up, it was a natural transition for her.



Melaina speaks with pride about how Zingerman's kept its culture of community service alive when the pandemic hit, bringing most group activities to a halt right along with indoor dining. “The Managing Partners and Zingerman's team wanted to find ways to continue to help out. We started our Nonprofit Spotlight series, gave thousands of sandwiches to Health Care Heroes—my trepidation melted! We were able to continue to contribute across the spectrum of needs in Washtenaw County.”

The proud dog-mom of a rescue from India named Frankie, Melaina is an active and avid trail walker. Because she lives in a downtown environment, she especially appreciates opportunities to get away from traffic and crowds with her active but somewhat shy pup. Frankie loves being in natural areas and has camped and hiked with Melaina from the cuff of the Mitten to the tip.

Frankie sometimes comes to the office with Melaina. So we have one more reason to work hard to get the Treeline ready! Thanks to Melaina and Zingerman's for the encouragement and financial support.