

Co-ops create connections that are becoming harder to find, and those connections are essential to building strong, resilient communities. Breadroot's commitment to providing livable wages for employees, supporting local producers, giving Member-Owners a voice in how their community grocer is governed, and investing in the broader community sets it apart in the Black Hills. Through initiatives such as the Feeding South Dakota donation-matching campaigns and register roundups benefiting organizations like the Rapid City Public Library, Clean Water Alliance, and Black Hills Parks & Forests Association, Breadroot demonstrates what it means to be a community-focused business.

As a former staff member and longtime Member-Owner, I am honored to serve on the Breadroot Board of Directors and support the Co-op's mission. I am passionate about helping Breadroot continue to lead by example and demonstrate how businesses can strengthen local economies, support sustainability, and foster meaningful community connections.

My educational background is in Business, and I have experience working in both the public and private sectors. I am a full-time mom who enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, hiking, and traveling. You can often find me browsing the bulk coffee and honey aisle – feel free to stop and say hello!

In cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Wester". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.