

Copps Food Center
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Background Information

Copps Food Center, originally founded by the Copps family and based in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, began its history in 1892 when E.M. Copps began selling food, grain and other items to loggers, river men and farmers. Incorporated in 1912, the company continued to operate under family ownership until it was acquired by Roundy's in 2001. Copps Food Center in Middleton employs approximately 160 employees.

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Story

The Copps Food Center in Middleton employs A.J., a young man who has autism. This is not something new for Paul Anderson, the stores manager. In the past twenty years as being a manager, Paul has found employment opportunities for all in his community. The supermarket is dependent on the community and feels obligated to repay the community for contributing to the store's success. Paul and Copps Food Center view employing A.J. as a way to give back to the community and create a better society.

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