

TRI-CITIES MUTUAL AID NETWORK

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UPDATES

We are in the process of registering as a nonprofit, and are taking collaborative input on our bylaws structure and statement of values.

We are redesigning our website to have a resource directory, a volunteer board, and more accurate network information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Network Steering Meeting

- Dec 18th, 4:00pm
- In person and on Zoom
- Discussing programs and the year ahead.

Pride and a Half

- Jan 21st at The Generalist
- A Pride month event in January, put on by the Network's LGBT resources subcommittee
- Artists, skill demonstrations, and a free 'take-one/leave-one' closet.

FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD OUTREACH RETURNS!

Our Food and Household Outreach program had been on pause for a bit, but after work from our volunteers and donations from the community, it is back and better than ever!

We deliver food and household outreach boxes to community members in need on a regular basis: twice a month from our Johnson City location, and are in the process of setting up our new Kingsport location. **Our next Outreach date is December 17th, 2022.**

After looking at our program growth, we determined that we needed a new survey. We created one that will hopefully streamline the process for all involved, which you can find on our website at tcmn.org/survey

If you want to volunteer or donate material goods for our food and household outreach, you can find a help form on our website at tcmn.org/outreach

Our Pantry coordinator for Kingsport is going to follow up with our pantry location partner about getting our spot in their building set up, and we may need volunteer assistance with that task. You can volunteer on our help form at tcmn.org/outreach or contact us at tricitie mutualaid@gmail.com for more info.

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FAQ

Frequently Asked Network Questions

Q: What is the Tri-Cities Mutual Aid Network?

A: We are a network of community members in the Tri-Cities region who work together to lift each other up. We all have needs that can be met with the right help, and we all have things we can do to contribute.

Q: What is Mutual Aid?

A: Dean Spade, who wrote **Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During this Crisis (And the Next)** describes it as “the radical act of caring for each other while working to change the world.” We aim to provide for each other as a community.

Q: Where does the network serve?

A: Our scope is the Tri-Cities of Johnson City, Kingsport, Bristol and the surrounding region.

Our food and household outreach program is currently able to reach Tennessee residents in zip codes beginning with 376, and some Virginia residents in zip codes beginning with 242.

Q: What can the network do?

A: As a network, we connect community members with resources, and provide volunteers to community projects. We run programs, like our food and household outreach program, to meet volunteer effort and grassroots funding with local needs.

Q: How can I receive aid? How can I help?

A: Community members can fill out a survey on our website to receive a delivery of food and household items. This survey is found at tcman.org/survey. Additionally, community members can fill out a volunteer and material donation form on our website to be contacted about donating time, skill and materials. This form is found at tcman.org/outreach

PROJECTS

Food and Household Outreach program

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Gardening Network Team

The Gardening Team is a network of community gardeners that aim to provide fresh produce to the household outreach team and other network members.

Contact: Willow Iverson, gardening team organizer tricitymutualaid@gmail.com or network phone, (423) 707-2378

Lavender Defense LGBT Resources Subcommittee

The Lavender Defense is a subcommittee of the Mutual Aid Network that coordinates to support and aid vulnerable LGBT community members, organize clothing swaps and produce educational materials.

Contact: Artie David, Lavender Defense coordinator. lavenderdefense@gmail.com or network phone, (423) 707-2378

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