

THREE RIVERS MARKET the co-op



Announcing how we'll be Nourishing Change in our community in the next 6 months!

In January, we will be collecting change to feed people experiencing food insecurity

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to provide food to students and staff experiencing food insecurity in the Pellissippi State Community College community.
- Partner: **Pellissippi Food Pantry**

Since 2016, the Pellissippi Pantry has provided a 3-5 day supply of emergency food, including fresh produce from the Hardin Valley Campus Garden, to participants and their household members on all five campuses. In mid-2022, the pantry moved from a 115 sq. ft. space to a new larger facility on the Hardin Valley Campus with 700 sq. ft. for packing and storage and a 700 sq. ft. "Walk In" pantry for participants to "shop" for what they need with points assigned based on household size.

In February, we will be collecting change to support domestic violence survivors in our community.

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to provide for the immediate needs and safety of domestic violence survivors, and their children.
- Partner: **Knoxville Family Justice Center**

February is Teen Dating Violence Month. Since May 2006 the Knoxville Family Justice Center has served as multiagency, multidisciplinary hub of support services for individuals (and their children) suffering from domestic violence. Funds raised this month will be used to meet survivors' immediate needs - changing locks, transportation assistance, gift cards for groceries, short hotel stays, TracFones and minute cards, and children's items (car seats, diapers, and items for comforting "Busy Bags").

In March, we will be collecting change to support elementary students and educators.

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to support the education of students from an economically disadvantaged community.
- Partner: **South Knoxville Elementary PTO**

South Knoxville Elementary PTO works to enhance and support the elementary school experience for its students, teachers and staff. The demographics of their student population make fundraising more challenging for them than for other larger or more advantaged schools. Funds raised will provide student educational experiences, basic classroom supplies, and facility upgrades.

In April, we will be collecting change to provide assisted transportation for people in need.

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to provide affordable, specialized transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Partner: **CAC Volunteer Assisted Transport**

April is National Volunteer Month as well as CAC Volunteer Assisted Transport's 14-year program anniversary! Volunteer Assisted Transportation, a program of Knoxville-Knox County CAC, provides affordable rides to people in need of aid and assistance to travel safely. Volunteers provide rides in energy-efficient hybrid vehicles to grocery stores, pharmacies, and even the VA hospital in Johnson City, TN. Funds raised will go to support transportation, outreach, and volunteer appreciation.

In May, we will be collecting change to support arts education

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to provide local elementary students with nourishing arts integration initiatives.
- Partner: **Christenberry Elementary PTA**

Christenberry Elementary PTA works to make every student's potential a reality, through community and family engagement, advocacy, and supporting teachers. Arts education funding is critically low statewide. Christenberry Elementary PTA seeks to improve the educational outcomes for students in their low-income community using integrated arts initiatives with demonstrated benefits for student health, engagement, and educational outcomes.

In June, we will be collecting change to help every child in our community become a proficient reader

- Objective: To raise \$7,000 to provide 875 children of low-income families with a new book, literacy activities and supplies, and parent resources
- Partner: **Friends of Literacy**

Friends of Literacy's "Literacy to Go" program nurtures literacy in the home, raising the reading levels of at-risk children. Low literacy skills are directly linked to greater inequality, higher unemployment, less income, and poor health. \$8 is the average cost of one Literacy to Go pack, and we aim to provide 875 to our community's children in need.

Over the past 6 months we received applications from a wide variety of organizations doing important work for our community. **If your application was not selected, we strongly encourage you to re-apply.** Past recipients are eligible to re-apply as well.

If your application is unclear or incomplete it cannot be considered, so please take care.

To discuss tips on creating a successful Nourishing Change application, please contact:

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