

Offering Nonprofits Communication, Calendar, and Tools



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The Tri-Cities are vibrant and strategically urban communities, as well as the most ethnically and culturally diverse cities in the Bay Area. With this come diverse needs, many met by local nonprofits that support needs ranging from health care, enriched education, introduction to music, to social emotional well-being resources. With all this nonprofit work in the Tri-Cities area, three local nonprofit champions were inspired to create the Tri-City Nonprofit Coalition (TCNPC) with these benefits in mind:

- Searchable directory of Tri-City Nonprofits
- Comprehensive event/activity master calendar
- Library of professional resources
- Educational events (Zoom meetings, webinars, speaker series, presentations)
- List of public meeting spaces
- Social and networking events
- Newsletter

Co-Founders Tina Fernandez Steckler, Kathy Kimberlin, and Lisa Stambaugh have all worked with or for Tri-City nonprofits for many years and have all personally experienced the challenges of not being connected with other nonprofits. Scheduling an annual event to avoid conflict with another big event is just one example of a challenge that could be solved by a shared master event calendar.

Sharing of resources and collaboration among nonprofits to make all of our communities stronger are two principles embraced by all three co-founders. A perfect example of how working together strengthens us all: Two years ago, the Give Teens 20 organization came across a grant that didn't fit their services, but their Executive Director contacted the Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) because they thought it might be a great fit for FEF programs. FEF applied and received the grant. By sharing information and resources, students and teachers in Fremont Unified directly benefited.

The TCNPC kick-off and very first Meet & Greet via Zoom in December was a smashing success with 40+ attendees and three guest speakers, including the newly-elected Alameda County Supervisor District 1 David Haubert, Union City Council Member Jaime Patino, and Nonprofit Expert/Coach Donna Wies. David reminded us all that Alameda County has a strong track record of recognizing the strength of its people and partnering with nonprofits, and he plans to continue that tradition. Jaime recognizes that nonprofits are the backbone of our communities - they address many issues the government cannot, and do it with compassion and a smile. Donna has observed a long-time void with the lack of professional associations for nonprofits, and believes TCNPC has a great opportunity to fill this void locally, commenting at the Meet & Greet that she could not believe how fast this fledgling organization has made significant progress.

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., nonprofit expert Donna Wies will present "What You Didn't Know About Nonprofit Service - a presentation about Board Roles." To register via Zoom, visit their website www.tcnpc.org or Facebook page facebook.com/tcnonprofitcoalition. Registration required. All nonprofit presidents, executive directors, board members, volunteers, and nonprofit Champions are invited. Hope to see our local nonprofits at this free and valuable presentation!

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