

Helping

Here are just a few examples of what we do and what it means to the community...

Holidays - Thank you and all the people that have contributed to T&E Care. I am so fortunate – after the generous help and the Christmas last year – I never expected anything. I am overwhelmed! It has been a difficult year. You and your group have helped me so much. Thank you to everyone for once again thinking of me and helping me.
December 2021

College support - Thank you so much! It has been a hard and long semester but I am proud of the progress and impact I have made on campus. It would have not been possible without the gracious help and support from you all at T&E Care. Thank you again for your willingness to help.
November 2021

Summer Camp - Thank you so so much to the whole team at T&E Care. This membership to the Upper Main Line YMCA is making it possible for my family to have something special to do for the summer. You all have been an indescribable blessing to my family. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
April 2021

Utility bills - I can't thank you enough. This is such a huge weight lifted off our shoulders. All that you have done for us leaves me speechless. Thank you so so much.
September 2021

These are just examples of the types of emails that T&E Care receives. See more on the Words of Care page on our website. Many different local families require many different forms of assistance. We are here to help with immediate needs and assist families on a short term basis. Sometimes a helping hand at the right time makes all the difference. We invite you to be part of our "families helping families" community!

T&E Care Needs You!

We need your help, support and energy! Members of the community are our main source of help. Most financial, "stuff" and time donations come from you. Please sign up for our email alert list. When we learn of a need in the community an email goes out. If you can help-just let us know. If you can't, perhaps you know someone who can; just pass along the email. We are not a government-run organization - we are just families helping families.

Our email list currently has well over 3500 names with more added regularly. The list can never be too long...the more people on the list the easier it is to find a match for a specific need or request. If you would like to get involved in any way, please give us a call at **484-254-6510** or email us at **information@tecare.org**.

We never share your email with anyone else without first asking permission.

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Families Helping Families

The mission of T & E Care is to maintain a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to persons in need in and around the Tredyffrin and Easttown township area.

We provide assistance by:

- Identifying persons in need through contacts in the community;
- Communicating these needs, respecting always the privacy of the intended recipients, to the Tredyffrin & Easttown Care network via e-mail, an official website and other media;
- Facilitating the delivery of such assistance through Tredyffrin & Easttown Care directors, officers and other volunteers.

check us out at:

www.tecare.org
and on Facebook!

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"Never underestimate the ability of a small group of committed individuals to change the world."

Margaret Mead



Neighbors

What is T&E Care?

T&E Care is a group of community members who seek to help families living in and around Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships and have special financial and/or other needs (clothing, furniture, jobs, housing, etc.). We are all just folks who want to help others in our community who are working hard but still need support.

Why was it started?

After Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the Gulf Coast area in September, 2005, some residents of Tredyffrin and Easttown decided to pool their resources to support any families who chose to relocate to this area. Requests for help were disseminated to friends and neighbors, and word spread quickly. The community was incredibly generous in supporting three families that eventually made their way to our area.

Throughout that fall community members worked hard to make these families feel at home by taking them shopping, helping the kids get enrolled in school and involved in local sports leagues, providing occasional meals, and generally being a support system for their everyday needs as they worked to put down roots in this area. After the holidays T&E Care was redirected as a group to help all local families needing a lending hand.

What is T&E Care's organizational structure?

There is a Board of Directors and an Auxiliary Board. T&E Care held its organizational meeting on February 23, 2006, at which time the Board of Directors agreed that it would work only with unpaid volunteers and that none of the directors or officers would receive a salary or any compensation for their time or services. We also agreed to work from our homes and not pay rental or utility fees for an office. We wanted all donations to go directly to the families we support.

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How are requests identified?

T&E Care lends support to local families that need a little extra assistance when in a transition or difficult situation. We receive referrals from the school district, local churches, neighbors, and other local organizations such as Surrey Services. All requests for help are authenticated and in all cases we are very sensitive to confidentiality.

Can financial donations be made to T&E Care?

We always appreciate financial donations - that's how we pay bills for families. Donate with checks, paypal/credit cards or with venmo. Our website gives all the details.

Are donations to T&E Care tax deductible?

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. T&E Care is an IRS recognized non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code.

Do you want only donations of money?

No! School supplies, holiday gifts, computers, food, clothing, furniture, toys etc. are also periodically needed. We also take donations of cars! There are times when we need contacts for housing help, medical or legal advice, job support, etc. The T&E Care network is mobilized as needed to respond to specific requests within the community.

Do you do fundraising and grant writing?

Yes, we write grants and hold periodic fundraisers to help raise additional revenue. If you can lend a hand with these, please let us know!

Can anyone join T&E Care?

We are not a group that you actually "join", but we'd love to add your name to our email list. You will then be notified by email when needs occur or an event is happening. We never share our list with anyone else. You are never obligated to help out except when a situation touches your heart.

Do you need assistance?

If you live in T/E and could use some assistance, contact us at tecarehelp@gmail.com or 484-254-6510.

Neighbors

Are there any special T&E Care programs?

We have a number of programs that fall into two categories. These are more fully explained on our website, www.tecare.org/about/te-care-programs/. The categories and sample programs include:

Programs That Address Today's Needs Today

•**Home and Hearth** - We help pay rent/mortgage bills and make utility payments for families who face financial crisis and can't pay the bills.

•**Transportation Assistance** - We cover car repairs and inspections, and accept donated cars to give to local families in need.

•**Medical Assistance** - We help cover mental health counseling, medical and/or dental bills when insurance isn't an option.

•**Holiday Assistance** - We offer gifts, gift cards, and special dinners to families at the holidays to better allow our neighbors to enjoy this special time of year.

•**Kids' Clothing Event** - Once a year we collect gently used kids' clothing and make it available to community families.

Programs That Invest Today For A Better Tomorrow

•**College Assistance Program** - We offer funding assistance for students who are serious about their education. Help includes purchasing books, paying SAT or college application fees, assisting with tuition, and even buying some dorm room items. We also purchase new laptops for qualified freshmen to help them get started on an even playing field.

•**Summer Camp Program** - We help cover the costs of summer camp for kids who would otherwise not be able to attend.

•**School Supply Drive** - We provide school supplies for local families that struggle to afford them.



Most families don't want a handout, they want a stepping stone to a better future.

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PLEASE pass the word about T&E Care!