## Tri-Valley CAREs

## Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

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Dear members and friends,

**Every day is a good day to stop nuclear bombs**, but <u>now</u> is a particularly crucial time to support Tri-Valley CAREs' work to abolish nuclear weapons globally, prevent the creation of new warheads at Livermore Lab, and clean up the toxic and radioactive poisons emanating from the Lab.

In this letter are fresh opportunities to participate in events with your friends in Tri-Valley CAREs and to provide us with a needed, tax-deductible, donation in any amount you are able.

To commemorate the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - and to speak truth to power with our voices and our presence - Tri-Valley CAREs and allied groups are working mightily to put the final touches on a powerful program.

On **Tuesday, August 6**, at 8:30am, we will **gather at the Livermore Lab West Gate** to hear from inspiring leaders in the peace, justice and nuclear abolition movement in which you, and all of us, have a place. The rally will also feature wonderful music and conclude with a Japanese Bon Dance. Following the rally, those who wish may peacefully risk arrest. Please see the flyer for more info and check our website at <u>www.trivalleycares.org</u> for updates.

Tri-Valley CAREs also speaks truth to power with **federal lawsuits.** We and our partners are in the final phases of litigation to force the government to analyze the pollution that will happen nationwide, including here in Livermore, because of the National Nuclear Security Administration's plan to manufacture new plutonium bomb cores, called pits, for use in new warheads. The first such warhead is Livermore's W87-1, which is being designed to sit atop the Pentagon's new Sentinel missile. Our e-newsletters and website offer you details of the program (hint: cost overruns) and we will also alert you when the Court's decision happens.

As a unique organization, located at the place where new U.S. warheads are designed, we are **building a strong grassroots movement** to challenge the insanity a new, global arms race. As we see the so-called U.S. and world leaders plunge us ever closer to the nuclear abyss, it is imperative that we the people become collaborative leaders in resisting and changing this trajectory – locally and globally.

One way that Tri-Valley CAREs plays a positive role is through our **outreach to schools and universities** in Northern California. Student groups and college professors alike have called on us to participate in teach-ins and military anti-recruitment campaigns. We are often asked to illuminate the connections between nuclear weapons and the wars in Gaza and Ukraine. With students, we have

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documented how the connection to war runs through Livermore Lab, which not only develops weapons of nuclear mass destruction but also develops some of the bombs and explosives used by Israel in Gaza.

While the weapons and the wrong-headed policies that spawn them are horrifying, we are constantly uplifted by the students we meet who oppose them. They come from small community colleges, like our local Las Positas, and large University of California campuses, like U.C. Santa Cruz, and everything in-between. Many of these students are claiming leadership in a resurgent anti-war, anti-colonialism, pro-peace and justice movement that is forward looking even as it learns from the past.

We will continue to stand with students locally, and with the Hibakusha and others worldwide who say "never again" to the use of nuclear bombs and so-called conventional weapons of brutality.

We are redoubling our efforts to promote the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** alongside other measures to eliminate these weapons and the underlying causes of war – no exceptions! And, we will continue to dog the U.S. Congress and the National Nuclear Security Administration (to name just two) demanding money for human needs and environmental justice for all communities, like ours, downwind and downstream of nuclear weapons and other polluting industries. This is the journey. **We invite you to join us.** 

Your **tax-deductible** contribution – in any amount right for you – is essential to our success.

If you would wish to donate by **credit card**, go to <u>www.trivalleycares.org</u> and click the 'donate' button. You may choose a one-time gift - or set up a regular giving amount. (If you would like our assistance, call us at 925.443.7148.)

Or, for **checks**, use the reply slip below.



Thank you for everything you do to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment.

Scott Yundt	&	Marylia Kelley
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