

RISING UP

AN UPDATE FROM TWIN CITIES RISE



Rise TO THE Occasion 2018 GALA

Our Rise to the Occasion Gala, 25 Years of Transforming Lives, presented by Ecolab and General Mills, raised \$390,000 on October 7th. Thank you to all who attended, gave or sponsored this incredible event.





Dear TCR Friends and Supporters,

As we come to the end of 2018, we are celebrating 25 years of TCR's impact in the lives of our community members. Our long term commitment to helping others achieve financial independence through meaningful employment has changed the lives of thousands of TCR graduates and their families. You, our donors, supporters and investors, are the fuel that allows us to grow our transformative work and reach more people each year. Please, join with me in celebrating this year's achievements:

- The most job placements ever annually;
- Average participant change in income of over 600%;
- 10 new employer partners paying for TCR job placements.

Our capacity building Empowerment Campaign, which kicked off in 2016 and will culminate in December of this year, has raised over \$6 million to date. These funds will be used to:

- Fund paid internships to give participants the hands-on job experience they need to be successful.
- Expand TCR's Empowerment Institute and bring Personal Empowerment training to more schools and non-profits.
- Purchase a permanent home for TCR, eliminating monthly rent payments.

Because of your support, lives continue to be empowered and transformed at Twin Cities RISE. Every day, I meet people like Aubrey that have moved from past addiction and criminal records to long-term careers, people that are setting and reaching goals with the assistance of TCR instructors and coaches. Thank you for your continued support, as we move forward on this miraculous journey together. Our ability to transform lives out of poverty into meaningful employment simply could not be done without you!

Sincerely,

Tom Streitz, President and CEO

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

“I had been incarcerated for two years, and when I got out, I saw myself inching back to the streets. I knew that I needed to change the people, places, and things around me.”

Aubrey was living in Houston, Texas and made the move to Minnesota to begin an alcohol and drug treatment program. After completing his treatment, Quinten, a TCR Engagement Coordinator, came to speak at Aubrey's sober group home. “Quinten, someone who had past challenges himself, was someone that I could relate to. He said that Twin Cities RISE could help me get a career,” shares Aubrey.

“At the time, I was only able to find temp work. I would maybe work two days out of the week. It was frustrating, because sometimes I would take several busses to get to a job way out in the suburbs, and then they would tell me that they didn't need me.”

At TCR, Aubrey took classes in computer skills, speaking, career skills and Personal Empowerment. He was also partnered with a Career Coach.

“Having a coach was fantastic! He (Ralph) was like a big brother to me. I needed someone like that.”

Since coming to Twin Cities RISE, Aubrey has held full-time employment with the Salvation Army for two years, he has moved from a group home to his own apartment, has purchased a car and is working towards his next goal of purchasing a home.

We asked Aubrey what he would tell someone who is considering enrolling at Twin Cities RISE; this is what he had to say, “It is a second chance. They will give you the tools to use, and help you get over the fence. I recommend Twin Cities RISE to anyone I meet.”





EMPOWER YOURSELF!

TCR'S EMPOWERMENT INSTITUTE IS OFFERING AN EMPOWERMENT FOR LEADERS COURSE - SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR EXECUTIVES, MANAGEMENT, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church reached out to the Empowerment Institute (EI) at Twin Cities RISE to provide Personal Empowerment training to their youth groups at the church.

Mount Olivet leadership shared with EI trainers their desire to provide member families with continued resources, training and lessons to achieve healthy, engaged and supported families. They were seeking out methods that would provide members with a stronger understanding of each other and elevated communication between parents and children. They were curious about ways to keep faith as the foundation, and utilize additional tools that could continue to create positive outcomes for the families.

Twin Cities RISE was able to integrate emotional intelligence into their existing schedule and faith curriculum. "We were able to customize our model to create a truly holistic approach that embodies the entire family. We strategically focused on training the youth with our emotional intelligence training, with a guided group session that combined all the youth groups, an EI facilitator, and key youth group leaders. At the same time, a similar training was hosted in a separate room for parents," shares Jacqueline Carpenter, TCR Business Development Manager.

The leadership staff of Mount Olivet also partook in a workshop in order to apply Empowerment concepts and lessons into their other faith based programs as well.

"We are very excited about keeping Empowerment going! And we are considering options during 2019 to continue the learning with family workshops and other training options" said Beth Horsch, Lead Pastor.

If you are interested in bringing Personal Empowerment to your organization, please contact Jacquelyn Carpenter at (612) 666-8026 or jcarpenter@twincitiesrise.org

Empowerment for Leaders helps individuals make the personal, internal changes necessary to achieve long-term success. Using a structured curriculum that teaches emotional intelligence, motivation, self-awareness, emotional regulation, self-esteem, and empathy, our signature Empowerment program sets up individuals and organizations for success. Here's what prior clients have said about the Empowerment course:

"This is the best class I've taken in my 20+ year academic career!"

"It would be an investment in you and well worth it."

"This course changed my life professionally and personally!"

Empowerment for Leaders will meet twice a week for four weeks, beginning in January. Contact Jacquelyn Carpenter, Director of Business Development, with any questions or to enroll today!

(612) 666-8026

jcarpenter@twincitiesrise.org

TWIN CITIES R!SE

1301 Bryant Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

<<ADDRESSEE>>
<< ADDRESS >>
<< CITY>>, << STATE>><<ZIP>>

Shopping with a Purpose

As you bustle about the holiday gift giving season during this special time of year, in which we reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, please don't forget Twin Cities RISE.

With Amazon Smile, .05 percent of your shopping order placed through smile.amazon.com will be donated to Twin Cities RISE. To participate, simply log on to smile.amazon.com and select Twin Cities RISE as your charitable organization!

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. You shop and Amazon gives!

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

