

SOL Nation November Newsletter



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Rapid Response To Hurricane Helene

SOL Nation partners with Cornerstone Summit Church to establish supply hubs in Boone and Charlotte, NC after Hurricane Helene devastates the northwestern NC.



Hurricane Helene significantly impacted Boone, NC, causing severe flooding that disrupted daily life and local infrastructure. Many residents were forced to evacuate as floodwaters inundated homes and businesses, leaving behind substantial damage. Emergency services worked tirelessly to rescue stranded individuals and provide temporary shelters. Power outages and road closures complicated recovery efforts, while local authorities implemented measures like curfews and boil water advisories to ensure public safety. The storm highlighted Boone's vulnerability to extreme weather, emphasizing the need for long-term resilience planning.



Pastor Reggie Hunt of Cornerstone Summit Church reached out to SOL Nation, asking for our help in creating a hub where residents can receive aid and relief supplies to ease the pain of losing their homes. For several days, our Executive Director, Tiffany Fant, worked tirelessly, training and supporting the teams in Boone. Her dedication empowered them to assist the public effectively and secure vital resources, ensuring that survivors continue to receive the supplies they desperately need as they rebuild. Support SOL Nation and the northwestern communities by donating today, as we continue our efforts to provide solace for those who lost everything.



Hurricane Helene Relief Donation List

- Canned food (meat, fruit, veggies, and ready to eat meals)
- Rice
- Canned and dry beans
- Shelf stable food
- Snack foods
- Shelf stable milk
- Condiments
- Coffee and creamer
- Hygiene: Shampoo/conditioner, body wash, razors, shaving cream, soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Electric heaters

- Towels/washcloths (NEW ONLY)
- Sponges/scrub brushes
- Mops/brooms
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Kitchen trash bags (ALL SIZES)
- Paper cups
- Paper plates/bowls
- Utensils
- Toilet paper
- DAMP RID
- Dehumidifiers



Cash Donation:
<https://bit.ly/supportboone>

Charlotte Drop Off Hubs

SOL Nation inc
516 E 15th St.
Must make drop off appt.

Archive Ctl
2023 Beatties Ford Rd. Suite D
(980) 800-9975



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Charlotte, NC 28216

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Charlotte, NC
Call 980-999-0924 to make drop off appointment

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Featured Programs & Events

UNEARTHED Community Festival Recap



UNEARTHED EJ Community Festival

As part of our Environmental Justice Is Creative Culture Campaign, we launched UNEARTHED—a vibrant celebration of Black Art and Black Business with our incredible community! The event was packed with excitement, featuring karaoke, gardening, local vendors, a stunning art exhibition, and even a fun-filled kids' corner complete with a bounce house, pumpkin painting, and games! In the spirit of unity and care, we also rallied together to support Hurricane Helene victims in northeastern NC, receiving generous in-kind donations. We're so grateful for everyone who joined us to make this day unforgettable!



UNEARTHED Art Exhibition & Contest

UNEARTHED Art & Sol Exhibition and Contest was an inspiring space for young Black creatives to shine. Created by Sol Nation's "Environmental Justice is Creative Culture" campaign, Art & Sol was beyond just showcasing their work but they were able to learn about self-promotion, discover different career options in visual arts, and connect with valuable resources that aren't always offered in schools. This event was also an opportunity to ignite environmental and climate injustice conversations. Since environmental justice is not being appropriately addressed in marginalized communities, there is a lack of education and awareness. Art & Sol's vision is to create experienced and knowledgeable BIPOC artist while continuing the advocacy for black issues, climate justice solutions and educational resources.



We are beyond grateful to all the incredible artists who participated in the contest and to everyone who came out to cheer them on while enjoying a fantastic breakfast with us! Huge thanks to DJ Music Mike for setting the perfect vibe with his amazing tunes. Our talented finalists walked away with cash prizes, free art supplies, and a coveted exhibition spot at Pauline's Tea-Bar Apothecary. If you haven't seen their stunning work yet, there's still time—it'll be on display until January 6th!

Pauline's Tea-Bar Apothecary
2326 Arty Ave. Charlotte, NC 28208

Contest Winners:

- 1st place - Tiara Fennell - IG: @misadventuresinart
- 2nd place - Je'wel Creates - IG: @jewelcreates
- 3rd place - Allamuto - IG: @allamuto



Green Prints - Corridors of Opportunity

On October 19th, the City of Charlotte, SOL Nation, and Clean Aire NC came together to host the Green Prints kick-off meeting at the Dubois Center at UNC Center City. Open to everyone, this event gave attendees a chance to learn about the framework of the Corridors of Opportunity plan and, more importantly, share the unique issues and needs of their own communities. It was a great opportunity for meaningful conversation and collaboration!

Background on Corridor's of Opportunity

The City of Charlotte's Corridors of Opportunity Program is a coordinated \$72+ million investment to foster thriving communities for residents and businesses, build lasting legacies, and grow communities equitably. Since the program's inception, the city has adopted the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Mobility Plan, which further identifies how the city should grow holistically, supporting long-time residents and creating opportunities.

CMCL - Jingle & Mingle

Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 7pm | Suffolk Punch Southpark - 4400 Sharon Rd.

Join Charlotte's environmental justice community as we celebrate our wins with a night filled with holiday joy, refreshments and raffles!



ENVIRONMENTAL

Jingle & Mingle

Join us for a night filled with joy, environmental wins, raffles, and community!

FREE



TUES, DECEMBER 10, 7PM

SUFFOLK PUNCH SOUTHPARK | 4400 SHARON ROAD

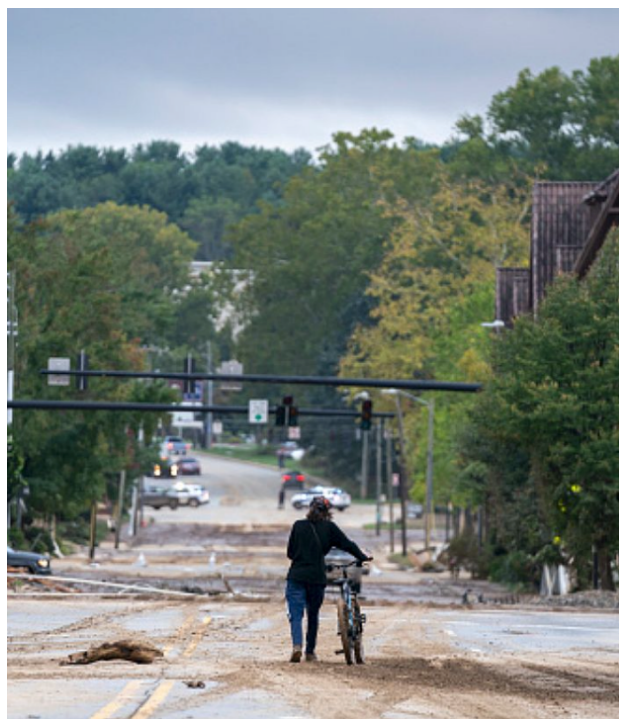
CleanAIRE NC | Sustain Charlotte | TreesCharlotte | Sol Nation | R.I.C.'s Market | GreenFaith

Climate Reality Project - Charlotte | Stork Exchange | Citizens' Climate Lobby - Charlotte | 350 Charlotte

The Patio Farmer | Charlotte Public Tree Fund | Charlotte Heat Mappers | Charlotte Earth Day

Mountain and coastal lawmakers push colleagues to confront climate change in wake of Helene

Rudow and Rep. Deb Butler, both Democrats, urged colleagues in a news conference following the General Assembly session to remedy this oversight, speaking alongside environmental advocates on how to ensure western North Carolina is rebuilt to withstand a global climate whose disasters grow more damaging each year.



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A group of diverse high school students smiling and waving. The students are of various ethnicities and are dressed in casual clothing. The background is a bright yellow with a pattern of small, dark, stylized figures.

The logo for SOL NATION, featuring a stylized sun and the text "SOL NATION" in a bold, sans-serif font.

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