

SOL Nation April Newsletter



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April 2025



Bloom Into Action Benefit Brunch

Join SOL Nation for a delightful afternoon including a brunch buffet, live entertainment, and an inspiring awards ceremony honoring those making a difference. Hosted in a stunning art gallery setting, this event will blend culture, advocacy, and joy—creating an unforgettable experience.



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At Bloom Into Action, we'll be honoring outstanding individuals and organizations with four special awards: Initiative/Organization Impact, Community Member Impact, Youth Impact, and Staff Appreciation. These awards recognize the dedication and passion of those making a significant difference in environmental and climate justice. Guests will enjoy live music, a delectable and inclusive catered menu, and an inspiring art installation, creating a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the collective efforts of our community.

Award Categories

Initiatives/ Organization - This award honors an initiative or organization that's been a true trailblazer in environmental sustainability. Their dedication to creating impactful change has not only raised awareness but also set a powerful example for others to follow.

Community Member Impact - This award celebrates an individual whose passion and hard work have made a lasting impact on their community and the environment. Their commitment to sustainability inspires those around them to take action and be part of the change.

Youth Impact - This award recognizes a young leader(s) who's making waves in environmental activism. Their energy, creativity, and commitment to sustainability show that the future is bright and that age is no barrier to making a difference.

Staff Appreciation - This award honors a dedicated team member whose hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment have made a lasting impact. Their efforts go above and beyond, helping to create a positive and supportive environment while driving meaningful change. They are the heart of the mission, and their contributions deserve to be celebrated.



Volunteers Wanted

We're looking for volunteers to assist with guest check-in, help direct traffic, and answer questions about the event and its programming. Your support will help ensure everything runs smoothly and guests feel welcome and informed. Already sign up for previous events? Contact **Shumon Hudson** at hello@solnation.org to volunteer for our Bloom Into Action Brunch.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)



Featured Programs & Events

SOL Nation Ambassador Applications are now OPEN!



SOL NATION AMBASSADOR

The Sol Nation Ambassador Program is designed to engage individuals who have a desire to reduce the Green Gap, advocate for climate justice issues and support and amplify Sol Nations mission, vision and various programs.

Ambassadors will:

- Advance solutions through advocacy of environmental justice issues
- Explore the climate industry through practical hands on experience
- Create and implement a community-based solution project
- Learn the fundamentals of organizing

**Applications
Close 5/31/25**



Learn more: bit.ly/solambassadors | hello@solnation.org

[Learn More](#)

Earth Day Community Clean Up & Canvass April 25th | 10am - 12pm

Earth Day Community Clean Up

From Streets to Solutions: Where Sustainability
Meets Community Care.

April 25th | 10am - 12pm
1601 W. Trade St. (parking on 4th floor)

Volunteer Sign-up:
bit.ly/solcollective




solnation.org | hello@solnation.org

Sign Up to Volunteer

Why Community Clean Up?

Black communities deserve clean spaces with breathable air and free of trash.

SOL Nation would like to thank everyone who came out to support the start of this important initiative.

Together, we're not just cleaning streets—we're building stronger, healthier communities and fostering conversations that drive real change. Your efforts are helping to create a future where every neighborhood can thrive.



Everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy the community they live in.

Everyone deserves to not just live in their community, but to enjoy it. A neighborhood should be more than just a place to sleep—it should be a space where people can gather, relax, and feel proud of their surroundings. Too often, Black and Brown communities are overlooked when it comes to clean, green, and welcoming public spaces. Residents shouldn't have to leave their neighborhoods to find parks worth visiting, streets free of litter, or spaces designed for leisure and connection.

Investing in and caring for our own communities means creating places where people want to spend time, not just pass through. When a neighborhood is clean and well-maintained, it fosters pride, safety, and a stronger sense of belonging. Everyone deserves access to beauty, peace, and joy—right where they live.



SolAIRE | SOL Nation + CleanAIRE NC Engagement Survey

Sol Nation and CleanAIRE NC are partnered to implement climate solutions that are community-led. We are listening to and amplifying the voices of community members who have been historically impacted and burdened by environmental injustices. Please take five minutes to share your thoughts and opinions about environmental injustices in your community. If you have any questions please reach out to Kennedy@cleanairenc.org or [Hello@solnation.org](mailto>Hello@solnation.org)!

[Take the Survey](#)

NC Lawmakers Are Rushing A Bill That Will Increase Energy Rates

The N.C. Senate rushed through SB261, the Energy Security and Affordability Act. The bill would allow unchecked rate hikes outside of the usual regulatory process.



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Impact Report 2024

We're excited to share that SOL Nation's 2024 Impact Report is now available online! This year's report highlights the incredible work we've accomplished together—from empowering communities through environmental justice to fostering resilience in the face of challenges.

Explore the Report to see how your support has fueled real change and helped us continue advocating for climate justice in marginalized communities.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Together, we're building a more just and sustainable future!

[View Impact Report](#)

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West Charlotte HS Calming Rooms

Support Emotional Regulation for Teen Students!

Why Calming Rooms Matter:

- ✓ A safe space to manage stress or sudden grief.
- ✓ An alternative to visiting the principal's office for emotional breaks.
- ✓ A tool for mental health and emotional resilience.

Your donation today will help us create these much-needed spaces, providing teens with the support they need to thrive.

Donate to help establish emotional stability for our youth:
bit.ly/wccalmingrooms

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