

SOL Nation October Newsletter



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A Year After Hurricane Helene: Reflection On Resilience

Last year, I had the opportunity to step in and help Cornerstone Summit Church establish a resilience hub, a place where people could gather for support, supplies, and a sense of community during and after crises. Even with my background in disaster relief and community engagement, this experience was eye-opening. I quickly realized that resilience isn't just about reacting to a disaster; it's about preparing, connecting, and reimagining what recovery looks like.

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HELP BUNNY FINISH THE UNDERGROUND BUS

in 10 days!!



The Underground has teamed up with SOL Nation to launch The Underground Art Bus!! We're so close—help us install solar panels and get this bus running on clean, sustainable energy!

bit.ly/ugartbus
DEADLINE: 10/03/25

goal: \$4000



Bunny Gregory had a vision — to bring creativity directly to kids in Charlotte's Black and Brown neighborhoods who don't always have access to art camps or classes. Her idea grew into The Underground Art Bus, a mobile art studio that brings free art lessons and creative workshops straight to the community. It's more than just a bus; it's a space for self-expression, pride, and connection — where kids can see the beauty and potential in themselves and the places they call home.

After partnering with SOL Nation, Bunny has made incredible progress in bringing this vision to life. The bus is nearly complete and will soon be rolling through Charlotte, ready to inspire the next generation of artists. The only thing left? Solar panels to power the creativity inside. We're raising \$4,000 to help Bunny finish The Underground Art Bus and make it fully sustainable. Every dollar brings us closer to turning this dream into a community-powered reality.

Support the art bus and help light up creativity in our communities!

Support The Art Bus

Featured Programs & Events



Upcoming Community Clean Up Events



West Charlotte High School Beautification & Clean Up November 7th | 8:30am - 11am

SOL Nation is collaborating with Ernst & Young for a community clean-up and beautification project at West Charlotte High School! Together, volunteers will work to pick up litter, plant flowers, and survey the area for ways to improve recycling and waste management. Join us for a day of teamwork, sustainability, and showing pride in a space that means so much to the community.

[Sign Up to Beautify WCHS](#)

Statewide Clean Up Day November 15th | 10am - 12pm

SOL Nation will join the movement across North Carolina for the Greatest American Cleanup—a statewide day of action dedicated to keeping our communities beautiful and sustainable. Volunteers will come together to remove litter, connect with neighbors, and uplift local spaces. The City's Corridors of Opportunity Team will also provide lunch for participants, making it a rewarding day of community care and collective impact.

[Volunteer with us!](#)



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.

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.



Become A SOL Nation Member

By becoming a Sol Nation Member, you directly support our work in grassroots organizing, environmental education, policy advocacy, and sustainable solutions that uplift historically marginalized communities.

Your support helps us build a future rooted in justice, resilience, and climate equity.

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