

## Tehama Together is a nonprofit group of volunteers that addresses the needs of Tehama County residents

**Our Vision:** Tehama County residents have access to the resources and tools they need to lead happy, healthy lives.

**Our Mission:** Work with citizens, businesses, government, and non-profit partners to identify and find solutions for unmet needs of Tehama County residents.

### Tehama Together made measurable improvements

- Initiated and managed **211 Tehama County**, which matched over 1500 callers with resources last year
- Organized the **Community Food Alliance**, which raised the profile of more than 50 local farmers and helped create a more food-secure environment
- Distributed over 1200 pounds of mandarins to families in need through the **Mandarin Picking Event**
- Provided \$25 **Farmer's Market Vouchers** for 200 families who signed up with 211
- Initiated the **Nonprofit Roundtable**, which has connected over 20 non-profit organizations across the county, enabling them to share resources and optimize their results
- Founded the **Veterans Collaborative**, which has gone on to improve the quality of life for hundreds of veterans and bring millions of dollars into Tehama County
- Provided **support and mentoring** for those seeking nonprofit status

### What we do Today

Tehama Together works across government, the private sector and the non-profit community to fill in important gaps in services and resources needed by our community. Today, we work in five major lines of effort:

#### Advocate for health and wellness by promoting "grow fresh buy local" practices

- Sponsor the **Garden Mentoring Program** to raise awareness, build skills, and supply needed fresh food for schools, neighborhoods and residents
- Hold monthly meetings of the **Community Food Alliance** composed of health and small agriculture representatives
- Sponsor **Farmers in the Field Photo Contest** and use photos to produce postcards and provide a mobile photo exhibit spotlighting local small farmers
- Develop and distribute a directory of local farms and orchards
- Support Tehama County's four farmer's markets and publish articles to promote the many reasons why farmers markets strengthen the community
- Sponsor **Passport to Health**, which encourages healthy exercise habits and good nutrition for Tehama County adults and children
- Coordinate the **Mandarin Picking Event**, which highlights local agricultural products and feeds needy families

#### Advocate for food and meals for the needy through the coordinated acquisition and delivery of food products

- Hold monthly **Food Share** meetings to connect 15 emergency food and meal providers
- Assist in resource sharing between the **Tehama County Food Bank**, the *Feeding America* program, and **North State Food Bank**
- Provide \$25 vouchers for 200 families at the year-around **Farmers Market**
- Develop and maintain directory of food and meal providers, in both English and Spanish
- Coordinate food deliveries from 13 volunteer aircraft through the **Food Link Project** to distribute to local food banks
- Purchase 400+ turkeys for local programs to distribute during this year's holiday season
- Receive and distribute over \$50,000 per year to support food providers



### **Advocate for 211 Tehama: a 24/7 standardized, one-stop information and referral helpline**

- Launch **211 Tehama** with the support of the United Way Northern California and raise \$30,000 annually to support the program
- Participate in **North State 211 Council**
- Publicize **211 Tehama** at 12 community events, reaching over 3000 families
- Deliver **211 Tehama** materials to law enforcement personnel, schools, county government, senior housing facilities, and many other organizations
- Provide information regarding community events for **211 Tehama** website
- Sponsor annual **National 211 Day** on February 11

### **Advocate for more responsive and efficient services by bringing together local nonprofits**

- Hold monthly meetings of the **Tehama County Nonprofit Roundtable**
- Sponsor training and capacity building programs for local nonprofits
- Working with other programs in implementing the **Emergency Preparedness Program**
- Sponsor the ceramic **Lady Bug Project** for 30 homebound seniors during the pandemic
- Advocate for volunteerism by sponsoring a cooperative a volunteer booth at the **Tehama District Fair**
- Participate in the **Elder Service Coordinating Council**, which has helped increase participation in Tehama County elder services
- Sponsor the **Coloring Project**, which connects an active local artist with children and adults to spotlight Tehama County attractions
- Participate in the **Children's Christmas Festival** and this year will provide 400 5-pound bags of mandarins for families

### **Advocate for start-up community groups by serving as a fiscal agent and resource center**

- Sponsor the **Home Again K9s for Veterans Program**, which provides obedience to service-level training to improve the quality of life for veterans
- Provide start-up funds and currently serve as fiscal agent for **Film Tehama**, part of the Upstate Film Commission
- Assist **Manton Education Foundation** in developing a community after-school program
- Support the **Friends of the Red Bluff Dog Park**
- Sponsor the **Albright Scholarship Program**, which gives out one or two \$1000 scholarships each year for a high school graduate interested in STEM
- Supported the **Crafters of Tehama County** in fundraising for their scholarship program
- Founded the **Tehama County Veterans Collaborative**, which has brought needed resources to local veterans
- Sponsored \$500-\$5000 in mini grants for 15 new local programs

## **Planning for Tomorrow**

Looking to the future, we have established a set of objectives, strategies, and key results to guide our efforts to consistently provide connections, support, and service to Tehama County residents.

## **Volunteer or Donate Now**

To volunteer or [donate](#), please call us at 530-527-2223, email us at [tehamatogether@gmail.com](mailto:tehamatogether@gmail.com), or stop by our office at Tehama Together, 345 Hickory Street #2, CA 96080. Our employer identification number is EIN-27-217-7467.