

Tri-Valley CAREs

Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

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Dear Tri-Valley CAREs supporter,

As I write this, **Tri-Valley CAREs' 30th Anniversary celebration** is just around the corner. My mind is drawn to the many exciting victories we have won together since those early days in 1983 when the first few of us resolved to do "something" about Livermore Lab and nuclear weapons activities in our midst.

I want to thank you for your partnership in creating positive political and social change, and I truly hope that you will be able join us December 10 to celebrate the victories that you, as a valued member, have been so integral to achieving.

I also want to invite you to contribute financially to Tri-Valley CAREs. **Your gift today honors our past as it propels us to new heights** in the future on behalf of peace, justice and our environment.

I don't have the words to tell you how honored I feel to have stood with you to prevent incinerators and nuclear bombs, obtain cleanup of toxic wastes, speak truth to power in Washington, sue the government in federal court, rally at the Lab's gates, and, in every action, enhance the public's right to know. Working together, **we have empowered people** to participate in decisions that affect their lives. And, that empowerment will continue to grow and flower.

You know Tri-Valley CAREs too well to think we would just sit on our laurels. Even as we joyously commemorate our past, we are affirming our future. As you may have read in the newspaper, and in your recent *Citizen's Watch* newsletter, **we are poised to stop another horrific new nuclear weapon** from being created at Livermore Lab, the so-called "interoperable" warhead design.

We are working tirelessly to **prevent plutonium** bomb cores from traveling on our highways alongside family cars. Locally, we are **translating materials into Spanish** and involving community members in cleanup decisions at Livermore Lab's high explosives testing range. Soon, we will announce a **video contest to involve youth** in these issues.

I ask for your continued partnership in these projects. Your financial support, joined with that of other members like you, makes everything that we accomplish possible. **Tri-Valley CAREs can't do it without you!**

Increasingly, community leaders, activists, colleague groups, elected officials, diplomats and others **depend on Tri-Valley CAREs for concise, accurate, up-to-date information.**

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As you are aware, Tri-Valley CAREs always rises to the challenge. For example, when the **National Ignition Facility** failed to achieve ignition, you read about it in your *Citizen's Watch*. So did members of Congress, and some asked for recommendations. Journalists called us too, and information and quotes we provided ran in newspapers like the **San Francisco Chronicle** and in magazines like **Science**.

Just last month **Tri-Valley CAREs alerted the media to security deficiencies** that could have led to theft of high explosives used to detonate nuclear weapons. **CBS 5 News** and others covered the story. Livermore Lab has released a statement that the security problems are being corrected, but would their action have been so prompt if we had not publicized the truth? I suspect not. Moreover, we will be checking up!

Tri-Valley CAREs acts as the **conscience of the community** – speaking truth to power each time the government tries to hide the devastating effects of nuclear weapons and related technologies. Your financial assistance now will help us continue this work.

During our 30th Anniversary year, we at Tri-Valley CAREs have been rededicating ourselves to the coming effort that is still needed to create healthy communities and a more peaceful world. This is collective work, and please know that your participation with us will always be warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated.

Please give as generously as you can. I promise that your tax-deductible contribution of any amount will be used promptly and effectively.

And your donation will be returned to you many times over in the beneficial change it enables. You will see it come back in your latest newsletter, in that amazing piece of information we glean through our ongoing Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, in Tri-Valley CAREs' next analysis decrying new warheads that arrives at your Senators' offices, in the leaflets we hand out to involve youth in the Superfund cleanup at Livermore Lab, and in many additional creative and effective endeavors.

For peace, justice and a healthy environment,



Marylia Kelley
Executive Director

P.S. Please don't put this letter down and risk forgetting it. Send your tax-deductible gift today, or go to www.trivalleycares.org where we have a secure credit card donation site set up through *Network for Good*. **THANK YOU.**

P.P.S. And, check the enclosed flyer for information about our 30th Anniversary party. I hope to see you there.