4 Ways to Donate to Tri-Valley CAREs

1. **Send your check today** - Why put off until tomorrow the great activism you can support today?

2. **Donate on-line** - We have a secure on-line system set up with Network for Good. Visit our website [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org) to make a one-time contribution or to set up a regular giving program.

3. **Make a gift of stock** - Donating stock can bring you significant tax benefits. We have an E-trade account and can process your donation simply and easily.

4. **Make a bequest** - Include Tri-Valley CAREs in your will. The Dept. of Energy is going to leave a lasting toxic legacy. Will you leave a positive legacy so that we can continue the struggle?

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**NPT NEWS IN REVIEW**

*Report: Nuclear Modernization*

*May 2, 2014 by Arianna Framvik Malik*

On May 1, 2014 a panel discussion took place at the **United Nations** during the **Non-Proliferation Treaty** meeting to prepare for the treaty’s 5-year review. The panelists explored the treaty implications of the modernization of US nuclear weapons. Here is an excerpt from the NPT News in Review, covering the panel and widely circulated to diplomats and others at the UN.

...**Marylia Kelley** of Tri-Valley CAREs argued that countries’ budgets are, in fact, policies in action. Pointing to the reason behind the accelerating nuclear weapons-maintaining budgets in the US, Kelley points to the nuclear weapon-labs, calling them, and especially the directors of the labs, the tail that wags the dog. The labs have a lot of clout with politicians who put their faith in nuclear weapons, enabling the lab-directors to keep their facilities going by compelling increased spending on new and modified weapons designs.

Following disagreement from a **State Department** audience member, it was made clear that there is an ongoing debate of what constitutes building a new weapon or endowing an existing weapon with new capabilities... However, modifications are being made to US nuclear weapons. The US is actively building major facilities for all three components of the nuclear bomb: the plutonium component, the highly enriched uranium component, and the non-nuclear components.

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**Citations Issued at Annual Livermore Lab Protest**

*August 7, 2014 by Lou Fancher*

LIVERMORE -- Sixty-nine years after the massive devastation of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, there were 60 seconds of silence at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday to commemorate the moment when the first bomb was dropped. This year's anniversary protest outside the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory bore the theme “Failure to Disarm.”

...100 peace activists gathered outside the lab to hear keynote speeches... 30 people were arrested and cited by Alameda County Sheriffs for trespassing and released. **Marylia Kelley**, executive director of Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment,... said the issue isn't whether or not society should have scientists, it is what they should be creating.

**Tri-Valley CAREs staff attorney Scott Yundt**... facilitates a support group for the 1,900 former lab employees who have filed for compensation because of job-related illnesses. “Half of them have been refused, and it's been a powerful learning process for me... every worker has stories of spilling radioactive materials and many of them get ill.”

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**San Jose Mercury News**

*Publishes Board Member Stephanie Ericson’s Letter to the Editor, October 8, 2014*

**Learn all about pollution from Livermore Lab**

The Livermore Lab has two federal “Superfund” cleanup sites where soil and groundwater contain radioactive and toxic pollutants. The Livermore Main Site became a Superfund site in 1987 and Site 300 in Tracy (a high-explosive test site) in 1990. The cleanup is complex and may take 50 to 80 years... *(full text at www.trivalleycares.org)*
A Note From Our Staff Attorney

This September I celebrated my 5-year anniversary as the Staff Attorney for Tri-Valley CAREs. It is truly a privilege to be able to devote my career to the mission of this venerable organization. On this occasion, I am pleased to report to you the details of our recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation success.

Our stellar reputation as a reliable source stems from our useful synthesis of detailed and accurate information, which we often obtain via FOIA requests. Tri-Valley CAREs makes judicious requests for information from the US Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). We go to great lengths to ensure that our requests are clear, specific and avoid, as much as possible, topics that are reasonably classified.

Despite our efforts, many of our requests go unanswered for 1-2 years. FOIA requires federal agencies to produce the responsive documents in 20 days! These gross violations of FOIA's time requirements foil our efforts to timely analyze activities at Livermore Lab and elsewhere, thus preventing the type of transparency and open public discourse necessary for an effective democracy. Also, when we finally receive documents, many are censored improperly, thereby requiring additional litigation.

So, while I am pleased to report our success in obtaining documents on five separate subjects, I would much prefer that we did not have to resort to litigation to shed light on these topics. Moreover, while our litigation was pending, several additional FOIA requests have gone unanswered. I will keep up this important work, and I urge your contribution to our ongoing efforts.

Tri-Valley CAREs’ Holiday Party

You’re Invited - Drop in!

When: Tuesday, December 9th
5 PM to 8 PM

Where: Livermore Library,
1188 So. Livermore Ave.
Community Rooms A & B

There will be fabulous food,
drinks & music.

We will show the winning entry
from our Youth Video Contest.
Join Us!

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