

East Mountain Womenade

Providing emergency financial assistance to families with school-age children in the East Mountains.

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About East Mountain Womenade

East Mountain Womenade is a grassroots organization that provides financial assistance to families with children in the East Mountains who are experiencing unexpected financial hardships. Counselors, social workers, and faculty members from East Mountain Area public schools identify the families who are struggling. By working with school professionals we have a built in screening process where needy families are provided with financial assistance via gas cards, cards for groceries and/or clothing, or bills paid directly to utility and mortgage companies, or simply purchasing firewood or propane so families aren't without heat.

Founded in 2002, the first East Mountain Potluck was held to raise money and now fifteen years later, due to the consistent support from local residents, the organization is approaching \$129,000 in assistance distributed to needy families. Counselors and social workers repeatedly express their appreciation for the uncomplicated and timely process of acquiring aid from East Mountain Womenade. One hundred percent of contributions go to families in need and are tax deductible.

Thank you for being a part of this worthwhile effort. You are making a difference in our community by supporting East Mountain Womenade and we are so grateful!

Ways to Support East Mountain Womenade

East Mountain Womenade can be designated as your charity via United Way at many workplaces.

Website: <http://www.eastmountainwomenade.org/donate.html>

Amazon Smile: When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to East Mountain Womenade. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3891313> and support us every time you shop.

Attend our 16th annual potluck in the fall of 2017! Meet new friends and neighbors. It's a great annual event with superb food and fun.



A Note from our President

It is hard to believe that the 2016/2017 school year will be over in a few weeks. It has been another wonderful year for East Mountain Womenade. In the 15 years of our existence as a non-profit organization, this community has stepped forward each and every year to help families of school-aged children with emergency financial needs.

We recently hosted an appreciation tea for school counselors, social workers and nurses whom we work with to identify and communicate with families in need. These individuals are a vital part of our mission and we appreciate all they do for our community.

On behalf of the board of directors, I extend our sincere gratitude to all who have donated to East Mountain Womenade this year or in past years. It is an honor to fulfill the aid requests that would not be possible without your support.

Kate Roesler, President

We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the many people who have generously supported Womenade throughout the year! Thank you.....

Shelly (Pinkie) Walton for hosting our 15th annual potluck. It was great to see some new faces and reconnect with others who have attended before. We raised over \$3426 during this potluck "campaign" season. Also...a huge thank you to Shelly and her company SignPlex, for designing and printing our invitations, and making the yard sign and big mock Womenade check.

Ribs for donating chicken wings for the potluck

Krissi Samuels for photographing the event.

Drinking Liberally for inviting Womenade to their meeting and being very generous with their ideas and contributions.

Cyndi Attcity for helping design and update our website.

Trish Meyer and Family for hosting our website.

Special Thanks to Mountain Garden Club

In December, members of the East Mountain Garden Club gathered for their annual holiday potluck luncheon. For the 11th consecutive year, club members have chosen to make individual holiday contributions to East Mountain Womenade during their holiday luncheon. In 2016, their contributions totaled an impressive \$4,155, which exceeds the previous year totals. Thank you so much!