

Pastor’s Notes: Rise UP Cooperative to Help Teens

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As Christians we are called to be light, salt, and leaven in the world. In the midst of this pandemic, a new non-profit organization in our community, the Rise UP Cooperative, is aiming to answer this call in a particular way by equipping our local teens, especially those at-risk, with life skills. Rise UP has been founded and is largely staffed by parishioners and friends of the Basilica, and I am honored to serve as a board member. Rise UP is now offering free virtual classes in life skills to teens Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom. The organization hopes to expand the offerings, but it will need funds and volunteers to make these hopes a reality. I invite you all to read more about Rise UP and its needs listed below. To take part in this good work, visit [riseupcooperative.org](http://riseupcooperative.org) or their Facebook page. Contact Sandy Pricer, President, at [office@riseupcooperative.org](mailto:office@riseupcooperative.org) or 423-708-5447.

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BE READY FOR TOMORROW



RiseUp Cooperative:  
Equipping today's at risk youth to  
be ready for tomorrow.

We provide life skills to at risk youth and work to help fill in service gaps in our community. Through these life skills we aim to instill In these youth how to be responsible, independent, strong, empowered, upstanding and productive.

LIFE SKILLS WE PROVIDE  
- BUT NOT LIMITED TO -

- Finance/ money management
- All things 'car/vehicle'
- Bus route - how to navigate and use it.
- Home econ
- Health(hygiene/ Nutrition/more)
- Childcare(teen pregnancy help)
- Dressing and preparing for success- etiquette, interviewing, resume writing
- identifying your skills and careers/work for you
- Communication
- All things College and trade school
- Emotional intelligence(Mental health, mindset, self esteem)
- Leadership skills
- Time management
- Conflict resolution and protecting yourself
- First Aid
- Substance abuse prevention
- Writing letters and emails
- Goal setting - success for future
- Housing- how to get into housing and stay there

NEEDS -

- Volunteers with fundraising experience or interest
- Volunteers who have a marketing background or know how
- Volunteers with IT and web design knowledge
- Volunteers who have a love for outdoor adventures
- Volunteers that would be interested in teaching (especially once we start teaching in person)
- A location to borrow or rent for classes