



# RARITAN

## LEARNING COOPERATIVE

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## Ways to Support Raritan Learning Cooperative

RLC is a self-directed learning cooperative for teens aged 12-18. It is a full-time alternative to high school. We help our members to leave a school experience that is not working for them and instead create an education that fits their interests and goals. Our members build their personal path towards college, career, entrepreneurship, vocation, travel and more.

Our center is a welcoming place where teens come to take classes, work on independent study projects, connect with kids their age, and benefit from time with caring adults. Our teen members play an important role in the existence of their center, including leading classes. RLC is a part of a larger non-profit organization called The Learning Cooperatives, with two other centers in Princeton and Langhorne, PA. RLC membership is fee-based. We are committed to being economically diverse so fee reductions are offered based on need.

We are a community-based organization that would not exist without the contribution of many people. If you would like to be involved please make a note by of any/all ways that you might enjoy contributing. Then we can discuss exactly what that would look like.

### SPREAD THE WORD

\_\_\_\_\_ Speak with friends, family and acquaintances about RLC - especially those who may now teenagers who are struggling in school or are looking at educational alternatives.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pass along our brochure to people you have conversations with.

\_\_\_\_\_ Get our name out there:

- Put a RLC sign in your yard.
- Put up flyers for RLC events at libraries and businesses near your home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Connect us with other who can help:

- people who work with teenagers (mental health professionals, coaches, youth group leaders, etc.)
- community members/businesses who may be able to offer volunteer or internship opportunities for RLC members.
- community members/businesses who may be willing to sponsor/support/donate

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Media:

- Join our Community on Facebook. Like our Facebook page.
- Send out announcements for RLC events through email, Facebook or other.

\_\_\_\_\_ Write or film a testimonial about your experience with RLC.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have other ideas about how we can get the word out about RLC? Please share:

## **VOLUNTEER**

\_\_\_\_\_ Teaching, Tutoring - weekdays 9am-3pm:

- Teach ongoing class (1 hour/week, ongoing)
- Tutor 1-on-1 (1 hour/week, ongoing)
- Lead a Short Course (1 hour/week, for 4-8 weeks)
- Lead one-time workshop (2-3 hours, typically on a Friday)

\_\_\_\_\_ Care and Improvement of Center:

- House Cleaning (one-time or on-going)
- Painting - interior walls, porch.
- Repairs & Improvements (refinish deck, minor house repairs, etc.)
- Gardening - planting and care for outdoor garden beds

\_\_\_\_\_ General Help:

- Help at public RLC events (open house, table at festival or farmers' market, etc.)
- Spend time in RLC center on Fridays (between 9am & 3pm) so center can stay open while staff takes other members on a trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan/ Fundraising Events

- host
- organize
- Request and/or gather donations of food/etc. from local businesses

\_\_\_\_\_ Assist with Grant Writing, or contribute general fundraising expertise

## **DONATE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash Donation - goes toward Scholarship: one-time, ongoing (monthly, eg. \$10/month)

\_\_\_\_\_ Stock Donation - goes toward endowment and/or operating expenses

\_\_\_\_\_ Specialized Services such as

- Graphic design, website design/development, legal counseling, printing

\_\_\_\_\_ Physical Items

- Material items for our center such as book shelves, computers, rugs, tables, tools, class materials (eg. art supplies), etc. (see Wish List on website).
- Unwanted household items for Yard Sale

### **JOIN OUR TEAM**

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Member, Advisor, Apprentice or Staff Member

**Thanks! We'll be in touch to follow up.**

Supporter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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