



Member Packet

The Exchange



To strengthen excellence in practice and build a collective voice among individuals and groups that are committed to holistic poverty alleviation.



Welcome to The Exchange!

The Exchange is pleased that you have decided to join our network. We are excited for what you and your organization will contribute and how together we will work to alleviate poverty in our communities.

As a part of this network, you will be introduced to a few technology platforms we use to stay organized and communicate effectively. You will have access to shared files across the Exchange using our online manager, Google Drive. Monthly topic webinars will be broadcasted on Zoom. Through this packet you will be briefly introduced to the works of these platforms.

What is Think Tank, Inc.?

Our team at Think Tank, Inc. is a diverse group of professionals and entrepreneurs from a wide variety of fields including public administration, social work, psychology,

ministry, business and government. We attribute our ongoing success to the integrity and reputation of our staff and volunteers, our ability to form strategic partnerships, and by the grace of God, the opportunity to address unmet needs in the community.

Think Tank, Inc. exists to alleviate poverty by equipping communities to embrace mindsets and practices that restore the social fabric of society.

Equip Individuals and Communities. Think Tank offers a variety of training tools and coaching designed to assist organizations that are working with communities to comprehensively address poverty.

Resource Organizations. Think Tank leverages human resources and develops new products and processes to assist various organizations in applying holistic principles of poverty alleviation.

Ignite Community Life. Think Tank helps to spearhead and support community groups that bring people together across economic lines and cultural communities to address poverty together.

Practices for a common goal.

The Exchange exists to strengthen excellence in practice and build a collective voice among individuals and groups that are committed to holistic poverty alleviation. We are an association of individuals and organizations committed to the following principles of community development.

The Exchange is comprised of a variety groups and organizations that come together to advance and implement the following principles:

Pursue Holistic Solutions

Recognize and work to strengthen and restore the interconnected parts of individuals & communities.

Work WITH

Holistic poverty alleviation cannot be achieved through one-way, transactional giving, but through transformative relationships.

Listen FIRST

Seek to discover the individual and corporate strengths within your organization and community to build upon them.

Promote Leadership

The best solutions for sustainable poverty alleviation starts with those who are experiencing poverty.

Build Social Capital

When these transformative relationships are linked together, they create an economy with tremendous potential for positive change.

Helping you accomplish your mission.

Exchange resources and tools are designed to provide professional development and networking opportunities for individuals across all levels of the Exchange member organization (ie; front line staff, administration, volunteers, etc.)

Monthly Exchange members will have the opportunity to participate in a interactive webinar and download a podcast on topics such as--- change management, resource development, trauma informed care.

Content focused on the following themes:

Professional Development

These webinars bring experts in the field to a screen near you. Our webinars address timely and relevant topics like volunteer engagement, resource development and instructional strategies. We archive each webinar so that you can get your professional development on demand.

Faith Guided

These webinars are most relevant to churches and nonprofit ministries engaged in poverty alleviation work. The webinars will highlight key practices to address the brokenness in our communities and be an example of redemptive ministry. Some examples of webinars included in this category are "Activate the Gifts of your Congregation" and "Who's Really Broken"

Lived Experience

These webinars will elevate the voices of those who have experience journeying out of poverty. We know that those who have lived experience bring valuable insight and wisdom and help shift the culture of helping. Some examples of webinars included in this category are "Dignity Story Telling" and "The Stories We Tell Ourselves".

A community with benefits.

Annual Cost: \$500 for 4 Staff Members

Group discounts given to networks of 5 organizations or more to The Exchange through a convening organization.

Network Webinars

Topics include:

- Partnerships
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Media Relations
- Leadership
- Resource Development
- Conflict Engagement and more

Curriculum

File sharing and Peer to peer connections

Examples: Case Studies, sample forms, shared ideas & best practices

Podcasts

An episodic series of digital audio which Exchange members can download and listen to. Each month a podcast conversation connected to the monthly webinar topic is recorded. This recorded conversation is a way to share the experience and stories of thought leaders and practitioners working in poverty alleviation.

Customized Development

Each organization is unique in its strengths and its challenges. To meet the felt needs of your specific organization, solutions must be tailored to your culture, environment and current state. When your goals and activity are aligned, people benefit. Our team is knowledgeable and experienced. They are people who can relate to your successes and your challenges. We have access to a myriad of resources including best practices, case studies and statistical data that can benefit your planning processes. Customized Development is an additional offering of the Exchange for those organizations interested in additional coaching and training beyond the basic Exchange Membership.

Curriculum

Awaken

Awaken is a class that offers participants tools and knowledge to launch personal transformation and leadership skills, resulting in an increased capacity to be agents of change in their communities.

Awaken was built on the belief that ALL persons in a community who want to see change are Leaders. As such, they need to be equipped with the skills necessary to attain their individual goals as well as craft community solutions. Awaken equips and empowers individuals with the skills for personal transformation and leadership, resulting in an increased capacity to be agents of change in the community.

Breaking Ground

Breaking Ground is a returning citizen preparatory training. It hinges on the belief that returning citizens not only need tools and strategies to be successful in their community, but also a sense of hope and purpose that comes from contributing to the process. This interactive curriculum includes a series of topics that address real, honest issues plaguing returning citizens.

Engage

Engage is our curriculum that helps volunteers engage with our participants in a healthy manner. This curriculum helps one to look at poverty holistically and break down aspects of culture and social expectations as well as relational dynamics. It looks at the cycle of growth and change. The curriculum helps one to set healthy boundaries and work on smart goals as well.

Quarter 2 Webinar Calendar

April 25 Volunteer Reciprocity

The Best Way To Give Reward And Recognition

Volunteers are critical to our community. This webinar will explore ways to build connection, increase capacity and celebrate the valuable contributions volunteers give. Participants will receive tools and resources to apply volunteer best practices.

May 30 Good Neighbor

Recapturing A Lost Art

Our communities are made up of neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are made up of neighbors. In today's world of brokenness some of the barriers to being a good neighbor are fear and self preservation. Learn ways to engage productively as a neighbor and move toward a holistic and mutually caring community.

June 28 The Opioid Epidemic

Beating The Odds

Opioid Epidemic The opioid epidemic has wreaked havoc on our community and families and friends. The nature of the disease of addiction is complex and recovery is multifaceted as well. We will discuss addiction and the way of recovery to offer hope and freedom from active addiction.

All webinars run live from 3p-4p EST via Zoom. You will receive reminder notifications. For questions, contact Andrea at andrea@thinktank-inc.org.



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