

The Training Kitchen



Before 2019



After 2020





After Exterior Remodel



TTK's Volunteers



TTK's .75 acre micro-farm



View from Garden

TTK's Mission:

To build an alternative learning community that inspires belonging in everyone

TTK was founded by Amanda Longtain, a 13 year educator with a master's degree in Adult, Professional, and Community Education from Texas State University, and Matthew Shepherd, a working musician and general contractor.

They have two daughters, Stella and Lula, and were fortunate enough to buy the property at 1901 Matthews Lane in 2019.

Personal Improvement Services

- **Affordable Family Meals and Prepared Foods**
- **Free Family Meals for Qualifying Families**
- **Adult Education Classes** (train the trainer model)
- **Childcare**
- **Micro-farm and Outdoor Classroom**
- **Summer Programming**
- **Jobs**

**We are building
sustainable
futures
for adult
learners...**

**Let's put
power back
in our
communities!**

**** They have the answers ****

A **strengths-based** approach to care, support and inclusion says let's look first at what people can do with their **skills** and their **resources** and what can the people around them do in their relationships and their communities.

People need to be seen as more than just their care needs—they need to be experts and in charge of their own lives.

SOURCE: "What is a strengths-based approach to care?"
The Social Care Institute for Excellence

Strengths-based Care:

Can tap into a person's gifts and skills that will move them forward...

These elements include -
(1) their personal resources, abilities, skills, knowledge and potential; (2) their social network and its resources, abilities and skills; and (3) community resources, also known as social capital.

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Addressing Staff Concerns:

Concern, Commercial Creep – *“Commercial uses incompatible with predominant residential character”*

- TTK will operate out of original 1941 home maintaining residential character
- 1,800 sf of structure - not a high density operation
- We want to be a part of the neighborhood

Concern, Traffic – *“Use will impact residential street with commercial traffic and activity”*

- Low volume as most students and patrons will be walking from nearby neighborhoods or using public transportation
- We will offer evening meal pick-up 3x per week
- Adult ed classes will host approximately 12 people once per week
- TTK jobs – we will train and hire local residents

Concern, Imagine Austin – *“This rezoning does not support the policies of Imagine Austin”*

- The mission of TTK directly supports the **“Prosperity FOR ALL”** section of Imagine Austin

Closing Remarks



1 in 7 Texans experience food insecurity



14.3% of Texas children live in food-insecure homes



16% of Travis County Residents are food insecure

**Through asset-based community development,
TTK will help local residents meet their basic needs.**

As poverty rates and food insecurity increase in southeast Austin, we are in a unique position to share our 1.5 acres with the surrounding community. By feeding families nourishing food, offering access to alternative forms of education and providing pathways to employment, TTK will help create a localized resource specifically designed to improve the lives of residents by putting their needs before profits.