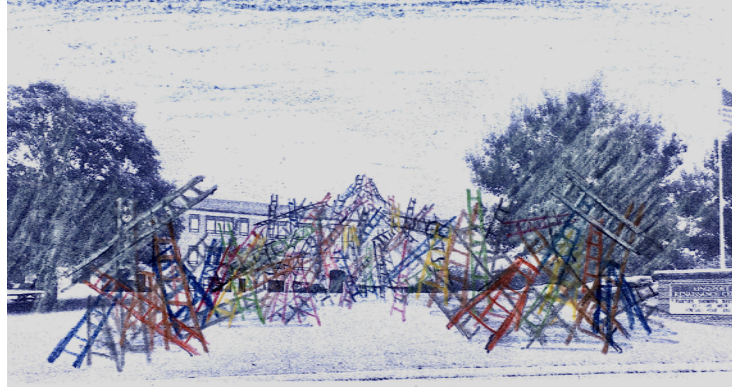


# Rise Together Kingsport

*Borrowed ladders, rising together in a temporary public art project that involves, engages, and is about the Kingsport Community*

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concept sketch for RTK at Renaissance Center by Charlie Brouwer

- **everyone & every part of the community can participate** in creating this sculptural celebration the combined of **hopes & dreams** that are the community of Kingsport.
- individuals, families, organizations, schools, churches, & businesses are invited to **lend ladders** (symbolizing their hopes & dreams) to be joined together in a monumental sculpture towering in front of the Renaissance Center & spilling across its lawn to Center St.
- **all ladders are welcome** – real ladders in any form, size or condition – handmade ladders created from any material or anything that looks like, or functions like a ladder.
- the ladders can be as **ordinary, creative, or expressive** as you want them to be.
- **each ladder will be registered & tagged to identify the lender**, & their names will be added to the “List of Ladder Lenders” on a sign by the sculpture, on the website & Facebook page.
- **all ladders will be returned!** (if you don't want it back, we'll donate it to [Holston Habitat for Humanity](#))

## Timeline

- Sept. 25 – Oct. 14, engaging community and borrowing ladders

**Ladders can be dropped off at the Renaissance Center on these dates and times:**

( or call 423-392-8414 to arrange for us to pick up your ladder )

Sat. Sept. 30, 10am-1pm

Sun. Oct. 1, 2pm-5pm

Fri. Oct. 6, 5-7pm

Sat. Oct. 7, 10-1pm

Sun. Oct. 8, 2-5pm

Mon. – Fri. Oct. 9 – 13, 2-7pm

Sat. Oct. 14, 9am – until the last ladder is added at 2pm

- Oct. 10 – 13, **building** the sculpture (continuing to solicit, receive and pick-up ladders in the AM and working from 2pm-7pm on building the sculpture).

- Oct. 14, receiving ladders from 9AM **until the last one is added at 2pm.**

- Nov. 13 – 17, taking down the sculpture and **returning** the ladders.

## How You Can Help

- **Lend** a ladder – we want this to be about the whole community!
- **Tell** your friends, club, church or community org. about it – think about parts of the community that should be included – help them get a ladder ready to lend.
- **Volunteer** to help with the project (receiving & registering ladders, canvassing, picking up ladders for people who can't transport them, assisting with handling ladders during building & take down...

More info at: [www.risetogetherkingsport.org](http://www.risetogetherkingsport.org)

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Questions, want to lend a ladder or volunteer to help? Call 423-392-8414