



# 2021 Report To The People

*Preserving the Past.....*



*.....to Fuel the Future*

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## **Report to the People**

### **2021 Letter and Executive Summary**

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The theme, *Preserving the Past...to Fuel the Future* really fits the year as Granville County celebrated its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 275 years gave us a chance to look back and appreciate the roots of our community. Navigating the COVID pandemic showed us the resiliency we have as an organization and how we have adjusted to move forward toward the future.

Like many organizations and families, we faced uncertain times and the task of how to conduct business in a new way. We went from having an open-door policy for community members to requesting they please call or email to set up an appointment. Coming on board as Director in January, I was unsure of how these changes were affecting our service to the community and how the team was adjusting to the "new" norm. While the needs for the community were still there, and in some cases increasing, we were individually isolated in our homes strategizing on how to continue generating positive outcomes for the community. In that time, I learned the resilience of our staff. I hopped on Zoom workshops and watched our agents engage community members in educational workshops; I witnessed staff constantly on the phones and emails answering questions and making recommendations; agents were out in the field recording data to provide updates to the farmers; staff provided youth programs by offering a drive through options for activity pick; after school programming via Zoom and virtual community service.

As an organization we wanted to help in all ways possible to combat the effects of COVID in our community, particularly our Agriculture community. We distributed PPE equipment to farm workers and worked with our local health department to diligently contact farmers by email, phone and letter to insure they had accessibility to vaccinations.

Our team continued to serve in the most unique ways while juggling the responsibilities of their own families and facing an uncertain future. While our efforts are not exclusive and we have witnessed sacrifices around the world, it reinforces our commitment as an organization to serve our community. I cannot thank the team, County of Granville, our supporters and the community enough for the support they have shown through the last year.

A few other items to note include some staffing news. Gary Cross, our former Area Crops Agent, took a new position in the state of Louisiana. Gary made some great contributions to the crops program, particularly on his favorite topic of popcorn. Currently, the position has been posted and we are scheduling interviews to have the position filled soon.

On a more solemn note, Carl Cantaluppi retired Horticulture Agent for 22 years, passed away on September 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Carl was a widely known expert on growing Asparagus. He also contributed to a lot of research on other high value crops that local growers could incorporate into their operations such as table grapes, Paw Paws, and Rhubarb. Even after retirement, Carl continued to share his knowledge with our current agents.

As we look ahead, we look forward to taking the lessons we have learned this year (particularly as it relates to technology) and apply them to provide programming in diverse and unique ways to the community. I encourage you to read through this Report to the People and learn more about what the Granville County Cooperative Extension Service does and some of the unique ways we served our community this past year. We continue to work hard to deliver high quality programs to our clients that have strong impacts on our communities in Granville County.



## Family and Consumer Science

### Kids Club Nutrition

This summer, we held an 8-session nutrition program at Butner Stem Elementary & North Granville Middle School as part of the REACH Summer Camp. The youth went through the curriculum, enjoyed tasting new recipes, playing physical activity games, and learning about all of the food groups within MyPlate and the importance of eating healthy.



squash for the first time. He liked it and made his mom take a picture to send the FCS Extension Agent

### Virtual Workshop

Throughout the past year, we have been hosting Virtual Zoom workshops the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Topics have included mindfulness, making recipes work, food budgeting, heart health, food, MyPlate, nutrition labels, healthy beverages, and diabetes. We were able to offer several weekly workshop series such as a 6-week Med Instead of Meds program providing information on the Mediterranean Diet and heart healthy eating changes. We offered an 8-week series of the Take Control chronic disease program with 28 people attending, with some of them attending in person at the Granville Senior Center.

### Policy, Systems & Environmental (PSE) Change

This summer, we worked with a resident of the Cornwall community to help provide some money and resources to a new project they were trying to get started.



Garden supplies purchased for Cornwall Community Garden through a \$500 Mini-Grant offered by NC State Extension Steps to Health Program

### Before and After Pictures of the Garden



After discussing her plan to start a community garden in Cornwall, we were able to apply for and receive \$500 in funding to help purchase gardening supplies and equipment to get this project started. In addition to this, they were provided with a variety of food and nutrition resources such as handouts, recipe cards, produce brushes, coupon holders, and reusable grocery bags. One of the other PSE projects we did with the Steps to Health program was providing over 1000 food recipe packs to local food pantries such as the Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM) and senior centers.



The recipe packs included recipes along with information on food preparation, food safety,





### Extension Volunteer Association (EVA)

The Granville County Extension Volunteer Association (EVA) continues to be active in the community. They have had several community service projects, and are continuing to support their scholarship fund. One of the most successful projects is the Backpack Buddies program. EVA works together with Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM) & C. G. Credle Elementary to provide food packs for qualified children to take home on weekends. This program is supported through direct fund raising and grants from local sources, including the North Carolina Community Foundation and the Granville County United Way. This program provided 550 meals for children during the 2020-2021 school year. The EVA helped make masks at the beginning of the pandemic.



EVA Backpack Buddies Program with ACIM providing meals to CG Credle Elementary



Appalachian Christmas Outreach backpacks assembled for kids in need



EVA Dictionary Project provided over 400 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Credle Elementary, Stovall Shaw Elementary, Creedmoor Elementary, Tar River Elementary and Wilton Elementary schools during the 2020-2021 school year.

Throughout the year, they have planned and implemented several community service projects such as making valentines cards for nursing home residents, preparing thank you baskets for first responders, and putting together meals in a mug for Meals on Wheels recipients. In addition to this, every year they provide college scholarships to local youth and dictionaries to 3rd graders in local schools. For the past several years, they also put together backpacks with clothes, toys, and hygiene items for the Appalachian Christmas Outreach project through the Baptists on Mission program. Currently, we have 3 EVA clubs in the community. For more information about joining or donating to the Extension Volunteer Association, please contact the Granville County EVA President, Rosalyn Green at [rmarie7312@gmail.com](mailto:rmarie7312@gmail.com).

While other groups slowed down in 2021 and were not able to provide as many services due to lack of volunteers, The Extension Volunteer Association (EVA) got even busier. In addition to their normal projects, they took on additional projects looking for ways to give back to different groups in the community, from first responders, nursing home residents, senior receiving Meals on Wheels, and youth in need of hygiene products. Words cannot express our gratitude!!





## AGRICULTURE-LIVESTOCK

**BSE Clinic:** On a beef cattle farm, bulls basically have one job – breed the cows so that those females will have calves. In beef production, beef calves are the “crop” that the farmer sells. When those bulls are not successfully breeding those cows to produce calves, the cattleman/woman has no crop to sell. In order to determine if a bull is capable of performing his duties, a Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) is recommended prior to turning the bull in with the cows. Although it may be hard to believe, it is estimated that 15%-20% of beef bulls will not pass the BSE. This can be devastating for a beef operation. The average cattle farm in North Carolina has 20 cows. If the bull is not successful, that could be a loss of income around \$10,000. A veterinarian needs to perform the exam and not all producers have facilities to handle this evaluation. To feel this need, Granville County Cooperative Extension organized a BSE clinic where producers could bring their bulls to a safe centralized location to be evaluated. In 2020, 29 bulls were evaluated with two not passing the exam. Since the bulls unable to perform were identified, removed from the herds, and replaced with good bulls, loss of income was avoided. 25 bulls are scheduled for the BSE clinic on October 28, 2021.



Veterinary students evaluate samples from bulls at BSE clinic.

### Voluntary Ag District

Voluntary Agriculture District: The Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Ordinance was

adopted by the Granville County Commissioners in 2017. The VAD program helps preserve Granville County farmland, which is vital in keeping the economy strong. It also reminds the general public of the importance of agriculture and can potentially decrease the likelihood of nuisance actions against farmers. Progress is being made in getting the program moving forward with tracts of land enrolled. We have seven landowners on the Agricultural Advisory Board and representatives from Soil and Water, Forestry, Farm Service Agency and Cooperative Extension working with this board to keep agriculture's importance in the forefront.



Granville VAD sign

### Coggins Clinic

Horse owners had the opportunity to bring their horses to a Coggin's Clinics held in Granville County. The Cooperative Extension Service Livestock Agent worked with Flat River Veterinary Hospital and Southern States in Oxford to conduct this clinic. The purpose is to have horses tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), which is a highly contagious disease of horses, mules, and donkeys. If horses leave the farm to go to trail rides, horse shows, or other events where horses will be comingled, the owner must be able to show proof that their horses tested negative for EIA within the past 12 months. The Coggin's Clinic provides a convenient way for horse owners to have the test conducted and save some money on the veterinary bill. Horse owners can also get their horses vaccinated for several diseases, including West Nile Virus, Tetanus, and rabies at these clinics. 19 horses were tested this year.



## Animal Waste Assistance

Larger dairy and swine farm operators must meet several requirements from the state in handling the manure generated by the animals. Many of these farmers do not have the advantage of having company service persons to help complete all these tasks due to the geographical distance between Granville County and other areas of the state with numerous animal operations. Granville County Cooperative Extension's Livestock Agent works with these operators to make sure they have their continuing education credits along with completing sludge surveys and irrigation calibrations. Additionally, cropping, production system and field changes are sometimes needed at an operation to remain profitable. These changes require the animal waste management plan to be altered to reflect those changes. The livestock agent has amended plans for farmers in order to help preserve the productivity and profitability while keeping them in compliance with state regulatory agencies



Kim performing a sludge survey with a sonar bobber.

## HORTICULTURE

### Prison Program

The horticulture program at the Federal Prison in Butner, NC began in 2017 and has been very successful. The program uses the North Carolina State Extension Master Gardener (NC State EMG) program as a guide for its topics, but it has expanded into hardscape and pesticide license training as well. The program designed to give inmates skills to be more employable when they are released also provides them with

a productive way to spend their time while incarcerated. In 2020 the program was, like many things, put on pause, but in 2021 a community garden was started within the prison with the produce going to Area Congregations In Ministry (ACIM), a food bank in Oxford, NC. The program has graduated 30 individuals and 25 have received their North Carolina pesticide license with the training they have received.



Federal Prison Picture

### Extension Master Gardener Program

Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Trainings were completed in 2018 and 2020 for individuals in Granville and Person counties. A total of 23 individuals completed the EMG training and have established the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Granville/Person (EMGVAGP). This group has been involved with many volunteer projects and are continuing their horticulture training through workshops and monthly meetings. EMGVAGP held a wreath making workshop in 2019 and are planning another one this year. This event has served as fundraiser for the association. The next EMG training is being planned for 2022.



Master Gardener Site Visit at Camp Oak Hill



### Pawpaw Plot

An ongoing research plot involving pawpaws has shown that they have potential as a crop to be grown here in Granville County. The data collected from this research was published in the June 2020 Journal of the National Association County Agricultural Agents (NACAA). This research was started by the late Retired Area Horticulture Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Carl J. Cantaluppi, and the article published was in great part due to Carl. This research is being continued with harvest data collected each year.

### Blueberry Demonstration Plot

A blueberry demonstration plot is being maintained by the EMGVAGP for the purpose of having field days to show proper pruning and other practices related to growing blueberries for homeowners and commercial growers.



Vertical Garden at ACIM

### Educational Programs

**Classes for landscape professionals** held with an emphasis in the first class on weed management in turf and in the second class weed management in landscape beds. Each class was attended by over 20 individuals in the landscape profession. They each received 2 NC pesticide credit hours per class. These classes were in collaboration with Paul McKenzie, Vance and Warren County NC Cooperative Horticulture Area Agent, and were presented by NCSU Turf Weed and Ornamental Weed specialists.

**Zoom classes** were presented once a month on the following topics: Vegetable Gardening, Diagnosing Insect and Disease Problems on

Plants, Lawn Care, Composting, Proper Plant Selection and Planting, and Pruning.

- **4-H classes** this summer included 3 days of horticulture topics such as: planting seeds, insects and diseases, and pollinators.
- **Natural Resource Series** is being held this fall in collaboration with Paul McKenzie and the NC Forest Service. This series is including topics such as: Native Plant ID, Pond Management, Pasture Management, Woodlot/Forestry Management, Chainsaw Safety, Taxes, and Cost Share Opportunities. Other agents are participating as the topic relates to their respective field.

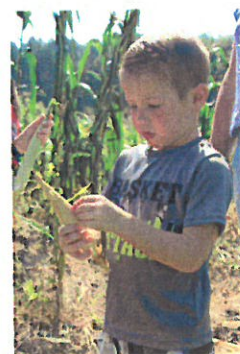
### FIELD CROPS

**Insect Trap Monitoring:** Various insect traps were placed in Granville/ Person Counties to monitor a wide variety of insects in local and statewide projects. Corn, soybeans, and tobacco, were monitored from March to October to give assessments of the insect pressure.

### Popcorn Tour:



Gary cross conducted a very successful Popcorn Tour was held with 40 farmers, citizens, youth to explore all facets of popcorns, history, types of popcorns, nutrition and data from the plots. The best over all varieties included Brazil 2785, Super Gold, Nebraska Yellow Pearl, Tom, Thumb, Lady Finger, Pincho Rendando.





## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Granville County 4-H Club Update

Granville County 4-H Currently has 5 very active 4-H Clubs and 3 new and up and coming clubs. Descriptions of each club and some of their activities can be found below:

**Popshots 4-H Club** is a shooting sports focused club in which youth learn and practice shooting in the following disciplines, Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, and Muzzleloader. They meet every Thursday at the Granville County Wildlife Club at 6:30pm. They competed in the regional and State competitions and did really well!



**Spurs & Buckles 4-H Club** is a community club that focuses on horses, livestock, agriculture and community service. They meet once a month on Sundays at 4:30pm to learn about a new topic in agriculture and complete their monthly community service project.

**Horseflies 4-H Club** is an equine focused club that meets once a month at Bayfield Farm. They focus on learning the art of horsemanship, from riding, grooming and basic care.

**Cluckers 4-H Club** is a community club that focuses on Chickens, Gardening and other agricultural topics. They meet once a month on Tuesdays at the Granville County Cooperative Extension center at 4:45pm.

**S.H.O.W.** Is a homeschool focused club that meets once a week on Tuesdays at 1pm. They specialize in STEM curriculum and professional skill building.

**Sunshyne 4-H Club** is a new club that will meet once a month on Sundays, they are a horse centered club that will teach the art of horsemanship as well as participate in local county, district and state horse competitions. There is an interest meeting for this club at the Granville County Cooperative Extension Office on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Oxford Prep STEM Club** is a new club that will focus on STEM programming such as robotics through 4-H Curriculum. They will meet once a week on Friday afternoons at Oxford Prep School.

**Vance Charter 4-H Club** is a new club that will partner with Vance Charter FFA to learn about agriculture. They will meet once a month at the Vance Charter Campus.

### Granville County 4-Hers complete Poultry Project in Four County Poultry Show and Sale

Nineteen Granville County youth are participating in the Four County Poultry Show and Sale. This project is a collaborative effort between Granville, Franklin, Vance and Warren. Youth vote on which two breeds to include in the yearly project at an interest meeting. Youth receive 10 chicks of one breed or 5 of each breed in the spring. The birds are raised at the youth participants homes until the Show and Sale in October. During the project, youth are expected to keep meticulous records of the process and create a project record book that they turn in for judging, these project record books also go on to the county, district and state to be judged. The Show will take place at the Vance County Regional Farmers Market on October 23, 2021. The youth will exhibit 3 of each breed that they received in Showmanship and Market classes.





After the show, youth will sell 3 of each breed in the auction, proceeds will go to the youth and the four-county show group.

Sponsors for this show include:

**Cooperative Extension-Granville, Vance,  
Franklin and Warren**

**Farm Bureau-Granville, Franklin and  
Warren**

**Granville County United Way**

**Granville County 4-Hers complete turkey  
project in the NC State Fair Youth Market  
Turkey Show**

Eight Granville County 4-H youth participated in the NC State Fair Youth Market Turkey Show in 2021. During this project youth receive 3 turkey poults, or baby turkeys, in June to raise for the market show at the NC State Fair. The youth exhibit their turkeys in a market class and are judged based off certain physical factors of the turkey that make it suitable for processing. Our Youth who completed the project were:

**Abigail Shaeffer – 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**Lillian Shaeffer- 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**Josiah Alteri**

**Anna Fulcher**

**Leah Stanton- 8<sup>th</sup> place**

**Seth Stanton- 7<sup>th</sup> place**

**James Birdsall**

**Jackson Birdsall**



**Granville County 4-H Summer Fun 2021**

This summer we enjoyed being back face to face for our summer camping program! We offer both day camps locally and a week or residential camp at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center. We had over 50 youth participate in our Summer Fun Day camps and 7 youth attend Betsy Jeff Penn.

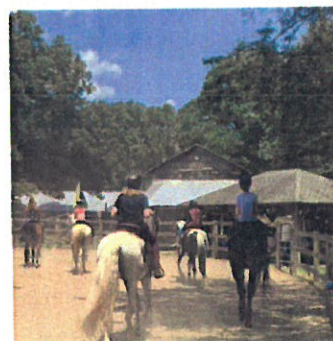
At Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center youth spend the week away from technology and the comforts of home learning to be independent and confident. They participate in many outdoor activities such as canoeing, archery, obstacle courses, rock climbing, horse riding, fishing and so much more!

This year we held 5 local day camps, we partnered with local business and utilized 4-H curriculum to educate youth on multiple topics. The camps and their descriptions are as follows:

**Birds and Bees  
at Carlee Farm:**

During this camp we partnered with local farm, Carlee Farm, to educate youth about pollinators, bees and gardening. The

youth attending, painted flower pots, bird houses, planted flowers, learned about pollinators and honey bees, met donkeys, chickens, and explored the farm during educational hikes.



**Bayfield Horse Camp:** We partnered with Bayfield horse farm to host this camp. Youth attending this camp learned all about horsemanship. From grooming and tacking up their horses, to trail riding, obstacle courses, administering medication and so much more!



**STEM Camp:** Youth attending this camp completed several 4-H curriculums centered around STEM. They designed and built writing robots, created hydraulic claws and presented on their creations.



**Craft Camp:** We partnered with Bee Happy Farms and the Scrap Exchange to host this camp. Youth made hand blown glass ornaments, picked blueberries, created art out of recycled

objects and presented on those creations and learned to tie dye shirts throughout this fun filled week!

#### **Gardening Camp:**

The Granville and Person County Master Gardeners helped us host this amazing week of learning. During this camp youth were able to learn about what plants need to grow, plant microgreen gardens to take home, transplanted vegetable plants into container gardens, and so much more!

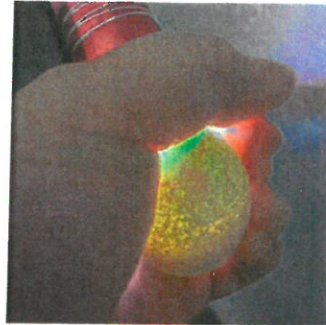


**STEM at the Boys and Girls club:** Granville County 4-H conducted a STEM summer program at the boys and girls club during which youth learned about simple circuits, and created hydraulic claws.

#### **School Enrichment**

Throughout the 2020-2021 School year we were able to reach over 1,000 youth through various

in school enrichment programs. Some of the programs that we were able to offer the schools are as follows:



**Embryology:** This is a program that allows second and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to experience the miracle of life through egg hatching. We were able to offer this

program to 12 second grade classrooms and 3 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Turtle mist farms graciously donated a dozen eggs for each class and the chicks went back to the farm to be raised after hatching. The youth learn about life cycles first hand during the 21-day embryology project.

**Butterfly program:** Youth in 35 kindergarten classrooms and 5 second grade classrooms got to experience the miracle of life through the butterfly hatching project. Classrooms received 8 larvae and all the materials needed to grow them to and through metamorphosis. They were able to release their painted lady butterflies into the local ecosystem at the completion of the project.

**Garden Kits:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the county received a complete clover grow kit to take home and learn about gardening! These included a pot, a soil disc, clover seeds and curriculum worksheets.



**Electricity Program:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms at Tar River Elementary learned about simple circuits and created robots that did things from writing, to cleaning up trash. They used recycled materials to design and create their robots and presented on them and their functions.



**Afterschool Program:** Afterschool students at Tar River Elementary completed the Mars Base Camp curriculum in which they learned about Mars, created rovers and much more! They also completed the "Acres of Adventure" program in which they learned about our food systems. We are currently working to expand our Afterschool program to C.G. Credle, and Stovall Shaw as well.

### **Community Partnerships**

Granville County 4-H prides itself on its community partnerships. This year, we have been able to partner with the local public, private and charter schools in order to reach first generation 4-H'ers who otherwise would not experience 4-H.

Currently we are conducting a program at the Oxford Boys and Girls Club called "Just Grow it". This curriculum takes youth participating in the program through a 9-week program in which they learn about gardening, plant their own garden, grow food and get to enjoy their food at the end of the program. This is such an important curriculum because we are able to educate youth on the food system and at the conclusion, they will have all of the materials and knowledge they need to grow their own food.



### **NC State Fair:**

NC 4-H has several competitions for youth to participate in at the State Fair. Youth from Granville County entered art, photography, barbecue sauces and much more! These items submitted by our 4-H'ers are on display at the NC State Fair.



As a county we were able to participate in the Hay Bale decorating competition and placed first!! Counties are to create a hay bale exhibit that reflects the 4-H program in their counties and the State that is on display for the duration of the NC State Fair. Parents, youth and volunteers helped to create this exhibit and we are so proud of our first place!

### **Volunteers and Stake Holders:**

This program would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers, club leaders and donors! We receive the majority of our funding from the Granville County United Way, without the grant that they give us we would not be able to reach the youth in the way that we do. We also receive funding from Midway USA, the NRA foundation, Sante Fe Natrual Tobacco and Granville County Farm Bureau. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do to help us make the best better in Granville County.





#### 4-H BEST PROGRAMS



Our programs operate and function through face-to-face interactions and intentional relationship building. Naturally, the COVID-19 pandemic created some new challenges in that regard. This required us to get creative in what our programs looked like and how to continue to have a positive impact on our youth. Strategies included virtual meetings and sessions, virtual community service options, etc.

Since May 2021, we've been working primarily back in person and working on getting our programs back to where they were before the start of the pandemic. We are excited to be back and engaging with our youth and families face-to-face. Here you will learn more about the current status of our programs, new projects and new opportunities!

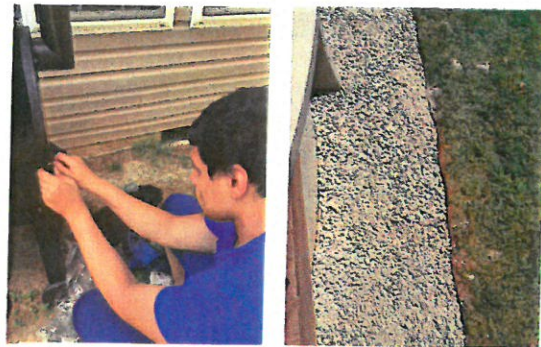
#### *Juvenile Community Service*

This summer, we had a number of youths who completed a variety of projects for the Granville County community, totaling over 450 hours of community service. Many of our participants volunteered at Area Congregations In Ministry (ACIM) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, giving food directly to community members, while we had others that volunteered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings packaging the food to go out to the community.

**"I realized that helping others makes you feel good about yourself"**

All of our participants reported a positive experience working at ACIM, learning new skills and interacting with the community. Upon completion of the program, one of our participants stated, "I realized that helping others makes you feel good about yourself."

We also had participants complete projects in their homes and communities, from mowing neighbors' lawns, helping with landscaping, building home furniture, etc. One of our participants spent the summer working with a neighbor on various projects around his house. When asked if he learned anything in the program that he can apply to daily life, he stated, "working in the real world and establishing discipline. Before this I was lazy and didn't want to do anything but now I like to work and be productive. It has made me want to do more things." He went on to talk about how this program and additional services he received this summer enlightened him to change his mind and to re-enroll in school so that he can work towards a positive future.



Summer community service projects

We have also been intentional about creating new partnerships in the community for our youth. One of our newest worksites is Church and Community Ministries in Oxford, NC, a community thrift store that provides a variety of resources. We are continuing our efforts to create additional partnerships throughout the county.



## Granville County Teen Court



### Community Engagement & Outreach

Since the summer, program staff have been working to increase awareness of the program through community engagement. Staff attended and set up a booth at a variety of community events to connect with students, parents and community members. Some of those events included:

- “That Youth Thing” - Delrayno Baptist Church Event
- Granville County’s 275th Anniversary
- “Feed the Block - Kids Version”
- Drug Free Coalition of Granville County - Overdose Awareness Community Event
- Back-to-School Giveaway

Through these events, we were able to connect and directly engage with approximately 400 youth and community members.



Teen Court booth at Back-to-School Giveaway (Creedmoor, NC)

We’ve also done outreach at various schools and law enforcement agencies throughout the county, sharing information about our program, upcoming trainings and the referral process.

Some of those included;

- J.F. Webb High School
- South Granville High School
- Northern Granville Middle School
- Hawley Middle School
- Oxford Preparatory School
- Granville County Sheriff’s Office

### Youth Engagement

In preparation for the upcoming year and understanding that many of our volunteers had transitioned out, we held a host of volunteer and attorney trainings. We’ve trained over 40 new volunteers and 15 new attorneys. Our trainings are an opportunity for youth volunteers to learn more about the program, understand their role in the program, policies and procedures, and the different volunteer opportunities. Our attorneys go through a deeper training process to understand the role of an attorney, case preparation, court conduct, etc.



Youth and Attorney Trainings, 9/2021

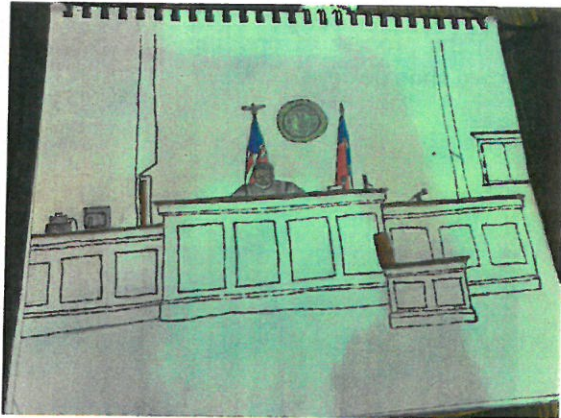


## Teen Court Hearing Night

Our first Teen Court hearing of the 2021-2022 year was held on September 28th at the Granville County Courthouse. This was the first Teen Court night not only for the defendant but also for our new volunteers. We had over 30 volunteers in attendance get sworn in. Teen Court is generally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, starting at 6pm. You can find the complete schedule on our website at [www.granvillecountyteencourt.com](http://www.granvillecountyteencourt.com)



Teen Court Volunteer Group Photo



Courtroom Artist Drawing, 9/28/21



Youth Volunteers in Jury Box

## Looking Forward - Peer Accountability Circles (Spring 2022)

One of the programs that we are planning to implement this year is a Peer Accountability Circle, formerly known as Sentencing Circles. This program will be an opportunity for youth that commit offenses in their community to be involved in a circle process in which they are talking with community members, their peers, parents, etc. about the offense, the harm it caused and how to make amends. This program will lean heavily on restorative justice principles that focus on how to repair harm for all parties involved.

We are planning to host community meetings to get their input and feedback. Individuals interested in being part of the restorative circle process will receive training and role information.





## R.E.A.C.H. Afterschool Program

The REACH Afterschool program is a collaboration with Granville County Schools through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. This program provides tutoring and enrichment activities to youth at Butner Stem Elementary School and Northern Granville Middle School. The program began during challenging times when all youth were attending school virtually. This made it difficult to make those initial connections with youth, but the staff were very creative in working with the students. Even engaging in a “baking session” where the program distributed food kits to the houses and staff taught youth how to make brownies via Zoom.

**FREE!!! TUTORING**

**R.E.A.C.H.**  
A Place Where Every Child Is Lifted

**BUTNER-STEM ELEMENTARY**  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  
2:45pm - 5:45pm

**OUR SERVICES:**

- Tutoring
- Social Emotional Learning
- College & Career Exploration
- Sporting Recreation
- STEM
- Life Skills
- Dance
- Step Team
- Gardening
- ARTS & Crafts
- and So Much More...

Click The Following Link To Refer Your Student:  
<https://forms.gle/dh5DuYq5JUh7y5yg8>

For More Information  
**CONTACT:**  
YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL  
OR LATORIA OAKLEY

919.691.0091 Transportation Provided As Needed

Teachers tutored youth in reading, math and science. Many youth had fallen behind on assignments during the year as they struggled to learn virtually. Many of the after-school teachers worked with the participants to complete missing assignments and improve their grades.

The program is structured to serve 50 students at each site.

## SUCCESSFUL SUMMER PROGRAM

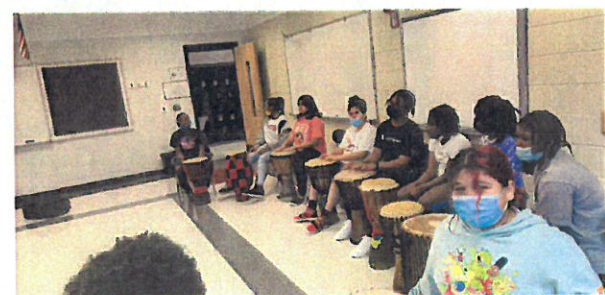
The REACH Program held a successful summer camp from June 14<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>nd</sup> at both Butner Stem and Northern Granville. Youth participated in STEM activities such as creating their own drones. Additional activities included Nutrition, Hip Hop Aerobics, Entrepreneurships, Lego challenges, African drumming, paint parties, etc. Middle School youth also had the opportunity to participate in a six-week shoe design course presented by CNSTNT DVLPMNT that educated them on the business of shoe designs and guided them through the process of creating their own shoe designs.



NGMS youth learn to make sushi



Having fun while staying socially distant



African Drumming

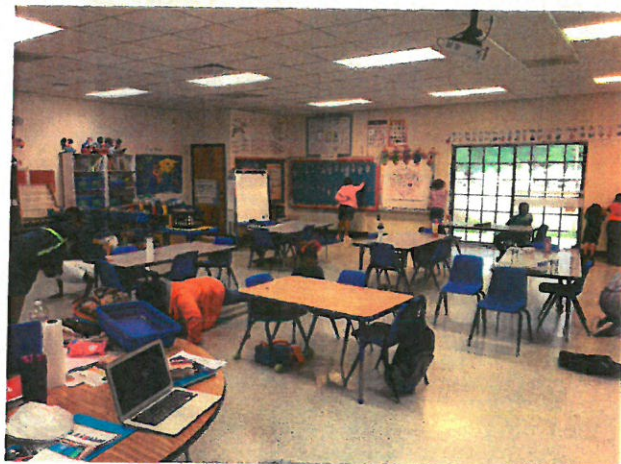




During the summer, FCS Agent, Jennifer Brown conducted the "Steps to Health" program with both sites. Youth had the opportunity to try new foods and recipes and engage in some fun physical activity



Youth trying a nutritious pizza he made



Students participating in fun physical activities.



There are some great videos of the summer posted on our website.

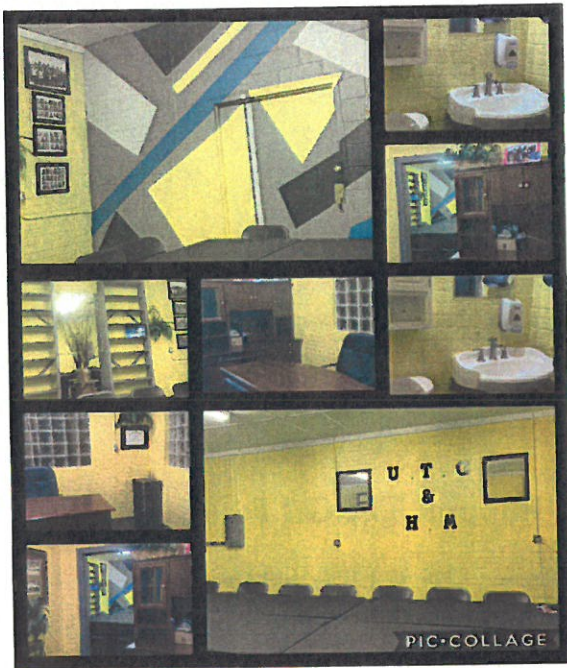
## Un-Rappin' The G.I.F.T/He-Matters

Un-Rappin' The G.I.F.T, and He-Matters are programs that seek to empower teenage girls and boys through life skills training, education, and support for those who are experiencing difficulty with social skills, problem solving and impulse control. The programs are structured to provide interpersonal skill building workshops on a weekly basis.

Recently in a partnership with Oxford Parks and Recreation, UTG has relocated the program location to 500 Granville Street. We are excited about the opportunity to be in the community and look forward to creating a community garden and engaging with the neighborhood.

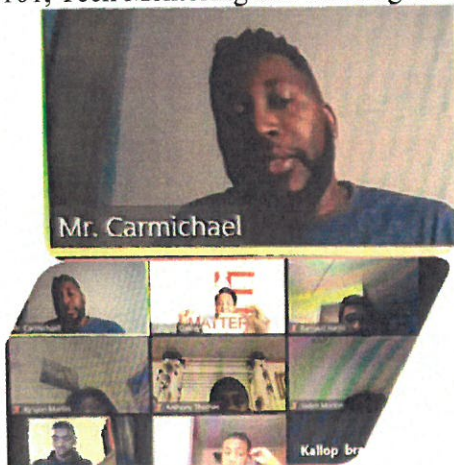






UTG/HM has remained active during the pandemic, conducting group mentoring sessions via Zoom. Youth had the opportunity to engage and have conversations surrounding the civil unrest in the country and also to address some of the mental health challenges of being isolated from school.

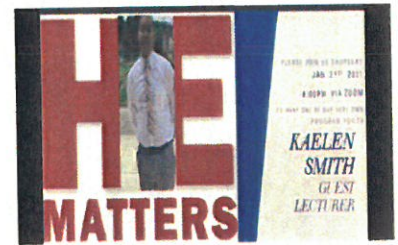
Workshops included: Financial literacy, Responding to Law Enforcement, Racism in America (Open Dialogue), Zooming into the Holidays (Where nothing feels the same), Manhood 101, Teen Mentoring and thinking on the next level.



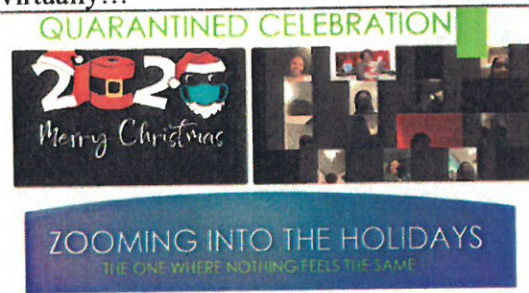
They participated in a citizenship opportunity "Reclaim our Vote" and helped with a letter writing campaign to inactive voters.



There has also been some leadership growth within the programs. Previous participants are returning and mentoring to current participants.



UTG/HM even managed to celebrate the holidays virtually...



As the year has progressed, the program has slowly transitioned back to face to face activities. Just recently some members of the group volunteered at the Culture Fest downtown Oxford.



Youth are still learning life skills and the He-Matters boys just recently learned about checking the oil and changing a tire.



**Other Extension Involvement:** Cooperative Extension Agents work with several agricultural organizations and agencies throughout the year. Those include the Granville County Cattleman's Association, Granville County Farm Bureau, the Granville County Soil and Water District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Farm Service Agency. All these agencies and organizations work together to help improve Granville County Agriculture.

Granville County Extension is involved with several community, county, and regional organizations. Some of these include the Granville Franklin Vance Partnership for Children, the Four Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council, the Granville County Environmental Affairs Committee, the Leadership Granville program, and the Granville-Vance District Health Department's Community Health Assessment.

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