



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**OASIS OF HOPE MINISTRIES +
TURNING POINT COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**





A Letter from Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge

Dear Oasis Family and Partners,

As I pause and reflect on 2021, it has been an amazing journey. I first have to give God the glory for the great things that he has done during 2021. Our ministry theme was "The Year of Honoring 20 Years of Ministry and Looking to the Future With the Leading of the Holy Spirit". We began the year with a 20th Year Celebration for Oasis of Hope Ministries on January 3, 2021 and we had something wonderful to celebrate throughout the year.

I am so blessed to serve with a dedicated group of leaders through our Ministry Team - Pastor Dr. Braxton Henderson, Pastor Chalis Henderson, Senior Minister Wiline Isom, Senior Minister Sidney Crews and Minister Micah Kearney. I thank God for Freeler Williams, who has been with us in ministry the longest. She faithfully serves and helps out in a Spirit of Excellence. This entire team serves well in every capacity and makes the responsibility of ministry lighter for me.

We always speak of the Oasis family as TEAM Oasis and I saw that team going to higher levels in 2021. Women's and Men's Christian Education classes, Bible Study and other training sessions were attended with faithful participation. We are taught that faith comes by hearing the word of God and we heard the word every time we gathered together. As the Oasis of Hope Ministries Praise Team ministered in music each Morning Worship under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Braxton Henderson, worshippers were encouraged to honor God in Praise and Worship. The King's Kids studied the theme "The Fruit of the Spirit" and we could see them growing in God's word while having fun with on-going projects. It was always a pleasure seeing the VIP's (Victorious, Identified, Predestined) youth learning, growing and helping out in ministry in any capacity requested of them.

It has been a joyful honor working along Turning Point Community Development Corporation with all its powerful ministries. I must admit that my favorite part was Creating Success Education Center because of the impact on families and children. The transformations of the Oasis sanctuary (new kitchen and sound room) and the Turning Point building were awe-filled moments. We have always used these buildings to the glory of God to impact the communities that we proudly serve.

I thank God for my daughters, Dr. Chandra Sledge Mathias, Pastor Chalis Henderson and Casha Dees for their love and support. I greatly appreciate the support of my son-in-laws. Each Sunday after service, Pastor Dr. Braxton always would encourage me about the word that was ministered. I am so proud to have my grandsons, Dylan, Chance, Silas and Aldon in ministry with us.



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They know the Declaration and understand that we live by it. It is important to relate to special occasions such as birthday recognition, Super Sunday to connect to the Superbowl, Valentine ministries to make everyone feel special, Black History recognition, Graduations, Easter celebration, Couples' Ministry to honor the greatest display of God's love, Health/Fitness sessions, Honoring the Women of Purpose in May and the Men of Honor in June, Supporting the Ronald McDonald House, Learning from the Teaching Series - - "The Purpose Driven Church", Community Day to give back and share resources, Military Ministry, License Ministry as we look to the future to continue God's mission for Oasis, Christmas at Oasis and the Year-End Celebration are ways that we operated the ministry in real-life situations. We can't help but praise God for doing "Ministry With PURPOSE" and loving every minute of it. Why do all of this? We first of all want people to accept Jesus Christ into their hearts. When people realize the magnitude of this, a life-long desire to enhance lives in all areas will manifest. We know what God has called us to do and we are determined to accomplish the goals.

Apostle Alvin Donald Sledge would be so proud to see the GREATER WORK being done with great passion and desire. We will continue to live by faith and demonstrate that faith without works is dead. We have a lively hope and strong faith and will continue to share with the Oasis family and partners that all things are possible when trust is put in God. Continue to be excited about living a life of faith and I am honored to grow with you! Let's look to the future together as we continue to be lead by the Holy Spirit!

Catherine Sledge

Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge

Oasis of Hope Ministries - Year in Review

Oasis of Hope Ministries turned 20 years old Sunday, January 3, 2021 and we had a HUGE celebration. We worshipped with Praise and Worship, Dance Ministry by Aleesa Gupton, the spoken word ministered by Pastor Catherine Sledge and a video honoring Apostle Alvin Sledge's legacy and recapping our amazing journey was viewed. Everyone signed a gigantic card that will be available throughout the year. We enjoyed a delicious catered fellowship meal and our members and partners sowed a special financial seed/birthday gift into Oasis. We thank God for His many blessings to Oasis of Hope Ministries and we are so excited about the upcoming years in ministry. To God be the glory!

A special Valentine's Day celebration was held **February 9, 2021** for the Remote Learning students at Creating Success Education Center. The event was sponsored by Oasis of Hope Ministries and Turning Point Community Development Corporation. Each student took home their Valentine project bag that was filled with gifts, projects and crafts. Students in grades 4 - 12 took home their project boxes that displayed a beautiful art creation. Inside were gifts for the students. All students and staff enjoyed a delicious meal by candlelight and staff were given Valentine's Day gifts.

The beautiful new kitchen at the sanctuary was completed **February 27th**. Our goal is to use this building for the VIP's in the future so we are preparing now for this transition.

The VIP's presented Black History poster projects **Sunday, February 28th**. The congregation was blessed with lots of helpful information about pioneers who shaped our future by sacrificing in the past.

A High School graduation celebration was held **March 7th** for seventy-two year old James Winfield. He inspired many with his determination and everyone was so proud. All participants enjoyed refreshments and James was presented financial seeds from the Oasis family. He showed others that not giving up paid off with a wonderful reward.

Oasis of Hope Ministries and Turning Point Community Development Corporation celebrated and honored Pastor Catherine Sledge for her 65th birthday. The Creating Success Education Center had a surprise birthday party with cake, ice cream, cards and gifts and Oasis of Hope Ministries celebrated the special birthday with a delicious meal, gifts and words of honor. "I feel honored to be celebrated by our church family and Turning Point CDC. It is a blessing when people take the time to say thank you for a life dedicated to serving others", stated Pastor Catherine.

August 9, 2021: The Oasis family sowed a financial seed of \$450.00 into the Ronald McDonald House of Durham to support families with sick children.

September 2021: Beautification took place as the front glass at the sanctuary received beautiful letters and the logo. The Oasis van and Turning Point CDC vans received new lettering and the logo display that looks great.

September 12th: In-house celebration was held for the Oasis of Hope Praise Team to honor their faithfulness to Kingdom Building. The Praise Team ministers in song each Sunday and ushers the congregation into praise and worship. Each member was presented an appreciation gift and a fellowship repast was held.

September 24th and 25th: The Men of Honor, under the leadership of Minister Sidney Crews experienced a dynamic camping trip to Camp Kerr Lake. Fourteen adventurous campers participated in paintball, fishing, campfire activities, prizes, delicious food and sleeping in tents or the cabin and most of all being taught God's word. Minister Crews stated, "Watching the fog crossing the water was a beautiful sight. The camping trip was a blessing from God."

Sunday, October 10th - Brother Frank Williams cooked a delicious brunswick stew for the Oasis family and we fellowshiped following morning worship to enjoy it.

October 31st - Dr. Braxton and Chalis Henderson and Maurice and Kimiko Williams celebrated the completion of Improving Communication in Your Marriage 6-month program. The couples met for 12 hours over the course of 6 months to strengthen their marriages.

Sunday, November 7th: Military Appreciation was observed during Morning Worship with Pastor Billy Callahan of Camp Kerr Lake as guest speaker. Military resources were given, military personnel recognized and a delicious meal served. We greatly appreciate and honor the Military and thank God for all the services provided.

Sunday, November 7th: Pastor Catherine Sledge and Dr. Chandra Sledge Mathias proudly participated in and completed the Hot Chocolate 5K race in Chicago.

Friday, November 19th: Couples' Thanksgiving Celebration was hosted by the Marriage Ministry. The couples enjoyed delicious food prepared by Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, games and fellowship. The Thanksgiving Celebration was an opportunity for couples to come together to share gratitude for their spouses and grow together.

Oasis of Hope Ministries - Year in Review

Sunday, November 21st: A history-making License Ministry was held to give Ministry License to Micah Kearney; Ordination License was given to Senior Minister Sidney Crews; Ordination License and Installation as Pastors took place for Dr. Braxton and Chalis Henderson. Catherine Sledge was elevated to Senior Pastor. We serve proudly in a Spirit of Excellence to please God with the assignments given to us.

November 22nd: The Oasis family and partners donated \$25 Food Lion gift cards to Vance County Department of Social Services and Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start Adolescent Parenting Program to help families in need for Thanksgiving.

December 11th: Couples' Christmas Celebration was held at the home of Minister Sidney and Carolyn Crews. The couples enjoyed a gift exchange, potluck, holiday games and fun fellowship.

December 17th: Year-End Celebration took place to give honor to God for his blessings to us during 2021. The Goals and Vision for 2022 were shared, Calendar of Event for upcoming year reviewed, refreshments enjoyed and prizes given away. During the service, three people receive \$365.00 Yearly Seed as grand prizes!

Turning Point CDC - Year in Review

Turning Point Community Development Corporation (TPCDC) serves as a catalyst for the continued development, transformation and empowerment of communities in Vance, Granville, Warren and Franklin counties of North Carolina. TPCDC achieves this mission by providing access to educational opportunities, nutrition-related benefits, physical health and social enrichment. The organization has created an empowering environment that promotes personal and professional development for children, youth and adults.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

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— Maya Angelou*

A Letter from Chalis Henderson, Executive Director of Turning Point Community Development Corporation

Season's Greetings Friends!

Warmest wishes to you and yours this holiday season! As we reflect on all that has happened this year, we're reminded of Maya Angelou's quote, "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style." We have **LIVED** this quote through our commitment to service and our deeply held belief that rural communities in North Carolina can and **WILL THRIVE & FLOURISH!** We've partnered with many wonderful community members who are passionate about working alongside us to carry out our mission. They have shown compassion by uplifting as they serve, and through it all, we've had a **GREAT TIME!** As Turning Point CDC has connected with families, schools, local governments, corporate organizations, and places of worship we have experienced the JOY in serving. One need only to participate in an event or follow us on social media to see the smiles and laughter of community members of all ages, as we share in acts of service.

As we consider all that we accomplished this year, we have reason to celebrate. We want to take this opportunity to share the great things we've achieved through focused efforts in our Four Pillars: **Education, Economic Development, Health & Wellness, and Community Engagement.** As you read through this annual report, consider ways in which you can get involved. Whether it's through a donation to support our initiatives, volunteering, or participating in our events, every action helps. No act of kindness or service is too small. I want to take a moment to highlight some of the positive results that we've accomplished this year. These are only a snapshot of the efforts and the incredible impact that Turning Point CDC is having on rural communities in Vance, Warren, Franklin, and Granville counties.

- The **Remote Learning Site** served a total of 27 students and saw significant increases in student outcomes (number of passing grades, attendance to virtual learning courses, assignment completion, & satisfactory academic performance).
- Students in the **Summer Learning Program** saw a 7% increase in grade-level proficiency in math, 14% exceeding grade level proficiency, 36% meeting grade level proficiency, and 29% approaching their upcoming grade-level proficiency in reading. 100% of parents/guardians felt the child(ren) were academically ready to return to in-person school because of their involvement in the Summer Learning Program.



- Students in the **Launchpad** program completed a series of training workshops (20 hours) and were placed in local agencies with PAID positions (90 work hours). Participants accomplished eight competencies throughout the summer program: Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Equity & Inclusion, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork, and Technology.

- Through feedback concerning our **Health and Wellness** initiatives, many of the families we serve shared that they have not previously been able to eat fresh fruit and vegetables daily prior to receiving the produce boxes. Several families commented on the fact that their children enjoy the fresh produce and now have a healthier alternative for meals at home. Additionally, individuals have shared that their overall health and wellbeing has been influenced by the produce boxes as evidenced by boosted immune systems, natural intake of vitamins, and eating less fast food or processed food, and more home-prepared meals.

Continue reading to learn more about the happenings at Turning Point CDC. We charge you to commit to supporting our efforts. Work alongside us, share our stories, follow us on social media, participate in our service events, and connect with us. We appreciate all our partners and look forward to meeting new faces in the upcoming year. Together, we can achieve even more for the communities we serve!

In Service,

Chalis Henderson

Chalis Henderson,
Executive Director, Turning Point CDC



CREATING SUCCESS MOBILE LEARNING LAB

Mobile Learning Lab Kick-Off: On Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, Turning Point CDC hosted the Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab Kick-Off. This event allowed community members a first look at the interior of our renovated school bus as we celebrated the three years of hard work that have gone into this project. The event included a live raffle, t-shirt sales, Lawrence & Perry BBQ food truck, music by DJ Reece and ongoing tours of the learning lab. We raffled off several exciting prizes to those who purchased tickets. The lucky winners included Zanet Oakley for a Microsoft Surface Pro 2, Ron Judkins for a Microsoft

Surface Pro 2, David Bernhardt for a \$25 Walmart gift card, Ulander Marabel for 2 car seats and installation, Tamika Bullock for a \$20 Sassy Hair Dreams gift card, Johnna Carver for a raised garden bed and James Winfield for a \$50 Speedy Gas gift card. We raised a total of \$6,000 through donations, raffle tickets and t-shirt sales.

The Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab (CSMLL) was a popular feature at several community events in the year of 2021. The CSMLL attended Community Day (8/2), the PULL event in Vance County (8/28), Davis Chapel's Family and Friends Day (9/11),





Kerr-Tar Job Fair (10/14), Community Fall Festival (10/22) and Vance County Schools CTE Open House (12/8). The CSMLL has served an average of 31 participants at each event. The CSMLL provided participants an opportunity to control robots by Kindle devices, access laptops for coding (Minecrafts Hour of Code) and build motion LEGO robots. The CSMLL's success was established through multiple partnerships such as Perry Memorial Library and Vance County Cooperative Extension. Each partnership assisted Turning Point in providing members of the community access to the full experience of STEAM activities. The Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab also offers a space for professional development (resume building, job applications, and computer skills) for adults and STEM programs (virtual reality, coding, robotics, Osmo) for students.





REMOTE LEARNING SITE

In response to the current pandemic and high concern for learning loss, TPCDC launched a remote learning site under its Creating Success Education Center program. Creating Success Education Center is one of TPCDC's flagship educational programs and serves children, families and the community in a setting that encourages academic success, creativity, innovation and community engagement in Vance county. The Remote Learning Site served a total of 27 students and saw a significant increase in student outcomes (# of passing grades, attendance to live zoom sessions, assignment completion, satisfactory academic performance). Students who were behind on classwork due to being home and unattended had successfully caught up on classwork and received satisfactory grades and reports from their schools. Most importantly, the students had a desire to do well! The teaching team continued to see a significant change in attitude and behavior when the students were celebrated for their progress and success. While many were frustrated and confused at the beginning of the school year, they became eager to share their positive updates with each other and the teaching team.



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

The Creating Success Summer Learning program served 20 students in 2021. The program began on June 21st and concluded on August 16th. Six, week-long camps were facilitated based on the following themes: Bubble Festival, Mega Sports Camp, God's Wonder lab, Cubelets Coding and Robotics, Creativity Central Arts and Center Stage. Each theme was educational — integrating reading, science, technology, art, and math in an interdisciplinary approach to combat the COVID-19 summer learning gap. In addition to the themed-activities, students engaged in daily

EDUCATION

POWERED Play

2021



Edmentum online learning. The Edmentum program was available to all 20 students who mastered a total of 78 skills in both math and reading. The students spent a total of 208 hours on Edmentum activities. Summer Learning Program 2021 participants included Elliott Carver, Madison Carver, Raigan Crosson-Palmer, Samuel Cumming, Silas Cumming, Amaya Dawson, Chance Dees, Canaan Evans, Tyler Griffin, Caleb Henderson, Emmeron Henderson, Silas Henderson, T'Sean Kearney, Janey Norwood, Joseph Norwood, Alexander Riollano, Jonathan Sumler, Moriah Turner, Luke Williams and Peyton Williams.

Each child had an opportunity to experience hands-on learning. The weekly themes were awesome, and the field trips were the icing on the cake! The students attended the Museum of Life and Science (Durham, NC), Marbles Kids Museum (Raleigh, NC), Wet'n Wild (Greensboro, NC), Durham Bulls game (Durham, NC), Aycove Recreation Center (Henderson, NC), Perry Memorial Library (Henderson, NC), United Skates of America (Raleigh, NC), Granville Athletic Park (Granville, NC), Edmonds Tennis and Education Foundation (Henderson, NC), Defy Gravity (Raleigh, NC), Oxford Arts Center (Oxford, NC) and the beautiful McGregor Hall (Henderson, NC).

"Field trips provide authentic, hands-on experiential learning opportunities where students can connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real-world."

-Stephanie Smith Budhai in Education Week Teacher

Thank you to Triangle North Healthcare Foundation and Oasis of Hope Ministries for the financial support towards the Summer Learning Program.





CREATING SUCCESS AFTER SCHOOL

Creating Success After School (CSAS) is a comprehensive after school program that provides academic support and tutoring, and builds social and emotional skills. CSAS is designed to be an extension beyond what students are learning daily in their classroom. CSAS supports 25 students within the Vance, Warren, Franklin and Granville communities. This program offers one-on-one tutoring, homework assistance and Edmentum that allows students to receive interventions in math, reading and language arts. CSAS aims to help students identify how to use the curriculum standards in everyday life. The program provides off-campus field trips for additional fun learning experiences. Our 2021 trips included an Elon University football game, the NC State Fair, Disney on Ice, the 9/11 memorial at Perry Memorial Library, Storywalk at Fox Pond (Perry Memorial Library) and community events that allow students and parents to identify what resources are present in the Vance County community.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6





Creating Success Education Center Summer Learning Program



The Summer Learning Program began on June 21st and concluded on August 6th, 2021. The program served 19 students in Kindergarten - 6th grade. Six, one-week camps were facilitated based on the following themes: Bubble Festival, Mega Sports, STEAM Wonder Lab, Cubelets Coding and Robotics, Creativity Central, and Center Stage Drama. The camps were educational, integrating reading, science, technology, art, and math in an interdisciplinary approach to combat the COVID summer learning loss. All students were served daily a nutritionally adequate breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

Each week the students went on field trips or off-site learning adventures that were related to the week's theme. Field trips included Emerald Pointe, Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Museum of Life and Science, Aycock Recreation Center, Perry Memorial Library, McGregor Hall, Marbles Kids Museum, United Skates of America, Granville Athletic Park, Edmonds Tennis & Education Foundation, Defy Gravity and Oxford Arts Center.



19

K-6 students served.



78

total skills mastered in math.



78

total skills mastered in reading.



208

Over 208 hours on Edmentum activities.

Below are the number of students per grade and # of skills mastered in math and reading:

- K - 4 students, 9 skills in math, 4 skills in reading
- 1st - 6 students, 13 skills in math, 14 skills in reading
- 3rd - 4 students, 19 skills in math, 31 skills in reading
- 5th - 3 students, 33 skills in math, 26 skills in reading
- 6th - 2 students, 4 skills in math, 3 skills in reading

At the end of the SLP students showed:

- A 7% increase for grade-level proficiency in math
- An average growth of 3 points in reading
- In reading, 14% of students exceeded grade-level proficiency, 36% met grade-level proficiency, and 29% were approaching grade-level proficiency
 - Prior to SLP, 7% of students were meeting and 57% were approaching grade-level proficiency



To learn more, visit www.turningpointcdc.org



Turning Point CDC seeks to decrease the levels of obesity, physical inactivity and chronic disease rates in our region. The Healthy Lifestyles Program hosts ongoing nutrition seminars, weekly exercise programs and community gardening. We continue to make positive changes in our community that support the healthy lifestyles and wellbeing we were created to enjoy. TPCDC partners with health experts and community organizations to provide healthy lifestyle intervention programs and produce boxes to seniors and families in need of healthy food to combat hunger and food insecurity.

Outdoor Walking Groups: We host outdoor walking group sessions at the Henderson Family YMCA Track on select Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. These sessions bring community members together to get moving and encourage healthy habits. In 2021, we held a total of 5 sessions on May 1, June 5, July 10, Sept. 11 and Oct. 1. Pedometers were provided to track steps with funding from The Conservation Fund. In 2021, we completed a total of 242,612 steps and burned a total of 7,306 calories as a group!

Group Fitness Sessions: We offered group fitness sessions on select Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm at Turning Point CDC. This 45 minute session is both beneficial, exhilarating and geared towards any fitness level. We work out through multiple exercise techniques, training equipment and live fitness instructors. This is a fun, small-group exercise environment. Activities for children are available as

well. In 2021, we held a total of 6 sessions on May 19, June 30, July 21, Sept. 22, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10. Thank you Brittini Bryant (BrittFitBritt) for facilitating the group fitness sessions. These sessions are supported with funding from The Conservation Fund.

Cooking Classes: A Taste of African Heritage Cooking Class brings African food traditions to life through hands-on experience. This 5-week cooking curriculum taught the history, nutrition and cooking techniques that reconnected 8 participants with the vibrant, healthy traditions of the African Diaspora. This class began Saturday, May 1, 2021 and concluded on May 29, 2021. This class was offered with funding from The Conservation Fund.

Nutrition Workshops: Turning Point CDC hosted two nutrition workshops in 2021. The first workshop "Boosting Your Immune System" was held on April 14, 2021. The session focused on healthy eating habits and the importance of immune health during the pandemic. It was led by Reanna Hawkins, RD, LDN. Another workshop was held in partnership with NC EFNEP on September 8, 2021. Participants learned a simple and healthy recipe for drunken chicken with muscadine grapes and discussed the importance of healthy eating.



PRODUCE BOX DISTRIBUTION

Seasonal produce boxes were distributed bi-weekly throughout the year. The boxes included fresh produce and locally sourced meat. Each box also included a simple-to-complete recipe that could be achieved by using the ingredients in the box. It is important to not only provide access to the produce, but to also provide education on how to effectively and healthily prepare the produce. We are passionate about providing access to healthier lifestyles and changing the health outcomes for the individuals and families in Vance county. The recipes are an easy, yet impactful, way of promoting better health in our community by providing information (recipes) and resources (produce box) that will help community members have a healthful diet and better lifestyle choices in the midst of a very stressful and uncertain time. The produce boxes have continued to meet a need. Many recipients expressed they are continuing to be negatively affected by the pandemic and the produce boxes have helped them to receive an assortment of vegetables and fresh fruit to feed their children and family. Receiving the boxes has not only helped families financially, but has helped families use those resources in areas of their lives including medical bills or medications. Many of the families we serve share that have not previously been

able to eat fresh fruit and vegetables on a daily basis prior to receiving the produce boxes. Several families comment on the fact that their children enjoy the produce and now have a healthier alternative for meals at home. Additionally, individuals have shared that their overall health and wellbeing has been influenced by the boxes by having boosted immune systems, natural intake of vitamins and eating less fast food or processed food and more home-prepared meals. Program partners included Working Landscapes, Kerr Tar Area on Aging, Moore's Farm and Triangle North Healthcare Foundation to help us distribute 3,297 produce boxes this year.

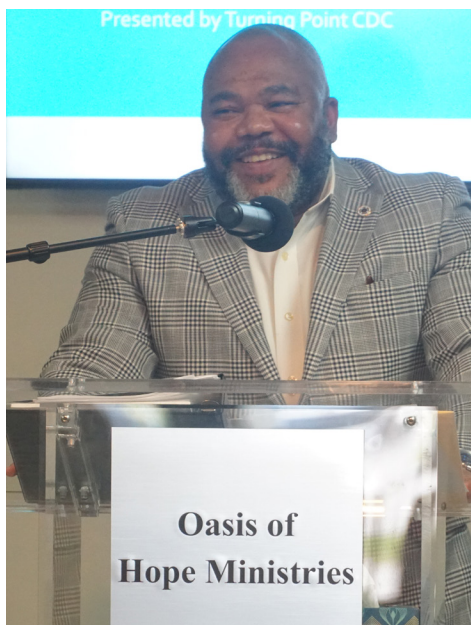




COMMUNITY GARDEN

Turning Point CDC developed a community garden that hosted multiple vegetables throughout the summer of 2021. The program was able to supply members of the community with tomatoes, eggplants, banana peppers and other amazing vegetables. Fresh produce was a huge hit and the organization decided to keep the experience going throughout the fall. On Sept. 16, 2021, the Creating Success After School program students planted broccoli, collards, strawberries, dill, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, lettuce, beets, carrots, cilantro and cabbage. Each crop is catered to by the students and volunteers of the center with love and care.





LAUNCHPAD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TPCDC hosts The Launchpad, a workforce development program for youth in 9th - 12th grade in our region to equip them with job-readiness skills to enter the workforce. The Launchpad is designed to be a cohort-based, year-round program. Participants begin the program in the summer and participate in ongoing professional development experiences throughout the academic year.

During the summer program, participants complete a series of training workshops (20 hours) and are then placed in local agencies with paid positions (90 work hours). Participants accomplish eight competencies throughout the summer program: Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Equity & Inclusion, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork and Technology. There are currently 9 students in the 2021 cohort. The Launchpad program inspired our students to become better leaders. The program connected the students with people from different professions and allowed the students to learn different skills. Students earned their first paychecks, learned financial management, mental health strategies and more.

Upon completion of the Launchpad program, participants participate in mock interviews, create and feel confident delivering elevator pitches, present a public formal presentation about their experience at the jobsite and training workshops, complete professional development workshops (including soft skills training), complete a resume and apply for and obtain a part-time job placement. TPCDC achieves these outcomes by partnering with local organizations, local businesses, community colleges and universities, and area professionals to serve as facilitators.

EMAIL BASICS PROGRAM

An Email Basics Program was hosted on the Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab on October 26, 2021. This program was hosted in partnership with the 4H Teen Leads Program. The Email Basics Program taught adults how to create gmail accounts and appropriate use of email accounts. The program was facilitated by Aleesa Gupton, a 4H Teen Lead participant.

STARTING YOUR OWN NONPROFIT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, October 13th Turning Point CDC partnered with Resourceful Communities to host a Starting Your Own Nonprofit Workshop. The workshop reviewed the steps that are required to start a nonprofit organization and connected individuals with a Capacity Builder to support them throughout the process. A total of 8 participants completed the workshop.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY DAY



On Saturday, August 7, 2021 Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries hosted our annual Community Day. It included community resource vendors, food trucks, a backpack and school supply giveaway, demonstrations on the Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab and more. 120 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children with help from Microsoft to prepare the backpacks. Dr. Braxton Henderson and the Raheem Cousins provided 11 free haircuts to school-aged children. Oasis of Hope Ministries sowed a financial seed of \$125.00 to support the Vance County Fire Department during the event. Battalion Chief Bryant Williams shared with attendees how previous donations helped the department. His presentation about how the department serves the community was very informative. Community Day had over 200 people in attendance and 18 community vendors.



Vendors included Granville Vance Public Health, Autism Society of NC, Vance County Cooperative Extension, Vance County Girl Scouts, Kerr-Tar Agency on Aging, Perry Memorial Library, Helping All People Excel, Wellness on Wheels Mobile Medical Clinic, Vance County Safe Kids, Henderson-Vance Recreation Department, Vance County Fire Department, Vance-Granville Community College and Amerihealth Caritas. Food was available from Lawrence and Perry BBQ and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck. Entertainment was provided by DJ Reece, Oasis of Hope Ministries Praise Team and Dance Ministry, Annie Perry and Larry Yancey.

COMMUNITY DAY 2021

Huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year a success!



200+

Over 200 people in attendance



120

Backpacks filled with over 1,032 school supplies



17

Community Vendors



11

Free haircuts provided



Vendors: Granville Vance Public Health, Autism Society of NC, Vance County Cooperative Extension, Vance County Girl Scouts, Kerr-Tar Agency on Aging, Perry Memorial Library, Helping All People Excel, Wellness on Wheels Mobile Medical Clinic, Vance County Safe Kids, Henderson-Vance Recreation Department, Vance County Fire Department, Vance-Granville Community College.

Entertainment by DJ Reece, Oasis of Hope Ministries Praise Team and Dance Ministry, Annie Perry (comedy), Larry Yancey (Ministry of Music).

Haircuts provided by Raheem Cousins and Dr. Braxton Henderson.

Food was available from Lawrence and Perry BBQ and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck.

School supplies were donated by community members and backpacks were prepared by Microsoft.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



MICROSOFT BACKPACK STUFFING EVENT

On Friday, July 30, 2021 Kate attended a Microsoft Backpack Stuffing Event to prepare for the backpack and school supplies giveaway at Community Day. Microsoft employees heard a brief presentation about Turning Point CDC's programs and then worked together to stuff 120 backpacks with school supplies. All of the backpacks were distributed on Community Day 2021.

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

On Friday, October 22, 2021 Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries hosted the first annual Community Fall Festival. The event included community resource vendors, food trucks, lawn games, a photo booth, bingo, a bounce house, the Creating Success Mobile Party Bus, a costume contest and a live raffle. We raffled off several exciting prizes to those who purchased tickets. The lucky winners included Jennifer C. for a \$10 Biscuitville gift card, Diana Williams for A Summer With No Ice Cream by T.A. Jones, Deryl Von Williams for The Parent Push by T.A. Jones, Shirley Robinson for a lamp by Extend Your Territory, Stevie Richardson for a \$25 Walmart gift card, Sharon Bryant for a \$25 Middleburg Steakhouse gift card, Wanda Hunt for a kitchen countertop by NC Countertops, Jennifer C. for a 1 year Planet Fitness membership and Deborah Taylor for an HVAC system by Ranex Heating and Air.

We raised a total of \$4,310.00 through raffle sales, ticket sales, and donations.

The event had over 200 attendees and 15 community resource vendors. Vendors in attendance included Granville Vance Public Health, Vance County Cooperative Extension, Kerr-Tarr Agency on Aging, Vance County Safe Kids, Extend Your Territory, NC Countertops LLC, Henderson Family YMCA, The Living and Learning Youth Center, Healthy Blue NC, Amerihealth Caritas, Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Henderson-Vance Recreation & Parks, Vance County Fire Department, Vance Granville Community College and KL Sweet Treats. Food was available from Dwight's Grill on Wheels, Zarie's Kitchen and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck. Entertainment was provided by DJ Reece.



Community Fall Festival 2021



Huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!



200+

Over 200 people in attendance



15

Community resource vendors



3

Delicious food vendors



9

Prizes raffled off



Vendors: Granville Vance Public Health, Vance County Cooperative Extension, Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging, Vance County Safe Kids, Henderson-Vance Recreation Department, Vance County Fire Department, Vance-Granville Community College, Amerihealth Caritas, Extend Your Territory, NC Countertops LLC, Henderson Family YMCA, The Living and Learning Youth Center, Healthy Blue NC, FGV Smart Start, and KL Sweet Treats.

Food was available from Dwight's Grill on Wheels, Zarie's Kitchen, and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck.

Activities included bingo, a photo booth, bouncy house, costume contest, lawn games, party bus, and a live raffle!



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