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Sheriff Deputy Tracy Neal along with Granville County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Alisa McLean (on the left in pink) and Jennifer Currin, Allison Lambert, Chris Jones, Rev. Frankie McLean, Natasha Currin, Kelly Herman and Randy Perkinson from Pleasant Grove Baptist distribute meals at Mt. Energy Elementary School.



## Triangle North Healthcare Foundation Responds to COVID-19

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In April, Triangle North Healthcare Foundation announced the launch of a COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund, available to nonprofit, local government, and educational organizations, serving the counties of Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren.

In anticipation of the increasing stress from the COVID-19 Pandemic on the capacity of the local safety net organizations, the Foundation Board made a commitment to provide up to \$500,000 for community relief through grants.

The Foundation is stepping beyond its normal health focus for this special COVID-19 grant cycle, according to Val Short, Executive Director, and relief projects will not be limited to only health-related programming.

"We still have a lot to learn about COVID-19 and its evolving impact on our communities," said Short, "But now our focus is on how we can provide financial assistance in the coming weeks and months to organizations in our region that support those most vulnerable."

To date, the Foundation has awarded four grants from the COVID-19 response fund for feeding projects in the region. Those projects are featured in the following pages of the newsletter. An additional 15 grant requests are currently being reviewed.

A grant application is required and is available at the Foundation's online grant portal. A link to the grant portal is available at the website: <http://www.tnhfoundation.org> Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2020 and will be reviewed as they are submitted by the Foundation's staff and Grant Review Committee.

Triangle North Healthcare Foundation is a regional healthcare grantmaking organization, based in Henderson. This health legacy foundation was established in 2011 following the merge of Maria Parham Health and Duke Lifepoint.

The Foundation's mission- to encourage, support, and invest in quality efforts that measurably improve health in the Triangle North area- is achieved through funding programs and projects that improve health in Vance, Warren, Franklin, and Granville counties.

Contributions from Triangle North Healthcare Foundation to community organizations total over \$1.8 million since it began grantmaking in 2013.

## Our Mission

To encourage, support and invest in quality efforts that measurably improve health in the Triangle North Region.

## Our Vision

To live in a healthy community.

## Our Focus Areas

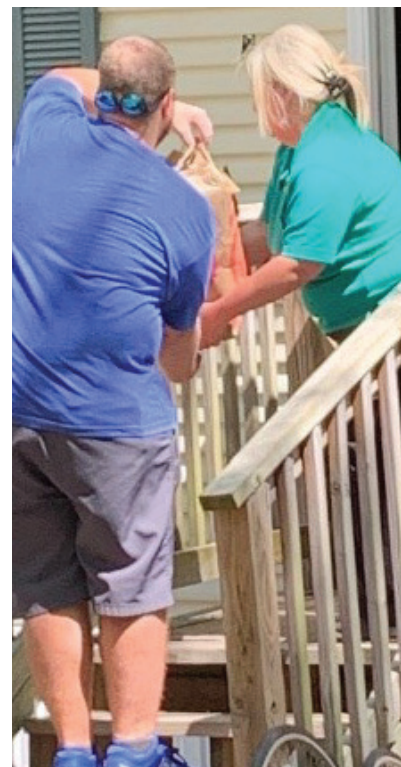
The Foundation gives priority to grant projects that will have a positive impact and improve health in these priority areas:

- Chronic Disease
- Nutrition & Physical Fitness
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Reproductive Health
- Child Well-Being

**Next  
Grant Cycle  
Opens  
Spring 2021**  
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GCPS Board of Education Chairman, David Richardson and Falls Lake Academy Executive Director, Amy Hobgood prepare meals for kids during the Spring Break program.



SRO Jessica Laws and Pastor Nick Garner deliver groceries to families in need on the last day of distribution

## *Flat River Baptist Association Launches Spring Break Feeding Project in Granville County*

The Flat River Baptist Association received funds from the Triangle North Healthcare Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund to assist with a Spring Break Feeding Project for all children in Granville County in April.

The Association, led by Granville County School board chairman David Richardson, partnered with churches, businesses, and over 120 volunteers to plan, fund raise, prepare and distribute the meals as well as groceries to those in need due to the COVID crisis and food insecurity.

Over 24,000 meals were served during the six-day project to children ages 2 to 18 years and their families at eight locations across Granville County. The program impacted food insecurity during the early stages of the COVID pandemic at a time that the local school district could not serve the children. Food distribution sites included: C.G. Credle Elementary School, Oxford Housing Authority, Stovall Shaw Elementary School, Family Trailer Park in Oxford, Butner Stem Middle School, and Mt. Energy Elementary School in Creedmoor.

In addition to serving meals at the eight sites, School Resource Officers within the community delivered bags of groceries to families in need.

Flat River Baptist Association is a group of Baptist churches, based in Oxford, with the purpose of strengthening and extending their ministries. The organization promotes fellowship, encourages cooperation, discovers areas of spiritual need, and serves as a channel for sharing resources.





Club members Jakayla K., Keyon T., Jakiha K. (front to back) of the Vance County Unit receive meals at their home.



Granville County club member, Jason O. with a "Be Great Box" that includes supplies & materials needed for virtual program activities. Handouts included for members without internet or devices.

## ***Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central NC Responds to Food Needs in Granville and Vance Counties***

With the grant funding from Triangle North Healthcare Foundation's COVID Relief Fund, the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central North Carolina was able to serve a hot, healthy dinner to 100 club members between the ages of 5 and 18 each day in Vance and Granville counties. Beginning on April 27, club volunteers served hot meals Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Oxford and Henderson locations. The program ended on June 30.

In addition, 71 club members received a "Be Great Box" that included all the supplies and materials needed to take part in their virtual program online. For those members who did not have devices or internet access, the "Be Great Box" also included handouts so that all club members could participate.

Before the Club closings, a hot dinner was provided to members each day after school, to ensure that members went to bed on a full stomach and could be ready for the next day. This grant program provided hot dinners daily to club members and their families while maintaining physical distancing. Parents drove up (or walked) through a drive-thru style service and collected the number of dinners needed for the evening. At the end of the drive thru service, club leaders delivered left over dinners to members who were unable to get to the distribution site. Additional funding for this project was provided by USDA and private donors.

Boys and Girls Clubs of North Central NC is a non-profit organization which gives kids a fun, safe place to go and provides life-enhancing programs in Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties. The mission of the club is to enable all young people, especially those with the most need, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.



# Working Landscapes Responds to Pandemic with Healthy, Local Food

Working Landscapes received the Triangle North Healthcare Foundation COVID-19 relief funding to provide healthy, locally-sourced ready-to-heat meals, free of charge to Warren County residents whose food needs were not currently adequately addressed during the pandemic.

From April through June, this program provided family-size weekend meals to families who received weekday meals from Warren County School's Child Nutrition Program.

Two hundred and fifty families per week for eight weeks received over 2,000 meals through this collaborative, public-private partnership that engaged Working Landscapes, On Main Southern Eatery, Warren County Schools, Warren County Cooperative Extension, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Turning Point CDC, other nonprofits, local farmers, and low-income families in Warren County.

The program also served individual meals to 100 low-income residents at the Warren County Senior Center, an effort that is expected to continue indefinitely.


Working Landscapes managed the overall implementation of the project that included handling the logistics of identifying and purchasing locally grown produce and meat for use in the meals, purchasing, packaging, and creating labels for each meal. They also managed distribution, via schools or other nonprofit partner organizations such as Loaves and Fishes food pantry, John 3:16 Center, and Cooperative Extension. The Warrenton restaurant, On Main Southern Eatery, prepared and packaged the meals in their kitchen. Local farmers provided locally grown meat and produce.

This project has been recognized as a model for collaborative and community-based responses to the economic hardship caused by COVID-19. Gabriel Cummings, Working Landscapes Associate Director, along with Ron Judkins and Emily McCormick, owners of On Main Southern Eatery, were invited to give a presentation in a UNC-sponsored forum showcasing innovative responses to the pandemic.


Established in 2010, Working Landscapes is based in Warrenton and has developed the region's only food hub, working with many local and regional partners to increase access to healthy, local food in our rural region. At the food hub, farm products are chopped and bagged to make them easy for cafeterias to use, and distributed to regional institutions. Working Landscapes also sponsors hands-on educational programming to get kids excited about healthy eating. Known as "What's Growing On," the program engages students and teachers through classroom lessons, cafeteria programming and school gardens.



Summer Pesto Pasta, prepared by On Main Southern Eatery featuring Warren County squash from Gene Rooker



Ron Judkins, owner On Main Southern Eatery, Chalis Henderson, Director Turning Point Community Development Corporation, and Ellen Denning, Local Food Access Intern with Working Landscapes distribute ready-to-heat meals in Warrenton.



Gabe Cumming, left, associate director of nonprofit Working Landscapes, and Vaughan Elementary School Cafeteria Manager Brenda Kearney help distribute meals from the school on April 24.