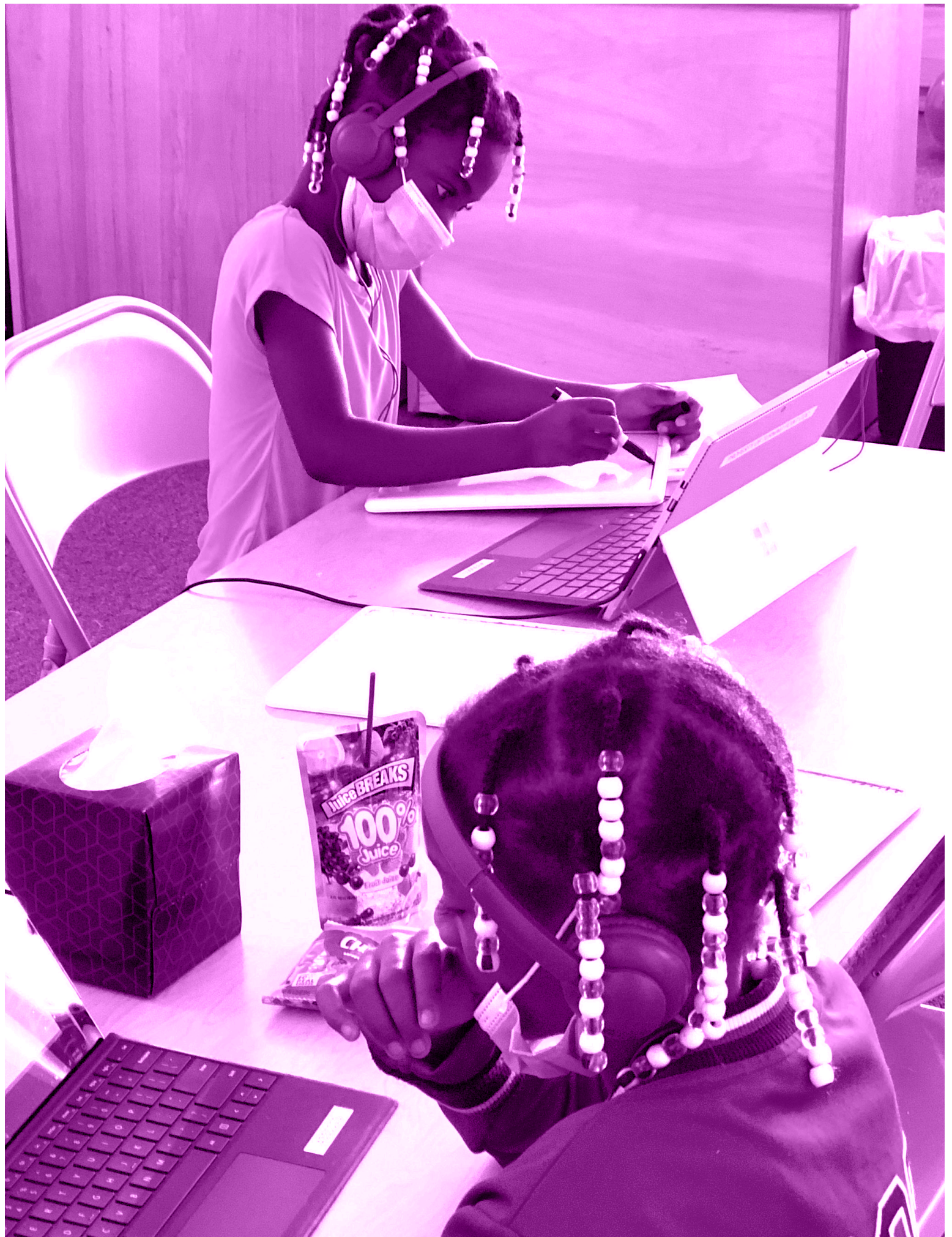


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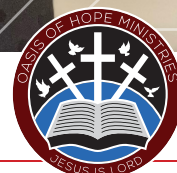




A Letter from Pastor Catherine Sledge

Oasis of
Hope Ministries

2020 The Year of Perfect Vision



Greetings Oasis of Hope Ministries and Partners, as I reflect upon 2020, our ministry theme “2020 The Year of Perfect Vision” was truly ordained by God. We had to see through the eyes of God to maneuver through a year like none other. We started the year with the Daniel Fast for 21 days and once again, we were relying totally on the Holy Spirit to be our guide through the year. Our Ministers - Wiline Isom, Sidney Crews, James Inman and Manuela Inman were assigned to teach each 4th Sunday from the series, “Teaching to Change Lives”. Oasis of Hope Ministries continued to operate by doing “Ministry With Purpose”. It was an honor for our couples to host the annual Children’s, Youth and Singles’ Valentine ministry February 1, 2020 with a 70’s theme. It was a time to laugh, dance, enjoy God’s word, fun games, activities and tremendous fellowship. The food was delicious and we all felt special. On February 8, 2020 it was the couples’ time to have a special Valentine ministry. This beautiful occasion allowed our couples to dance, fellowship, enjoy activities and enjoy a delicious meal while fellowshiping with other couples.

We continued to keep the ministry covered in prayer each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. under the leadership of Minister James Inman and Wednesday night prayer and Bible Study from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We know

that without God, we could do nothing and with Him, all things are possible. Our Women of Purpose and Men of Honor Christian Education classes each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. brought dedicated groups together to study God’s word from a selected book and establish a special bond between believers. It is a joy to witness the growth in our spiritual lives because of these studies.

We could not predict that Sunday, March 15th would be our final time worshipping in the building because of COVID -19 coronavirus disease until we returned August 16th. We listened to updates and followed the guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our hearts shared in the losses and challenges that many were experiencing throughout the world. To ensure that God’s word continued to be taught and shared with the Oasis family and partners, we operated through a new platform of recording at the church and viewing the teaching each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Our church administrator, Chalis Henderson gave above and beyond to make sure that church announcements and teachings were shared in a professional manner and in a Spirit of Excellence. The Oasis family and partners demonstrated their love for the ministry by sowing their tithes, offerings and Yearly Seed the entire time that we were not able to come together. There was never lack and provision was there for every



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obligation. It was a blessing knowing that the Oasis family was listening and learning via our new platform of getting the word out each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. It was doing this time of COVID-19 that my heart was yearning for a way to show support to the Oasis family, partners and the communities that we serve. Through the dedicated efforts of Turning Point Community Development Corporation, the prayers to give back to help others were answered in HUGE ways. It was a joy to see the smiles on faces and to feel the thankful hearts as people received produce boxes, Family meals and meals for the children. I know without a shadow of doubt that Oasis was doing exactly what God ordained us to do.

Team Oasis proved that even in the midst of a pandemic, there was much work to be done for Kingdom Building. We give God the glory for the Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom; Holy Communion taken in various homes April 12th; April 22nd closed on Building #2 to be used for sanctuary; Building #1 transformation began for Creating Success Education Center, Computer Lab and multi-purpose room; Remote Learning Site established; Honored Casha Dees for graduating from North Carolina Central University with her Bachelor degree and Andrew Somerville for graduating high school from Henderson Collegiate; Drive-through birthday celebration for Pastor Catherine's 64th birthday; Creating Success Mobile Lab purchased and repurposing bus started; Fully staffed for teaching team for King's Kids and YES! Youth Empowered Spiritually for Children's Ministry the 1st - 4th Sundays; VIP's Victorious, Identified, Predestined (4th graders - 12th graders) went to a whole new level under the leadership of Minister Wiline Isom and Dr. Braxton Henderson; Praise Team In-House Celebration held September 13th to honor a dedicated and faithful group for singing faith-filled songs every Sunday under the leadership of Devni Joseph; Ministry Coordinators met with to ensure all ministries operate in a Spirit of Excellence; Security system added for both buildings; A Taste of African Heritage cooking classes and nutritional sessions held to help people stay healthy with Janelle Inman as instructor; Military Appreciation service held November 8th; 25 produce boxes donated to Vance County Department of Social Services for Thanksgiving; Christmas at Oasis to honor Oasis family; Year-End Celebration December 18th to recap 2020, share the vision for 2021, hear testimonies of God's goodness during 2020 and share prizes for Yearly Seed; Salvation and new Oasis family members; Healing took place; Lives were changed because people came to Hear the Word, Believe the Word and Apply the Word. The Perfect Vision through the eyes of God blessed us to have the best year ever!

It is an honor to serve as the Pastor of Oasis of Hope Ministries and to work along with a great team of teachable believers who demonstrate their love for Jesus Christ and the ministry. We will always cherish the memories and legacy of our founder, Apostle Alvin Donald Sledge. He trained us well to do the work of the ministry. I know that he would be proud of every accomplishment and that we continue to give God the glory for the great things that He has done. I am so thankful and excited that we all continue to avail ourselves to be used for Ministry With Purpose!

In God's Service,
Pastor Catherine Sledge



A Letter from Chalis Henderson

Turning Point Community Development Corporation

Giving Liberates the Soul of the Giver

Seasons Greetings to our Partners, we hope this message finds you well and prosperous. We are so grateful to have such wonderful community partners and are excited to share this year-end report with you to celebrate all of the achievements that we've accomplished together this year. 2020 presented unprecedented challenges to individuals, families, and organizations all over the world. We chose not to view this global dilemma as a barrier or hindrance to our work, but rather as an opportunity to learn new skills, make new connections, and deepen our commitment to our core values. By focusing on our promise to serve rural communities in North Carolina through our four pillars (economic development, education, health and wellness, and community engagement), we were able to thrive as a source of support for communities in several different ways. We've served meals to families, supported students through remote learning, assisted individuals to engage in their civic responsibilities by volunteering with early voting sites, and more. Despite the challenges of this year, the relationships that we've developed with community members is what has kept us focused and driven. We want to thank all of you for your support and for working alongside us as we serve.

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Your efforts continue to remind us that the true gift of this season is demonstrating love through service. As the poet Maya Angelou reflected, "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." We have truly been blessed by the opportunity to give to others, and we hope that we are presented with more opportunities to serve the rural communities of North Carolina in years to come.

Yours in service,

Chalis Henderson

Chalis Henderson,
Executive Director



OUR MISSION.

The mission of Turning Point Community Development Corporation is to serve as a catalyst for the continued development, transformation, and empowerment of communities in Vance, Granville, Warren, and Franklin counties of North Carolina.

WHAT WE DO.

We achieve our mission by providing access to educational opportunities, nutrition-related benefits, physical health and social enrichment. We create an empowering environment that promotes personal and professional development for children, youth and adults.



EDUCATION



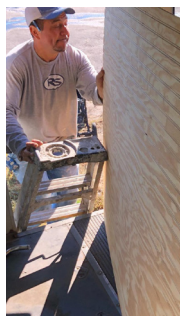
CREATING SUCCESS EDUCATION CENTER REMOTE LEARNING SITE

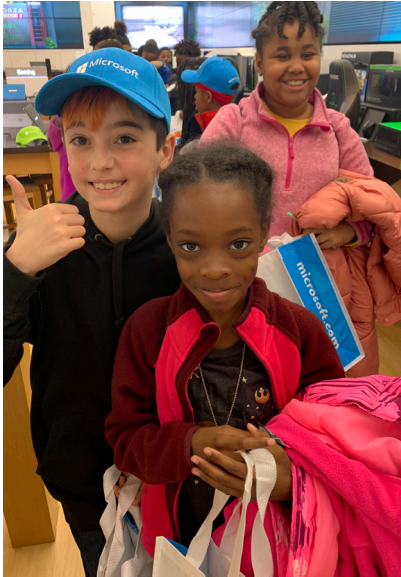
We opened our doors on August 17, 2020 as a remote learning site to ensure that students and families in our community had access to a safe, supportive, and affordable educational environment for school-age children while schools are in Plan B/C due to Covid-19. We opened with just one student, and quickly enrolled 18 students in our program. We offer full-day programming that includes a quality academic environment, recreation/physical education, and extended learning activities that support their social-emotional wellbeing.



CREATING SUCCESS MOBILE LEARNING LAB

Great progress was made in 2020 on the Mobile Learning Lab. We purchased our first school bus in May and began with the construction of the inside of the lab. Under the leadership of Mr. Perez, the seats were removed, walls were installed, and the first work station was built by a team of volunteers. Special thanks to Lawrence & Perry BBQ for hosting two fundraising events that supported the construction of the mobile learning lab. The learning lab is slated for full operation in Spring 2021.





STEAM DREAMS

STEAM DREAMS is a program that allows youth to explore their imaginations and creativity to make their dreams become a reality through science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

School-Based Coding Program

This year we provided an in-school coding program for elementary students in Vance County. We began serving 4th grade students at Dabney Elementary in the 2019-2020 school year. We expanded our program to include 4th and 5th grade students at Dabney Elementary and 4th grade students at EM Rollins Elementary. We are currently working with 115 students in our school-based programming. On June 10, 2020 we were presented the Partnership of the Year Award for Dabney Elementary School.

On Tuesday January 21, and Thursday, January 23, 2020 Dabney Elementary students had the opportunity to travel to Microsoft in Durham, NC. During their visit the students worked hands-on with the latest Microsoft hardware and software. They learned how to create visual art as well as the step-by-step process of creating computer games. Students used Microsoft's Makecode Arcade website to develop their own programming skills and to create retro arcade games with code blocks and JavaScript. They applied the prior knowledge obtained from their coding classes to create block code. The students also learned new coding vocabulary and enhanced their current coding skills. Special thank you to the Microsoft team for making this learning experience for our students so amazing.



Community-Based STEAM Programs

We believe that all students should have access to high-quality learning experiences so we team up with community partners and national organizations to provide STEAM-based programs for rural youth. This year, we teamed up with Microsoft and Betabox Labs to offer virtual STEM camps to rural youth.

Elementary and middle school youth participated in Design Your Own App; Create Your Own Video Game; Minecraft Hour of Code; How to Build a Website; Roblox with Lua; Music with Ruby; and Python Game Design



Scholarships

As of July 1, 2020 the Chalis Sledge Henderson Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to twelve students. The students are graduates of Warren County High School or members of Oasis of Hope Ministries. The mission of the Chalis Sledge Henderson Scholarship Foundation is to ensure that the educational needs of students in our community are met by serving as a resource for students who are actively involved in greater communities and striving for academic excellence.



SIMPLE+BENEFICIAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

WORKSHOP SERIES



On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020, Turning Point CDC hosted a Simple and Beneficial Seminar "Staying Healthy While Staying Home." This virtual seminar was geared towards COVID-19. Topics included ways to stay healthy through correct sanitation and prevention methods, healthy recipes, grocery shopping tips, and healthy menu selections while dining out. We had a total of 15 attendees from Durham, Granville, Vance, and Warren Counties.

A Taste of African Heritage Cooking Class brings African food traditions to life through a hands-on experience. This 6-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 Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and concluded on October 6, 2020.



"I participated in A Taste of African Heritage cooking class for six weeks September 1, 2020 - October 6, 2020. Those six classes were worth every minute of the 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. schedule. My life was transformed with the new knowledge of healthy foods and how to prepare those foods. I believe the greatest benefit for me was actually being in the class with our teacher, Janelle Inman modeling every step of preparation of the foods. She got each student actively involved in preparing and cooking the foods. The anticipatory set of all the products displayed on the table before each class began really got me excited. Every class was well planned and every student literally had a hand in preparing the delicious dishes. The handout, A Taste of African Heritage cooking booklet and the cooking resources that were given as a prize at the end of the class are greatly appreciated and I am already using them in my home."

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Located at Oasis of Hope Ministries, our community garden features seasonal produce, herbs, and flowers. The garden is managed by a team of volunteers of all ages from toddlers to seniors.

MONTHLY FITNESS CHALLENGE

We offered monthly fitness challenges to keep everyone active and engaged in physical activity. Winners of the challenge were presented prizes for their participation. In June, we hosted an outdoor walking event at the Henderson Family YMCA. It was so refreshing to go for an outdoor walk during that time.



MOORE'S FARM

STOVALL, N.C.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM

The Launchpad Program was developed in 2020 with a mission to equip youth and adults with the skills and experience to thrive in the current workforce. We provide ongoing skills-based training and professional development opportunities and partner with local organizations and businesses to serve as job-placement sites.

Our first cohort of participants included 8 youth and adults who received training and job placement in Summer 2020.

4 middle and high school students successfully completed a 7-week, 10.5 hour Financial Literacy program hosted by the NC Cooperative Extension. Topics included budgeting, investing, entrepreneurship, assessing needs versus wants, planning for your financial future, and more.





SUMMER KIDS FEEDING PROGRAM:

Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries partnered with the NC Food Bank to provide hot lunch meals for children in our community. In Summer 2020, over 3600 meals were distributed by our team to families with school-age children.

PRODUCE BOX DISTRIBUTION:

We distributed 1525 produce boxes from May 10th - December 30th. Boxes are purchased from Moore's Family Farm, a local farm family in Granville County. Each week we served about 80 families who had been impacted by Covid-19. The produce boxes included a simple recipe that could easily be prepared with ingredients from the box. A priority was placed on families with children, senior citizens, individuals with compromised immune systems, or families who have experienced economic hardship. The produce box program was funded by the Protolabs Foundation, The Conservation Fund, and Triangle North Healthcare Foundation.

FAMILY MEAL DISTRIBUTION:

Nearly 2200 family meals were given to families in Warren, Franklin, Granville, and Vance counties from August 7th - December 10th, 2020. These free healthy meals were catered by On Main Southern Eatery and Venue using local sourced ingredients. Working Landscapes partnered with local farmers to produce the meat, fruit, and vegetables that were used as key ingredients in these meals. Funding was provided by Triangle North Healthcare Foundation and Warren County Government.



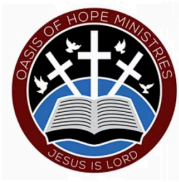
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



SAFE SITE VOTING EVENTS:

Turning Point CDC hosted four Safe Site voting events in Warren and Vance county. The events encouraged individuals to vote in a safe and fun environment. Our team of volunteers provided snacks, refreshments, water, and chairs to voters and community members.

PARTNERS



Oasis of Hope Ministries



Protolabs Foundation



Resourceful Communities



Partners in Health and Wholeness



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Betabox Learning



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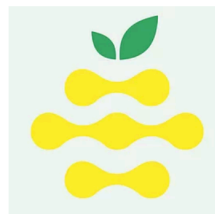
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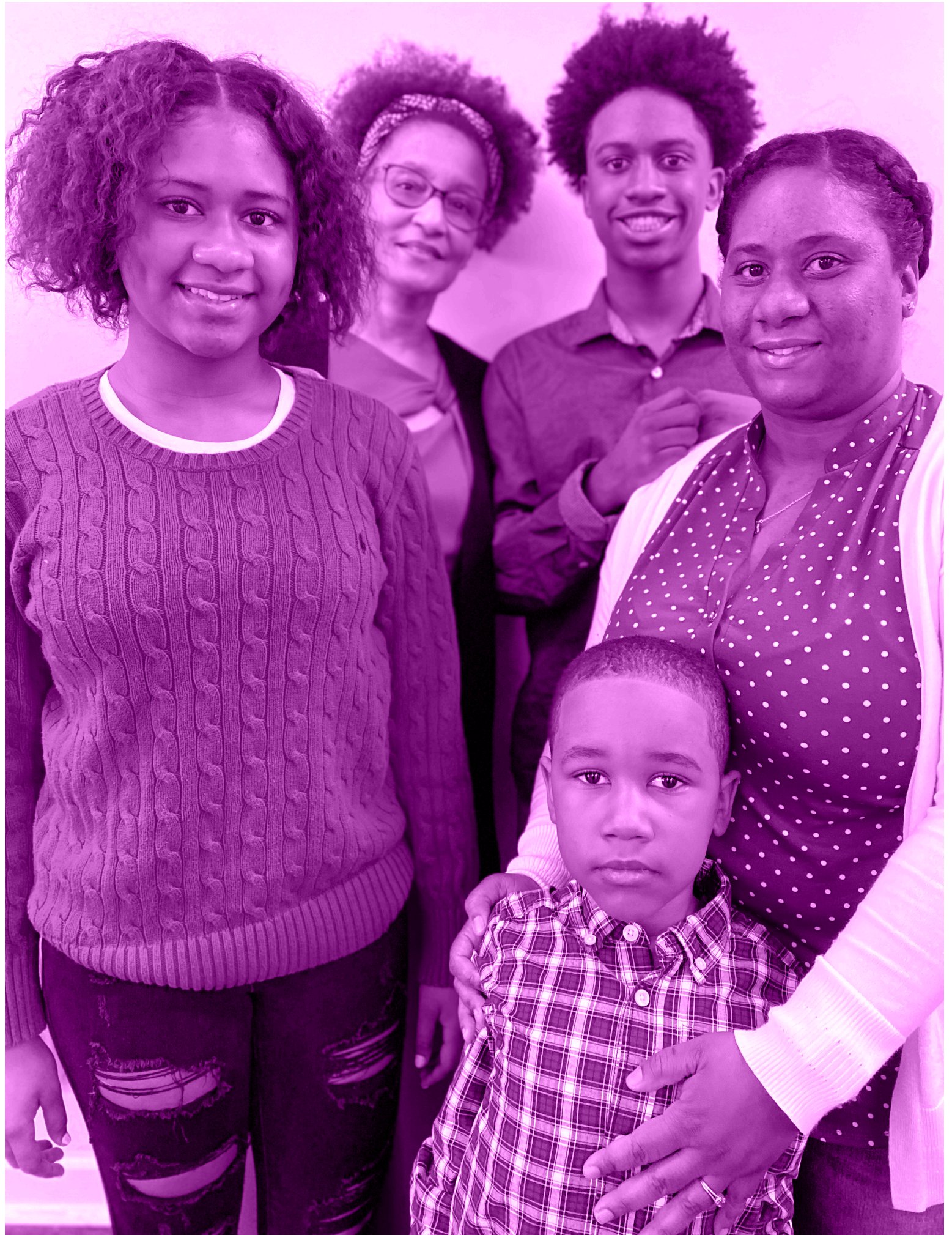
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