



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2022

OASIS OF HOPE MINISTRIES +  
TURNING POINT COMMUNITY  
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# A Letter from Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge

Dear Oasis Family and Partners,

The year of 2022 has been absolutely amazing. We continued to do Ministry With Purpose and put God first. He truly showed himself mightily in everything that took place at Oasis. As the leader of this great team, I was always mindful to seek God in everything that took place. God gave me the vision and I shared it on a daily basis with the Oasis family and partners. I could literally see people's eyes and hearts opened to the vision and we all grasped hold and did our individual parts to bring the vision to manifestation.

I am so blessed to have a beautiful church family who works together and believes in what God has ordained for Oasis of Hope Ministries. We all can see what teamwork can produce and know that nothing just falls out of the sky. We all have to put forth dedicated effort and 2022 proved to be a powerful display of increase in the ministry. We grew in membership, faith, personal development and most importantly, living lives of salvation through Jesus Christ. Oasis is a teaching ministry that impacts every area of our lives when we apply the taught word. I got to witness the application of the word through the believers constantly during 2022. It was a joy to see! It was FUN for me to witness transformation in so many ways.

I want to thank everyone for a blessed 2022 and speak God's blessings upon you for the impact that you made in ministry. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*Catherine Sledge*

Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge

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# Oasis of Hope Ministries - 2022 Year in Review

**2022 — The Year of Honoring 21 Years of Ministry Through Our Work of Faith, Labor of Love, and Patience of Hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 1:3**

Our yearly theme was kicked off in high gear as we celebrated during our first morning worship service on January 2, 2022. We shared in dynamic Praise and Worship, Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge taught from the topic Thanksgiving For These Believers - A Letter from Paul, Silas and Timothy and we connected with Jesus Christ through Holy Communion. We are continuing to study from the broad topic, The Purpose Driven Church. We enjoyed a special birthday song, cupcakes and juice to honor Oasis for its 21st birthday that took place Monday, January 3, 2022.

**January 3rd** - The Daniel Fast began our Foundation Month and we received a Food Guide, studied from the book *The Daniel Fast* by Susan Gregory and received lots of recipe resources. Powerful testimonies were shared throughout the Fast.

**January 30th** - The General Business meeting was held with the Oasis family and partners to share the heart of the ministry for 2022. The annual Calendar of Events, Goals and Visions and "Who's Serving Where?" were distributed. We purposed to serve in ministry in a Spirit of Excellence.

**February 6th** - Manifestation of answered prayers was celebrated as our keyboard player ministered during Morning Worship with the Oasis Praise Team for the first time. The sound of music filled the atmosphere and we gave God the glory.

**February 11th** - The Children, Youth and Singles Valentine's celebration was sponsored by Oasis of Hope Ministries and Turning Point CDC. Participants enjoyed games, activities, dancing, a delicious meal from Skipper's BBQ and wonderful fellowship. The Marriage Ministry hosted the event and treated everyone like Kings and Queens. A gift bag was presented to everyone and the group took home "Heart" canvas paintings. Participants couldn't help but feel special in the beautifully decorated multi-purpose room and lots of smiles were seen for pictures. The grand total attendance was 48. To God be the glory!

**February 12th** - The Marriage Ministry celebrated Valentine's day with a cooking demonstration prepared by Chef Frankie Banks of 51ate. The couples enjoyed relationship-building activities that included painting, dancing, cooking demonstration, and sharing reflections.

**February 13th** - Super Sunday was celebrated and worshippers came dressed in sports attire to represent their favorite team. Our Singles' Ministry kicked off on this Sunday under the leadership of Maurice and Kimiko Williams. We are studying Before You Marry - A Single's Guide to Choosing and Being God's Best Spouse.

**April 6th** - The SHAPE Bible Study began. Angelena Kearney-Dunlap is the teacher.

**April 25th - April 30th:** Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge was honored with a week-long celebration for her 66th birthday. Her office was decorated and she received a surprise Birthday message from Tar Heel great, Armando Bacot. She received a surprise lunch and Bible Study party, beautiful plants and flowers, gifts from Creating Success Education Center, a shopping trip, dinner and a surprise video. It was overwhelming and much appreciated. She felt all the LOVE! To God be the glory!

**May 22nd** - The Oasis family hosted a Baby Shower for Pastors Dr. Braxton and Chalis Henderson. We enjoyed a catered meal, games and lots of laughter.

**June 1st** - Owen Sledge Henderson was born and the parents, Pastors Dr. Braxton and Chalis Henderson were very proud. Silas and Aldon welcomed their little brother to the family.

**June 26th** - The Oasis family hosted a graduation celebration for George Joseph. He is a Warren New Tech graduate and attends UNC Greensboro. We are proud of George.

**September 18th** - We observed a Day of Celebration and Praise as we honored our Praise Team. They were presented a special gift for their dedicated service to Kingdom Building. We were blessed to partake of Holy Communion and five believers were baptized: Senior Minister Sidney Crews, Dylan Dees, Chance Dees, Noah Williams and T'Sean Kearney. We enjoyed a delicious fellowship meal. The announcement was made to the Oasis family that the sanctuary is PAID IN FULL!

**September 25th** - Honoring the memory of Apostle Alvin Donald Sledge was done in a unique way as lots of videos were shown and we felt as if Apostle was right there with us. We always pause to remember the great legacy that he left and it is awesome to see how we continue to bring the vision to manifestation.



**October 14th and 15th** - Men of Honor Camping Trip was held at Camp Kerr. The men enjoyed great fellowship, food and activities. Minister Micah Kearney was honored as Man of the Year.

**October 30th** - We conducted our final baptism of the year with James Ireland and Emmeron Evans Jr. getting baptized. It was a very blessed event.

**November 5th** - Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge and Dr. Chandra Sledge Mathias completed the 15K Hot Chocolate Run in Chicago.

**November 13th** - Pastor Billy Callahan of Camp Kerr Lake Shiloh Family Ministries ministered God's word for Military Appreciation as we honored the great men and women who served and still serve in the military. We were proud to recognize Ray Dawson, Barbara Kearney, Pastor David Ware and Pastor Billy Callahan. Each Veteran received a gift and we served red, white and blue treats.

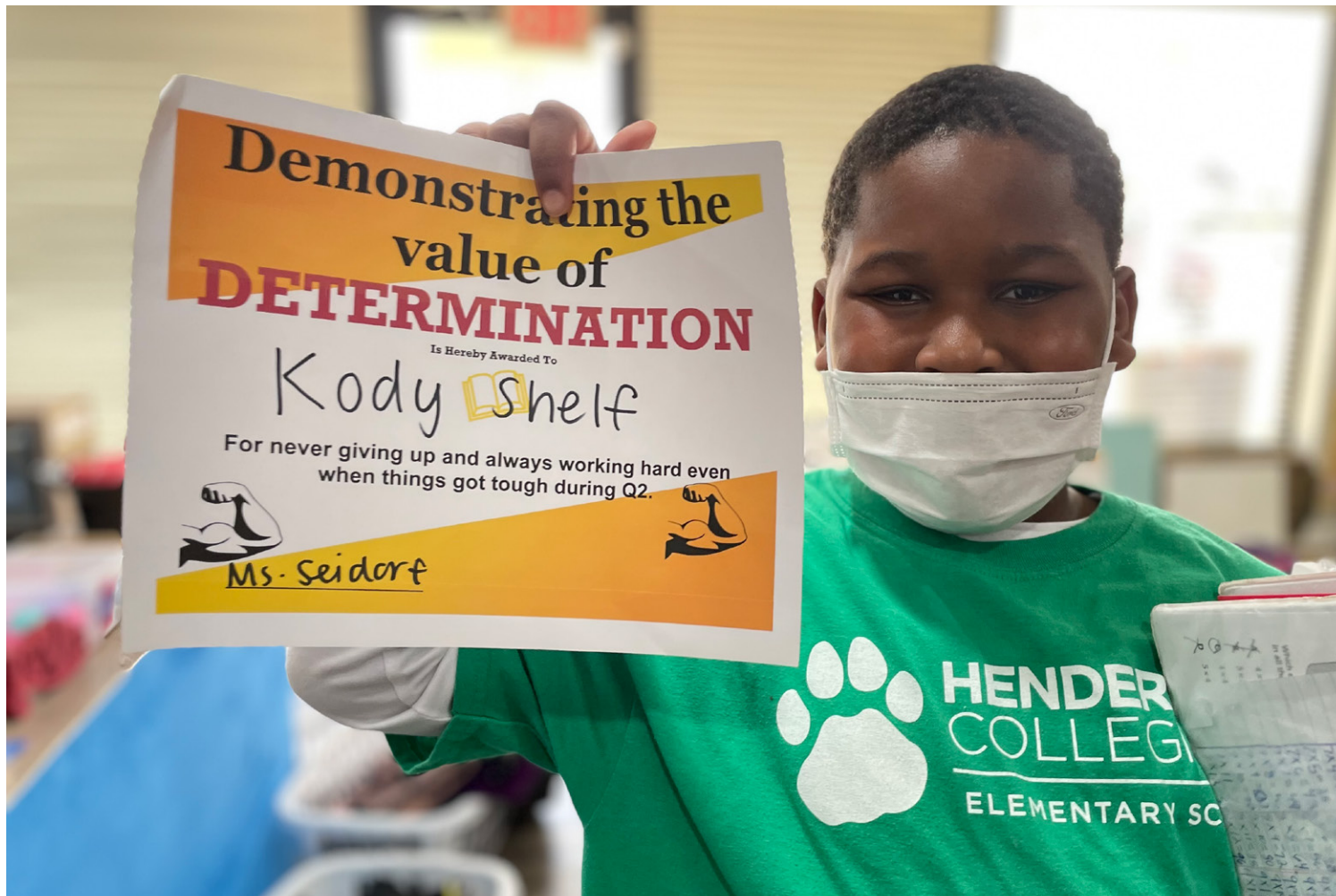
**December 4th** - Christmas at Oasis is a time to celebrate our church family, enjoy a delicious fellowship meal and receive Christmas gifts. We are blessed and thankful for our dedicated church family and the way they carry forth the vision given by Jesus Christ.

**December 16th - Year-End Celebration** This is a special service to celebrate all that took place during the year in ministry. D.J. Reece kicks off the celebration at 6:00 p.m. and the service begins at 7:00 p.m. We are blessed to sow five Yearly Seed give-aways to those who blessed the ministry with the \$365.00 Yearly Seed. The 2023 Vision and Goals are shared by Senior Pastor Catherine Sledge and Pastor Chalis Henderson. We worship and praise God with our dynamic Praise Team under the direction of Pastor Dr. Braxton Henderson. God has been so good to our church family and we pause to thank him for the blessings. This is a celebration dedicated to Jesus Christ and an awesome church family.

Our powerful and dynamic 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer experiences continued to set the tone for the ministry. Dedicated believers would stop each Tuesday to connect in prayer. Even though some of the callers were at work, they would put the phone on mute just to be in the presence of God through prayer. People were healed, provision provided and prayers answered. Oasis is always mindful to go to the Father in prayer because he has the answers and guidance for us.







## Turning Point Community Development Corporation

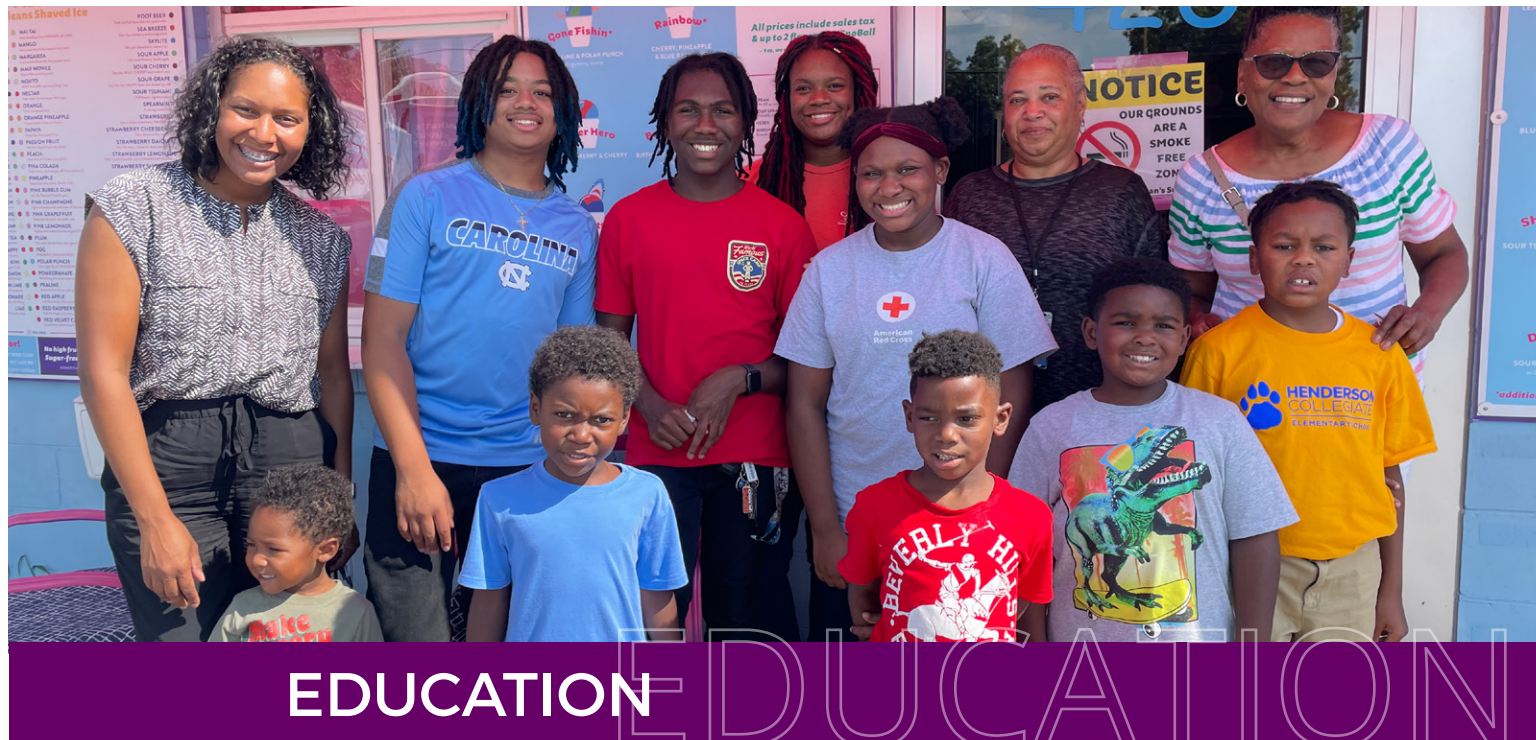
*We believe rural communities can thrive & flourish!*

Turning Point CDC is the nonprofit organization established in partnership with Oasis of Hope Ministries.

**Mission:**

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.





## CREATING SUCCESS AFTER SCHOOL

### Creating Success After School 2021-2022:

Creating Success After School Program was an exploratory experience for 32 students during the 2021-2022 school year. The students participated in hands-on learning, educational field trips, and exerted their brains through the STEAM Dream programs. Painting, gardening, LEGOs, and 3-D development were all integrated into the math, science, and reading lessons. This was done through our everyday lessons and special events, such as LEGO Day and EOG Prep Day.

Every activity was theme related: Reptiles and Amphibians, Summer, Spring, and Circus. Students participated in monthly field trips and off-campus learning experiences. "A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions" -Oliver Wendell Holmes

The trips to the NC Museum of Science, the NC Museum of History, the NC Zoo, and the NC Museum of Life and Science added an integral part of each lesson. The students were able to take visuals from the Microsoft hub, picture books, and internet research and experience them in real life. This created new experiences for the students.





## SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

### June 20th - August 5th:

Summer Learning Program included the following camps: LEGO & Robotics, Food, Arts & Crafts, Music & Drama, God's Wonder Lab, Mega Sports Camp, Bubble Festival. Eighteen students were served during each camp and lots of learning, educational and social enrichment and exciting trips were enjoyed.

The 2022 program was funded by The Conservation Fund. The program implemented environmental entrepreneurship as a key component. Students learned how to create societal impact through Environmental Entrepreneurship using the existing community garden at Creating Success Education Center. Students were introduced to Environmental Entrepreneurship and guided through the process of establishing and promoting a for-profit venture through the selling of value-added products using produce from the community garden. Key focus areas of the program are placed on developing their relationship building among each other and program partners, marketing, public relations, and communications skills. Off-site learning experiences included Discovery Place Science Museum, Hill Ridge Farms, Sylvan Heights Bird Park, Durham Bulls Game, and Lions Water Adventure.







## CREATING SUCCESS MOBILE LEARNING LAB

The Creating Success Mobile Learning Lab (CSMLL) travels within the community, creating access to high-quality educational programs for youth and adults in rural communities. Our goal is to increase the economic prosperity and quality of life through educational and economic development programming in Warren, Vance, Granville, and Franklin counties. The converted school bus is equipped with Microsoft technology and visits community events, community centers, churches, playgrounds, and other popular gathering places.

In 2022, the CSMLL continued traveling the community and brought technology programs, robotics, coding, and more to youth and adults at various events. Events attended include the Henderson-Vance Shamrocks on Breckenridge

event on March 17th, Mt. Moriah AME Zion Church's Community Outreach Day on March 26th, the FGV Smart Start Ducky Derby on September 17th, Turning Point CDC's Community Fall Festival on October 31st, and the Henderson Christmas Parade on December 3rd. The CSMLL also had several visits to Sugar N' Spice Preschool throughout the year to bring interactive mobile learning to preschool students.

The learning lab will partner with Vance County 4-H Tech Changemakers in 2023 to offer instructional programs to community members. Topics will include Google Calendar, Canva, Computer Basics, Google Forms, Email Basics, Google Drive, using Microsoft Products, Engaging Audiences Online, and Basic Computer Safety.







# WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## ***LAUNCHPAD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM***

The Launchpad is a workforce development program for 9th - 12th grade youth in our region to equip them with job readiness skills and experience to enter the workforce. This is a cohort-based, year round program. Beginning in June, participants complete a week-long training full of workshops, networking opportunities, and team building (20 hours). They are then placed in six-week paid summer internships with local agencies (90 hours). Participants accomplish eight competencies throughout the summer program: Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Equity & Inclusion, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork and Technology. Our 2022 cohort has 8 students and is sponsored by PNC Foundation.

The Launchpad Program connected students with mentors from different professions and taught them about their fields. Students participated in several workshops including topics such as Setting Financial Goals, Mock Interviews, Resume Building, Teen Mental Health, Maximizing Internships, and Professionalism in the Workplace. Participants were trained on hard and soft skills in the workplace. TPCDC partners with local organizations, businesses, community colleges, and area professionals to maximize the Launchpad Program.

## ***ETIQUETTE LUNCHEON***

On October 8th, 2022 Turning Point CDC hosted an Etiquette Luncheon for teenagers as part of the Launchpad Program. The luncheon served as an opportunity for the high-school aged students to learn about proper etiquette and dining skills, while connecting with professional mentors. Topics discussed included meeting and greeting, dining etiquette, and tips for dining out. Eight high school students and 10 adult mentors were present. Crystal Smith served as the facilitator for the event. Decorations were provided by Nina Evans with Eye for Elegance. Food was provided by Chef Kevin McFadden with Mad Chef Catering. It was a great, informative event that was enjoyed by all. We thank the PNC Foundation for their support.







## HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Healthy Lifestyles Program provides wraparound services that empower and equip participants with the knowledge and skills to make long term lifestyle modifications that will lead to sustainable behaviors that reduce negative health outcomes for the individuals, their families, and their community.

**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 2022, we held a total of 6 sessions on April 9, June 11, July 2, August 13, September 10, and October 8. Pedometers were provided to track steps with funding from The Conservation Fund. In 2022, we completed a total of 258,400 steps!

**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 2022, we held a total of 5 sessions on May 25, June 22, July 20, August 17, and September 28. Thank you Edmonds Tennis & Education Foundation and Aim High Fitness for each facilitating a group fitness session.

**Faithful Families** - Faithful Families is a Healthy Lifestyles Program that provides monthly workshops in partnership with NC Cooperative Extension. Each session includes a wellness discussion, cooking demonstration, fitness activity, and faith component to families in our community. These sessions took place on the first Wednesday of every month from January - September 2022. This program aims to promote healthy choices and increased exercise in a faith-based approach.

**Steps to a Healthy Teen Program** - The Steps to a Healthy Teen Program is a free health and wellness program for teens (ages 14 - 19). Youth meet weekly to develop skills and knowledge in physical education and nutrition. Activities include games, cooking demonstrations, and fitness challenges. The group met every Wednesday from October 12 - December 14, 2022. This program was presented by Turning Point CDC in partnership with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.







**Produce Box Distribution** - Seasonal produce boxes with meat were distributed bi-weekly throughout 2022. The boxes included fresh produce and locally sourced meat from Warren county farms. These boxes were available for pickup for community members from Vance, Warren, Franklin, and Granville counties. We are passionate about providing access to healthier lifestyles and changing the health outcomes for the individuals and families in our area. The produce boxes have continued to meet a need. Many recipients expressed that 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 they 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 1,130 produce boxes this year.

**Granville and Franklin Senior Produce Box Distribution** - We delivered bi-weekly produce boxes to senior citizens in Franklin and Granville counties in 2022. Each delicious box contained fresh fruits, vegetables, and an easy-to-complete recipe. 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. Program partners include Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging and the delicious boxes are provided by Moore's Farm. Since starting this program in October 2021, we have delivered approximately 1,531 produce boxes to senior citizens in Franklin and Granville counties.

**Community Garden** - The community garden was an adventurous, mysterious and productive experience. Some of the vegetables were known and some were surprising. In the fall, the community members were able to enjoy cabbages, collards, carrots, and broccoli. The summer garden has so many treats sprouting up. Strawberries, peaches, collards, jalapenos, cantaloupe, tomatoes, and peaches! The entrepreneurs of the Creating Success Summer Program used resources from the 2022 Community Garden Covid-Response and Enhancement Stipend Re from North Carolina A&T State University (partnership with North Carolina Community Garden Partners) . The students managed the garden and the produce was sold through the students' creative planning, marketing, and selling techniques. Healthy treats will be a top priority at the Creating Success Learning Program.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### **MICROSOFT BACKPACK STUFFING EVENT**

On Thursday, August 4, 2022 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 130 backpacks with over 1,200 school supplies. All of the backpacks were distributed on the 12th Annual Community Day.



### **COMMUNITY DAY**

On Saturday, August 6, 2022 Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries hosted our 12th annual Community Day. It included community resource vendors, food trucks, a backpack and school supply giveaway, demonstrations by the BetaBox Learning Mobile Lab and more. 133 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children with help from Microsoft to prepare the backpacks. Raheem Cousins provided free haircuts to school-aged children. Community Day had over 425 people in attendance and 21 community vendors.

Vendors included Granville Vance District Health Department, BetaBox Learning, NC Cooperative Extension, US Cellular, FGV Smart Start, Safe Kids Vance County, Edmonds Tennis & Education Center, Incredible Years Parenting Program, Vance Granville Community College, WellCare of NC, PNC, Vance County Fire Department, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Phi Zeta Chapter, Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging Council of Governments, Safe Routes to School Program (Kerr Tar COG), Green Rural Redevelopment Organization, Katarah's Hope, Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries. Food was available from Chewly Delicious, Soul Bachi, and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck. Entertainment was provided by DJ Reece, Annie Perry and Michelle Ragland Wright.





# COMMUNITY DAY 2022

Huge thank you to everyone who was a part of this amazing day!



425

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1,200

School supplies distributed  
via the backpacks



21

Community and Food  
Vendors



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Food was available from Chewly Delicious, Soul Bachi, and Lewis Express Ice Cream Truck.

Entertainment by DJ Reece,, Annie Perry (comedy), and Michelle Ragland Wright (Zumba).

Haircuts provided by Raheem Cousins.

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



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

On Monday, October 31, 2022 Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries hosted the 2nd Annual Community Fall Festival. The event had over 300 people in attendance and featured community vendors, games, a costume fashion show, and a live raffle. Over \$6,300 was raised to support the education, health and wellness, workforce development, and community engagement programs of Turning Point CDC. Benchmark Community Bank and Wellcare of NC served as supporting sponsors.

Vendors: All Things Are Possible 4 Autism, FGV Smart Start, Edmonds Tennis & Education Center, Vance Granville Community College, Benchmark Community Bank, Vance County Fire Department, Granville Vance Public Health (WIC), Girl Scouts - NC Coastal Pines, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Phi Zeta Chapter, Poe Center for Health Education, Granville Vance District Health Dept. - Carolina Fellows Family Dentistry, Sunflower Direct Primary Care, Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries. Raffle prizes were provided by: Microsoft, Planet Fitness, Southern Office-Based Anesthesia, Starbucks, Middleburg Steak & Seafood, Vance-Granville Community College, Oasis of Hope Ministries, and Extend Your Territory.

Food was available from Selective Dish and Turning Point CDC/Oasis of Hope Ministries. DJ Reece and Henderson Collegiate's Pride of Sound provided great musical entertainment.





# 2nd Annual Community Fall Festival

**Thank you to everyone who supported this day of community engagement!**

The 2nd Annual Community Fall Festival & Fundraiser was hosted by Turning Point CDC and Oasis of Hope Ministries on Monday, October 31, 2022.

Over \$6,300 was raised to support the education, health and wellness, workforce development, and community engagement programs of Turning Point CDC.

Over 300 people were in attendance, along with 14 great community vendors.

Benchmark Community Bank and Wellcare of NC served as supporting sponsors.

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