

# 2018 FOOD COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## TRIAD REGION



This selection of updates are from food councils and networks in North Carolina attending the 2018 Triad Region Food Council Gathering. See back for more details.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Food Summits
- Ugly Food Feast
- Community Lunch
- Food pantries serving seniors
- Regional assessment
- Farm Tour
- Food Security Fund
- Healthy Corner Store Initiative
- Changing leadership
- Reclaiming food

Forsyth Foodworks on-boarded 9 new advisory council members, and received grants and a mentorship through the Food System Leadership Network.

Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council secured a planning grant through USDA Community Food Projects to launch the council and regional assessment.

Caswell County Local Foods Council increased the revenue of their inspected Community Kitchen by 400% and doubled the financial impact of the Caswell Farmers' Market in Yanceyville.

Davidson County Local Foods Network hosted the first annual farm tour featuring six farms with 75+ people with multiple partners.

GHPFA launched a Food Security Fund, providing grants to entrepreneurs for sustainable projects that will improve food security in the community.

Forsyth Foodworks helped reinvigorate the County Health Department's Healthy Corner Store Initiative with community stakeholders and planted a new garden to donate produce to corner stores.

GHPFA and Guilford Food Council members worked to investigate shifting practices to reclaim food from the school system.

GHPFA raised awareness about the Guilford County School System opting out of the Community Eligibility Provision in 58 schools, students, since reversing the decision.

Alamance Food Collaborative developed goals to help craft a guiding statement reflecting how racial equity will guide their work and the revision of their strategic plan.

Alamance Food Collaborative changed leadership structure to encourage involvement from the communities they seek to serve.

### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ASSESSMENT

Caswell County Local Foods Council hosts a free Community Lunch to ~70 people every month.

Eat Well Rockingham helped coordinate and promote a Healthy Eating Kids Camp at Rockingham Community College.

Forsyth Foodworks coordinated their first Forsyth Food Summit with several partners.

Guilford Food Council's Education & Awareness circle organized a 2nd "Ugly Food Feast" for 105 attendees during Local Foods Week.

Alamance Food Collaborative partnered with Elon University to explore food insecurity and poverty in Alamance.

Eat Well Rockingham assisted with activities and demonstrations at Mobile Market site visits.

GHPFA worked with partners to develop a model for food pantries serving seniors.

GHPFA hosted their fourth Food Security Summit, attended by 250 people and second Youth Food Summit, attended by 128 youth.

### FOOD ACCESS

### SUPPORTING LOCAL FARMS & BUSINESSES

### ADVOCACY & POLICY



### RACIAL EQUITY



## Alamance Food Collaborative

- Changed leadership structure to encourage involvement from the communities we seek to serve.
- Developed goals to help craft a guiding statement related to how racial equity will guide our work and the revision of our strategic plan.
- Partnered with Elon University to learn more about food insecurity and poverty in Alamance County

## Caswell County Local Foods Council

- Increased the revenue of their inspected Community Kitchen by 400%, and products are available at more than 10 retail locations
- Continued Free Community Lunch to ~70 people every second Wednesday of the month, serving gluten free, dairy free soup and salad and using seasonal vegetables locally grown when possible
- Doubled the financial impact of the Caswell Farmers' Market in Yanceyville

## Davidson County Local Foods Network

- Hosted the first annual farm tour featuring six farms with 75+ people and multiple community partners
- Hosted a fun, sold-out Food Buzz event, featuring local talent and local food, and attracting 80+ people
- Continued to support both farmers markets, and began recording data about market revenue, products, and customer interests

## Eat Well Rockingham

- Helped coordinate multiple partners and promotion of Healthy Eating Kids Camp
- Assisted with interactive activities and demonstrations at Mobile Market site visits

## Forsyth Foodworks

- Changed our name from the Forsyth Community Food Consortium
- On-boarded nine new advisory council members.
- Coordinated our first Forsyth Food Summit, working closely with several partner organizations
- Relaunched "Green Drinks" monthly meetups for environmentally-minded local organizations
- Helped reinvigorate the County Health Department's Healthy Corner Store Initiative with many community stakeholders like Cooperative Extension, Crisis Control, businesses, urban farmers, artists, and youth
- Planted a new garden at the Health Dept. to donate a portion of the produce to seven corner store owners
- Partnered with Toxic Free NC and commenced working with a consultant toward action planning
- Received two grants and a mentorship through the Food System Leadership Network

## Greater High Point Food Alliance (GHPFA)

- Hosted 2nd Youth Food Summit with 128 youth
- Hosted the 4th Food Security Summit, attended by 250 people
- Worked with multiple partners to develop a model for pantries serving seniors
- Launched a Food Security Fund to provide grants to entrepreneurs for projects that are sustainable and will improve food security in the community
- Worked with a number of groups to recognize and investigate reclaiming food from the school system
- Raised awareness of Guilford County School (GCS)

System opting out of the Community Eligibility Provision impacting 58 schools and 28,000 students, and since GCS reversed their decision

- Recommended an in-kind grant program to provide soil and mulch to local community gardens to the City of High Point, which implemented the program
- Assisted establishment of a jointly funded Community Garden Coordinator position that is housed at the NC Agriculture Extension Office of Guilford County

## Guilford Food Council

- Worked on food recovery issues from Guilford County school cafeteria in collaboration with the GHPFA and Rock'n Wrap it Up
- Organized a second edition of the "Ugly Food Feast" for 105 attendees during the Guilford County Local Foods Week, serving a free meal prepared by a Chef and students with food that would not be marketed
- Shared information and sent out surveys about food waste with community members

## Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council

- Secured initial planning grant through USDA Community Food Projects to launch the regional food council and start the regional food assessment
- Met monthly to create membership guidelines, structure, and recommending initial actions
- Launched member applications to populate the council by Feb 2019
- Developed outreach plan to attract representation across counties and sectors