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**Annual Report
2022**

Message from Executive Director Mary Ann LeRay

2022 would be described as nothing short of many miracles. God's people are called *"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it because it will surely come, it will not tarry."*
Habakkuk 2:2-3

The Board of Directors approved our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan in November 2021 after several meetings of dreaming, planning, and strategizing the goals for The Filling Station. Numerous studies have shown only 3% percent of the population set goals and only about 1% percent actually write them down. I think the most exciting thing about the projects completed, clients served, partnerships formed and relationships developed is we "waited patiently on the Lord" as He kept showing us the next steps. When plans and timelines fell apart, we revisited our values, goals and mission. As I look at the "2022 in Review", I am amazed at how the pieces of the puzzle fell into place.

The 2022 Annual Report highlights the generosity of so many people who continue to bring their time, talent and treasure. In this 5th Anniversary year, we have much to celebrate from the completion of the Teaching Kitchen, Front Lobby, Classrooms and the Garden Venue. In addition, we were thrilled to be the recipients of the Governor's Medallion Award for the Food Pantry, 2 Service awards for the Perfect 10 Event and an individual ser-



vice award to Geraldine Eubanks. The celebration continued as Jimmy Bender received the AmeriCorps Presidential Service Award/Gold Level.

As we wrap up the renovation projects to accommodate the programming, we anticipate even more abundance to assist filling unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education and Connection serving the residents of Jones County. I invite you to learn more about history, mission and future plans by visiting our website: [Fillingstation1075.com](https://fillingstation1075.com)

I look forward to connecting with you in 2023!

Mary Ann LeRay

For more information on partnering, donating, and volunteering, please visit our [website](https://fillingstation1075.com) and subscribe to our newsletter.

2022 in Review

2022 Grants Received:

- \$20,000 The Anonymous Trust Foundation (for operations)
- \$6,000 The Anonymous Trust Foundation + \$6,000 match provided by The Filling Station (for operations)
- \$5,000 Jones County (to transport produce from farmers in Jones County)
- \$1,000 Jones Onslow EMS (for operations)
- \$1,000 Jones County Community Foundation (for teaching kitchen)
- \$5,000 International Paper (for teaching kitchen)

Facility improvements/additions:

- Replaced front glass windows
- Installed a Teaching Kitchen
- Board room furniture/café tables (donated by DPR Construction, RPT, NC)
- Nature panels in garden (Eagle Scout project of Stephen Healy)
- Garden benches (Eagle Scout project of Landon Pike)
- Garden educational panels (Community Artists' Gallery & Studios)
- Renovated forklift



- Night lighting
- Fans in distribution carport

Awards received:

- AmeriCorps Presidential Service Award/ Gold Level
 - Jimmy Bender for 550 hours of service to the Filling Station
- Medallion Awards received from the NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service:
 - Geraldine Eubanks
 - Perfect 10 Volunteer Group
 - Food Pantry Volunteer Group

Projects and Programs:

- Filling Station Storytime—Joan Knight
- Stretching classes—Jane Peele
- Dance education classes for home-schooled children—Jane Peele
- Volunteer Orientation/Onboarding Sessions
- FS Board meeting—Strategic Planning
- Annual Board Training
- Dance & Art Camp—Atlantic Dance Theater & Jane Peele
- NC Symphony Music Discovery Session
- Garden Camp—NC Cooperative Extension
- 5th Anniversary Celebration
- Perfect 10 Event (Cancelled due to predicted weather)
- Easter Goody Bag distribution
- Kids Backpacks
- Neuse River Bridge Run
- Forklift training
- Jones County Heritage Festival
- Giving Tuesday event
- Tutoring program
- Christmas on Main in Pollocksville
- Distribution of gifts at Christmas
- Christmas luncheon for volunteers

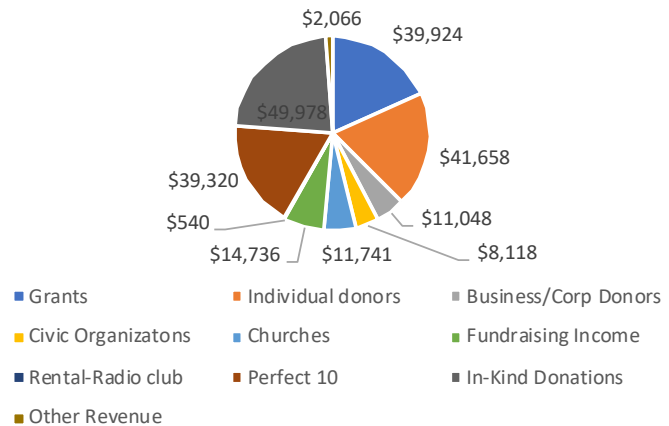
2022 Financial Performance

2022 End of Year Financial Report

Revenue

Grants	\$	39,924
Individual donors	\$	41,658
Business/Corp Donors	\$	11,048
Civic Organizations	\$	8,118
Churches	\$	11,741
Fundraising Income	\$	14,736
Rental-Radio club	\$	540
Perfect 10	\$	39,320
In-Kind Donations	\$	49,978
Other Revenue	\$	2,066
Total Revenue	\$	219,129

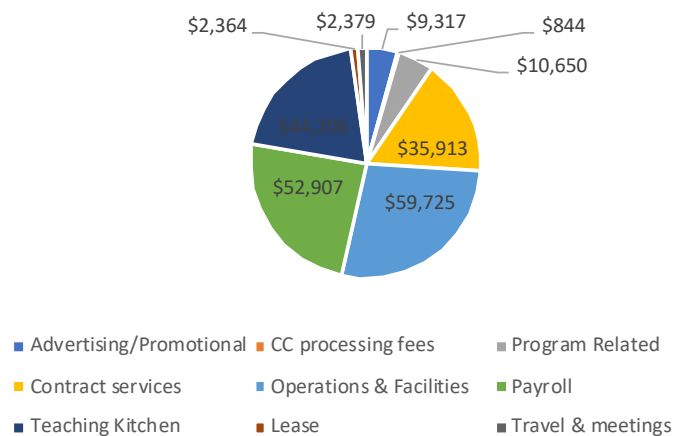
2022 Revenue--Total \$219,129



Expenditures

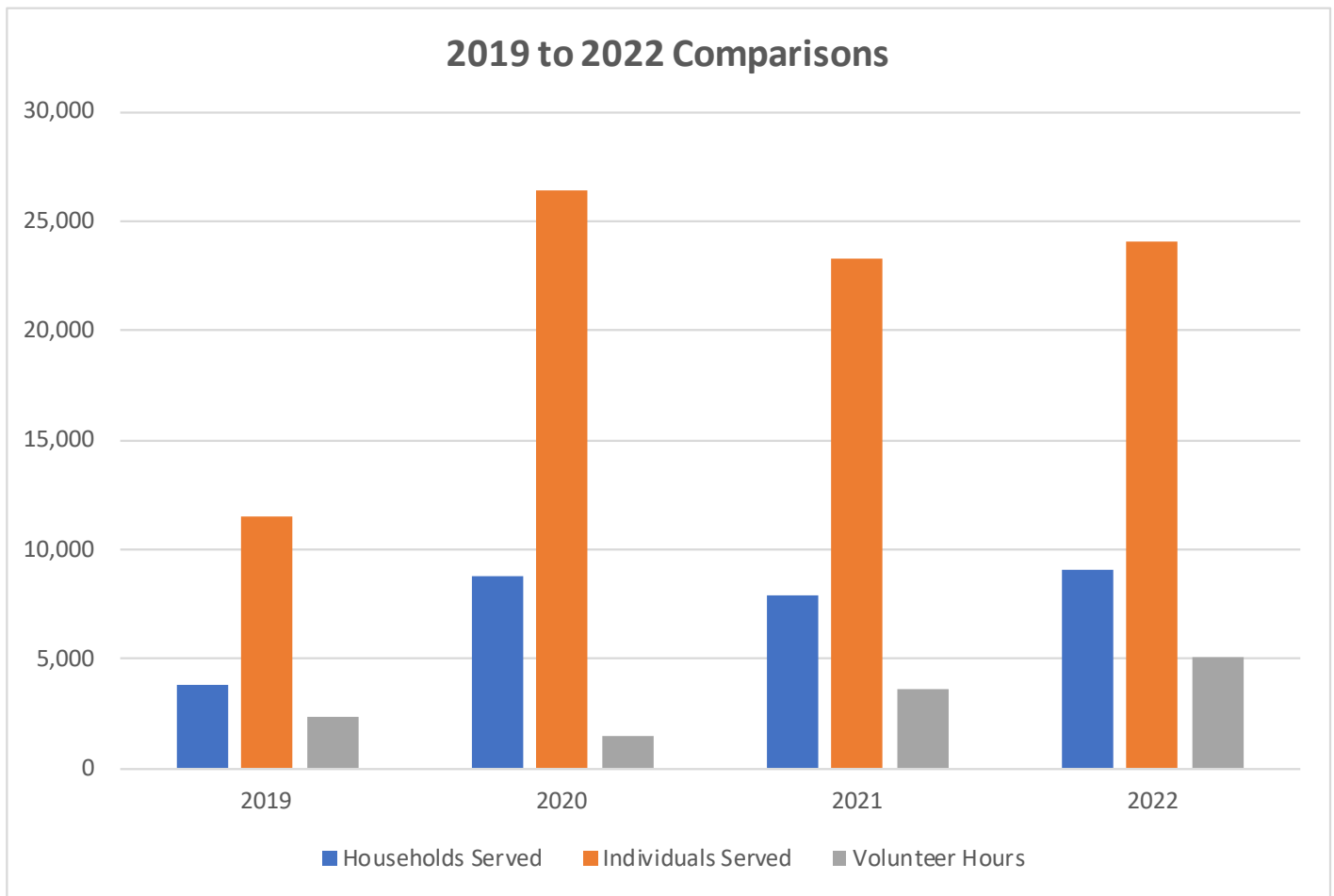
Advertising/Promotional	\$	9,317
CC processing fees	\$	844
Program Related	\$	10,650
Contract services	\$	35,913
Operations & Facilities	\$	59,725
Payroll	\$	52,907
Teaching Kitchen	\$	44,206
Lease	\$	2,364
Travel & meetings	\$	2,379
Total Expenses	\$	218,305
Profit/Loss	\$	823

2022 Expenses--Total \$218,305



**159 volunteers worked 5,091 hours
valued at \$29.95/hour = \$152,475**

2022 Performance Statistics



Notes on chart: 2019 was the beginning of the pandemic. 2020 was the height of the pandemic and while numbers served were high, the volunteer hours were kept deliberately low. The pandemic continued in 2021 but restrictions loosened up some.

Food Donations

Bulk Food pantry and Senior Nutrition Program items are possible through our partnership with Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, Religious Community Services and local farmers in Jones County. We are grateful for the generosity of our many individuals and groups that collect food to be provided to those needing it in Jones County.

Name	Weight (lbs)
Blevins, Becky	119
Bridgeton United Methodist Church	221
Catholic Daughters of St. Paul's Church	907
Century 21	221
CSFP Food Bank of NC	45,784
Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC	309,425
Friendship Free Will Baptist Church	401
Hoffman, Jim & Camille	31
Miscellaneous	3,000
Piney Grove Baptist Church	118
Pollocksville First Baptist Church	62
Pollocksville Methodist Church	24
RCS	44,349
Reason, Mary	206
Saint Paul Catholic Church	369
Twin Rivers Quilters Guild	218
USPS	532
Total	405,987

“Jones County - A Perfect 10” Sponsors (2022)



CarolinaEast Health System Title Sponsor



Mile Sponsors

Todd and Melanie Burrier
Harold Bate Foundation
Segal Family Charities
Garber Methodist Church
Jones-Onslow EMC
Cypress Creek Renewables
Scott and Holly Ladner
NewBern4Sale - Allana Ross



Water Station Sponsors

Craven Ag TRENT CADILLAC Duke Energy Suburban Propane Lenoir Community College
New Bern Chiropractic Care Coldwell Banker/Seacoast Advantage Mike's Custom Cabinets, Inc.
Coastal Children's Clinic Pollocksville Rotary Club Friendship Church Charles and Taffy Jones

Ten Mile Fork Sponsors

Mike and Cheryl Coeyman M&W Land Improvement, Inc. Jeffrey White
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Frogley Chiropractic Fisher Fuel Markets J&J Contracting AB's Gravel Driveways Allan and Karen Plaster
Jennifer Bassler Bender Signs Steve and Rebecca Long

Filling Needs Sponsors

Linda Staunch Howard Furnas III Mowing Buddies James Harper
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Foods Unlimited Capps Trailers Ed and Mary Ann Koffenberger
J&M Warren Farms Jessica Skinner Grilling Buddies Charlie and Shirley Dunn
St. Matthew AME ZION Church Sheri Smith Brinn Glass, inc. Jim and Marcy Hoffman
Eastern Carolina Center for Women's Ministries Lindsay Compton John and Joy Duff Gary and Susan Timco
PineCone Home and Garden Sylvia Miller Jay and Sheron Bender Penny Bender
Vel and Mel Catering Debbie Edgerton Mark Bardill David and Carol Grantham Ford of Jones County

Connection Sponsors

Timothy Minch & Cathy Mclean Nancy Willett Eleanor McArver Hanna Compton
Steve Mabie Byrd's Towing John and Evelyn Simmons Cliff Carr

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*Psalm 107:5 “They were hungry and
thirsty; their lives were slipping away.”*

Major Contributors in 2022—THANK YOU!!!

Church Partners

Christian Faith Assembly
 Clinton Memorial Chapel AME Zion Church
 Coastal Carolina Church
 Cypress Creek Methodist Church
 Friendship Church
 Garber Methodist Church
 Jacob's Well Fellowship Church
 Pollocksville Baptist Church
 Pollocksville Methodist Church
 Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
 Shady Grove Methodist Church
 St. James Church AME Zion
 St. Matthews Church AME Zion
 St. Phillips Church Missionary Baptist Church
 The Living Word Worship Center
 Triune Holiness Church

Service Partners

American Heart Association
 Atlantic Dance Theatre
 Carolina Handling
 Coastal Women's Shelter
 Eastern NC Broadband
 Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
 Jones County Parks and Recreation
 Jones County Partnership for Children
 Lenoir Community College - Jones County
 Maysville Rotary Club
 N.C. Cooperative Extension - Jones County
 Neuse Regional Library
 New Bern Amateur Radio Club
 N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and
 Community Service
 N.C. Symphony Music Education

Pollocksville Fire Department
 Pollocksville Rotary Club
 Religious Community Services
 Town of Pollocksville
 United Way of Coastal Carolina

Corporate

Anonymous Trust Fund
 Bear Towne Tents
 Bender Apparel and Signs
 Carolina East Health System
 Coastal Children's Clinic
 Coldwell Banker Seacoast Advantage
 Copy & Print Warehouse
 Craven County Insurance Agents
 Cypress Creek Renewables
 DPR Construction
 Duke Energy
 Eastern Carolina Center for Women's
 Ministry
 Food Lion
 Frogley Chiropractic
 Harold Bate Foundation
 International Paper
 Jones Onslow EMC
 Life Plus Foundation
 Mike's Custom Cabinets
 Moen
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 New Bern Chiropractic Care
 Suburban Propane
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*** If we forgot to acknowledge your donation/gift, please know that it was not intentional. Let us know so we can update this report.

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Individuals/Foundations

Joseph Avolis
 VX Baldwin
 Deborah Balance
 Jennifer Bassler
 Allen and Jean Bender
 Jay and Sheron Bender
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 Noreen Jekel—Design
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Volunteer William Beech—A Testimonial

Meet William Beech, our neighbor. His smile and gentle spirit inspires us all here at The Filling Station. He and his mother, Priscilla, live right behind The Filling Station Garden. Each Tuesday and Thursday, he "reports in" for duty serving his community. In a recent interview with William and Jimmy Bender, Food Pantry Director, they were sharing stories about their Wednesday pickup day at Religious Community Services (RCS) in New Bern. As they drive the new box truck past the car dealerships, they talk about envisioning themselves driving a fast sports car around town. His commitment to The Filling Station mission has opened doors for growth and advancement. William shares "I love getting to know people and this has been a

wonderful place to connect." William is a Dallas Cowboys Fan, loves to read, watch movies and enjoys time with his dog, Sparky. He is a member of St. Phillips Church in Pollocksville.

Find a Need and Fill It and when you do, you will find your purpose which will give you the fuel that never runs dry.



2022 Volunteers—We Can't Thank You Enough! 5,091 Hours!

Max	Afflerbach	4	Lindsay	Compton	10
Joshua	Allen	1	Jim	Compton	5
Gail	Anderson	4	Hanna	Compton	5
Emily	Andrews	20	Sharon	Connelly	16
Gena	Andrews	3	William	Connelly	20
Xander	Ayala	6	Fern	Cotton	2
Cadence	Ayala	5	Michelle	Covington	1
Eddie	Banks	39	Nathan	Croom	1
Ellis	Banks	35	Bobby	Darden	31
Dianne	Banks	24	Charlie	Dunn, Jr.	71
Linda	Barry	3	Lonna	Durrence	4
Bruce	Barry	3	Marsha	Eastland	3
Addison	Beaver	8	David	Eldredge	24
William	Beech	151	Kacey	Field	4
Kellan	Bell	11	First Baptist		
Hazel	Bell	6	Church	Maysville	17
Brittany	Bell	8	Althia	Fowler	2
Diane	Bell	9	Willie	Franklin	3
Hilda	Bender	210	Sheila	Frese	2
James	Bender	464	Michael	Gaddis	2
Sheron	Bender	164	Benjamin	Gerber	4
Jay	Bender	9	Andrea	Gomez	14
Kay	Bender	5	Natasha	Goodwill	2
John	Bender	26	Shane	Grant	6
Jean	Bender	3	Ava	Gray	10
Olivia	Brinson	4	Jonathan	Greene	1
Schamaton	Brown	1	Lisa	Grian	4
Vivian	Bryant	3	Eileen	Griswold	250
Jesse	Carter	1	Stephen	Gumble	1
Daniel	Carter	1	Sandra	Haddock	4
Brice	Carter	2	Peyton	Hall	4
Elly	Carter	2	John	Hansley	1
Reece	Carter	7	Beatrice	Harriett	10
Celeste	Cavanaugh	22	Michael	Harriett	8
Patricia	Cavender	4	Allen	Harriett	35
Natalia	Cavender	4	Lynn	Heath	2
Sage	Church	4	Andy	Heath	2
Coastal Carolina			Judy	Hills	240
Church	Jacksonville	204	Marcy	Hoffman	32
William	Cole	6	Cayler	Holt	1
			Landon	Houston	1

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Charles	Jarman	2	Maddie	Norris	4
Noreen	Jekel	177	Angela	Paige	8
Ed	Jekel	9	Jane	Peele	2
Mark	Jekel	2	Karen	Plaster	21
Willie	Jones	20	Ron	Pound	3
Colby	Jordan	3	Mary	Pound	5
Cynthia	Kinsey	226	Blair	Purvis	5
Joan	Knight	121	Katherine	Reese	2
Zach	Koonce	37	Tyler	Roberson	11
Holly	Ladner	8	Maria	Robles	66
Kate	Ladner	31	Jennifer	Ross	3
Jackie	Larder	4	Santino	Sabatelli	4
Brian	Larder	4	Scott	Sanderson	2
Kristen	Larson	4	Logan	Seeley	4
Melody	Larson	4	Dr. Norma	Sermon-Boyd	67
Ryan	Larson	4	Linda	Sifontes	2
Jeremy	LeRay	6	Cheryl	SImmons	5
Ella	LeRay	22	Dolores	Sinclair	5
Catherine	Litchfield	4	Brien	Slockbower	1
Richard (Renny)	Long	32	Willie	Smith	215
Rebecca	Long	5	Sheri	Smith	67
Linda	Mathiason	3	Cathy	Smith	120
Harvey	Mayse	1	Cassidy	Smith	3
Bently	Mayse	1	Cheryl	Spencer	2
Randy	McDaniel	12	Jayden	Strobel	1
Ella	McDaniel	12	Joan	Taylor	8
Norma	McDonough	257	John	Taylor	26
Izzie	Meadows	8	Shelby	Thacken	1
Sylvia	Miller	21	The Epiphany School	of Global Studies	350
Emma	Moody	4	Ian	Trent	4
Lorraine	Moore	10	Zeda	Trice	5
Scooter	Moore	1	Nathaniel	TRUE	4
Sarah	Morton	1	Lou	Walker	2
Julia	Murphy	323	Darrell	Ward	2
Scott	Murphy	4	Adyson	West	1
Parker	Murphy	4	Lauren	Weston	1
Clyde	Murphy Jr.	339	Rich	Wilson	2
Landen	Murray	1	Cameron	Wilson	2
Alitza	Nieves	4	Camden	Woolls	4
Bonnie	Norman	2	Alisha	Woolls	4

2022 in Pictures

"Grow Yourself, Grow Your World"

ART AND DANCE DAY CAMP
FOR JONES COUNTY RESIDENTS



Sponsored by
The Filling Station &
Atlantic Dance Theatre



Date Change!

June 20th-24th

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 Music Discovery Program/NC Symphony 10:30 AM



Garden Venue
ON THE FILLING STATION CAMPUS

221 Main Street
Pollocksville, North Carolina

COST: MATERIAL FEE
\$20
to the mission of
The Filling Station...
Nutrition, Education,
Connection

**REGISTER
TODAY!
20
SPOTS AVAILABLE**

AGES:
8-11
YEAR OLDS
SNACKS
DRINKS
INCLUDED

TIME:
**9am
til
Noon**

Email: info@fillingstation1075.com
Yes, I would like to register my child for the Kid's Day Camp
and forms will be supplied to complete registration.

#jonescountystrong

NORTH CAROLINA
SYMPHONY

**MUSIC
DISCOVERY**

*This program is provided with the generous
support of The Simple Gifts Fund*

Join the NC Symphony at
The Filling Station for a
30-minute music and
literacy program for
children!

NEW DATE!

June 24th, 10:30am
Garden Venue behind
The Filling Station
221 Main Street
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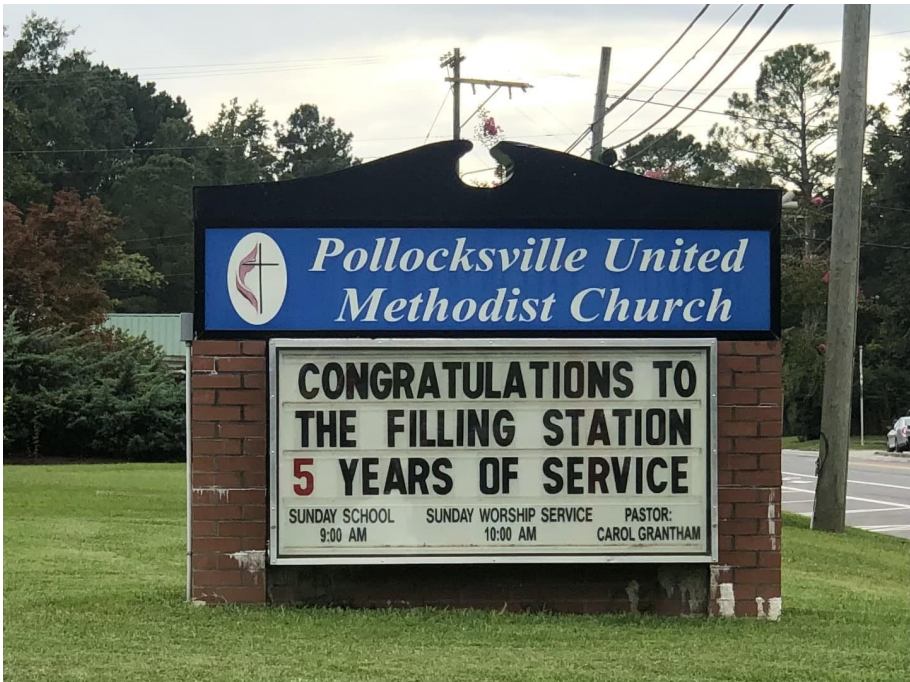
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Above: Marcy Hoffman, Administrative Coordinator—essential to smooth running of the facility.

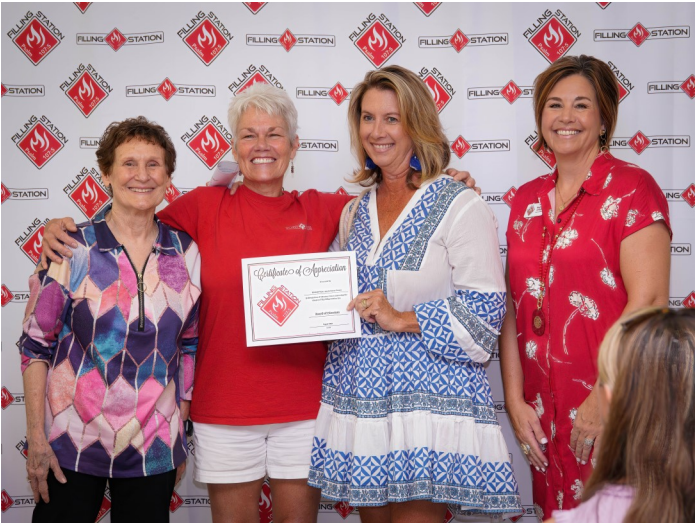




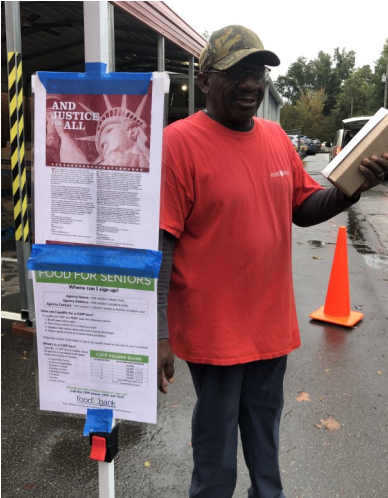




The Filling Station Celebrates Five Years of Service



Chick-Fil-A True Inspiration Awards





In Service to Others



Teaching Kitchen



Sarah Ware, NC Cooperative Extension—teaches clients how to eat well on food provided.





Nutrition Education Connection

The Filling Station Overall Strategic Plan **2022 - 2025**

Vision

The Filling Station is the premiere connector of people and resources in Jones County and the world.

Mission

Our mission is to assist with filling unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education and Connection serving the residents of Jones County.

Goals

1. **Finance and Investment** - to have a balanced budget and have an investment portfolio supported by a yearly plan that will increase the quantity, variety and consistency of funding sources by 10%
2. **Facilities** - to maintain and improve the buildings, grounds and real property to better serve the people of Jones County
3. **Marketing/Media/Public Relations** - to partner with local, state and national organizations, churches & religious organizations and set an industry standard in community outreach for marketing and public relations
4. **Programs** - to provide programs and partnerships with organizations and to deliver education and connections for the residents of Jones County
5. **Orientation/Training/Nominations** - to provide orientation and annual training for all individuals associated with The Filling Station, including Board nominations

Core Values

Christ-Focused, Educate, Empower, Equip

November 2021



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We thank you, Lord,
for all you give; The food we eat,
the lives we live.

And to our loved ones far away,
Please send your blessings,
Lord, we pray.

And help us all to live our days
With thankful hearts
and loving ways.

Amen



The Filling Station, a dream born out of a long vacant, propane company building, opened its doors on August 28, 2017. Why the Filling Station name? During a walk-through of the building, someone noticed a red hazardous material warning sign with a flame and the number 1075, the DOT classification for propane. The group discovered that Psalm 107:5 read: "They were hungry and thirsty; their lives were slipping away." A new mission was launched and it was called "The Filling Station" to refer to the building's prior use as well as to its new purpose. Our mission is to assist with filling unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education, and Connection serving the residents of Jones County.

The Filling Station Board of Directors Strategic Planning Consultant & Board Advisor



Pictured front row/left to right: Sylvia Miller, Cathy Smith, Sheri Smith, Mary Ann LeRay, Maria Robles, Carol Mattocks

Pictured back row/ left to right: Clyde Murphy, Jr., Willie Smith, Charlie Dunn, Jr., John Taylor, Ellis Banks, John Bender, Bobby Darden

Not pictured: Dr. Norma Sermon-Boyd, Karen Plaster, Cheryl Simons, Willie Jones



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