



Nutrition · Education · Connection



Annual Report
2023

Message from Executive Director Mary Ann LeRay

The 2023 Annual Report highlights the generosity of so many people who continue to bring their time, talent and treasure. In this 6th Anniversary year, we have much to celebrate in how the Teaching Kitchen, Front Gathering Space, Classrooms and the Garden Venue have allowed the programming to flourish. The illustrates the power of people coming together and building a great facility to serve the residents of Jones County.

Throughout this report you will see the Food Pantry in action, Nutrition Education happening in the Teaching Kitchen, Leadership Jones in full swing, and the summer camps for children. Dreams, Goals and Plans are now being realized due to the generosity of our church partners, sponsors of the Perfect 10 and Neuse River Bridge Run, and the talented volunteers. It is amazing to watch how God continues to lead, guide and direct our Board of Directors as we assist in "filling" unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education and Connection.

As our world continues to encounter more changes, we anticipate even greater abundance to assist "filling" unmet needs serving the residents of Jones County. One of my greatest joys is sharing the story with church, civic, school and corporate groups. If you would like to know more about how to partner, volunteer



or sponsor programming, please email me to book a date.

To learn more about our history, mission and future plans, visit our website: [Fillingstation1075.com](https://fillingstation1075.com)

I look forward to connecting with you in 2024!

Mary Ann LeRay

Executive Director

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Matthew 5:6

2023 in Review

2023 Grants Received

- \$20,000 The Anonymous Trust (Board Development)
- \$10,000 The Anonymous Trust Challenge grant (general operations)
- \$20,000 Harold Bate Foundation (restoration and renovation of restrooms)
- \$5000 Weyerhaeuser (forklift lease)
- \$15,000 Harold Bate Foundation (Summer Camps)
- \$3000 Life Plus Foundation (Nutrition Education)
- \$3200 International Paper (Restock Food Pantry)
- \$25,000 State Employees Credit Union (organizational capacity building)
- \$5000 Food Lion FEEDS Charitable Foundation (Nutrition Education in Teaching Kitchen)
- \$2500 United Way of Coastal Carolina (Teaching Kitchen Nutrition Education)
- \$15,593 Volunteer Fund Grant/ VolunteerNC
- \$75,000 Chick-Fil-A - Leadership Academy
- \$500 East Community Presbyterian Grant

Facility improvements/additions:

- Upgraded Restrooms
- 2 New Tables for the Garden Venue (Eagle Scout project from Christopher Meadows)
- Sycamore Tree Pruning
- Propane Heaters for Food Pantry
- New Gutter System
- Beautification Project on Front Lawn

Awards/Certificates of Appreciation:

- Congressman Greg Murphy presented: Congressional Record - Extension of Remarks honoring The Filling Station
- New Bern Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Council/Giving Tuesday

- Camp Noah - YMCA New River/ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
- Pollocksville Rotary Club/ Christmas on Main Event
- Pollopalooza Town of Pollocksville / Sponsor Jones County Hunters Association Event/ Sponsor MBF Architect
- Community Donation Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC - Food Bank Agency Partner
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC - The Filling Station hosted a community meeting on the Extra Mile Tour
- American Heart Association - The Filling Station hosting a HeartCorp member

Projects and Programs:

- Tutoring Program at Pollocksville Elementary School - Joan Knight
- Out of the Box Recipes in the Teaching Kitchen with N.C. Cooperative Extension
- Healthy Holiday Recipes in the Teaching Kitchen with Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
- Take Control 8 week Class with N.C. Cooperative Extension
- Leadership Jones Grassroots Academy - Spring/Fall Session - 20 graduates
- Ham Radio Course Licensing - New Bern Amateur Radio Club - 15 new licenses earned
- Food Pantry - Tuesday and Thursday each week
- Volunteer Orientation and Onboarding Training
- Board Development/ Armstrong & McGuire
- Annual Board Training
- Camp Noah Resiliency Camp for children with New River YMCA
- Dance, Art and Music Camp - Kono Gnaga/Atlantic Dance Theatre
- NC Symphony Music Education Session

2023 in Review

Projects and Programs (Continued):

- Table Talk with 4H/N.C. Cooperative Extension
- Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Brunch
- Perfect 10 Annual Fundraising Event
- Back to School Backpack event with Jones County Recreation
- Neuse River Bridge Run
- Giving Tuesday event
- Christmas on Main with Pollocksville Rotary Club
- Santa Letters with Pollocksville Post Office
- Sponsored 30 Angels for Christmas with Salvation Army

2023 Church Partners

Christian Faith Assembly

Clinton Memorial Chapel AME Zion

Coastal Carolina Church

Cypress Creek Methodist Church

Friendship Church

Garber Methodist Church

Kinston Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pollocksville Baptist Church

Pollocksville Methodist Church

Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Shady Grove Methodist Church

Solid Rock Global Methodist Church

St. James AME Zion

St. Matthews Church AME Zion

St. Pauls Catholic Church

St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church

The Living Word Worship Center

Triune Holiness Church

thank you!



2023 Financial Performance

Revenue

Grants	\$ 189,794
Fundraising Income - Perfect 10	\$ 59,407
Individual Donors	\$ 49,135
Churches	\$ 19,402
Fundraising Income - Neuse River Bridge Run	\$ 9,000
Business/Corp Donors	\$ 5,130
Other Income	\$ 2,675
Total Revenue	\$334,543

Expenditures

Operations & Facilities	\$ 64,630
Program Related	\$ 62,226
Contract Services	\$ 56,462
Payroll	\$ 54,402
Renovations- Bathroom	\$ 10,507
Teaching Kitchen Project	\$ 9,084
Advertising/Promotional	\$ 8,273
Travel and Meetings	\$ 1,587
Total Expenditures	\$ 267,171

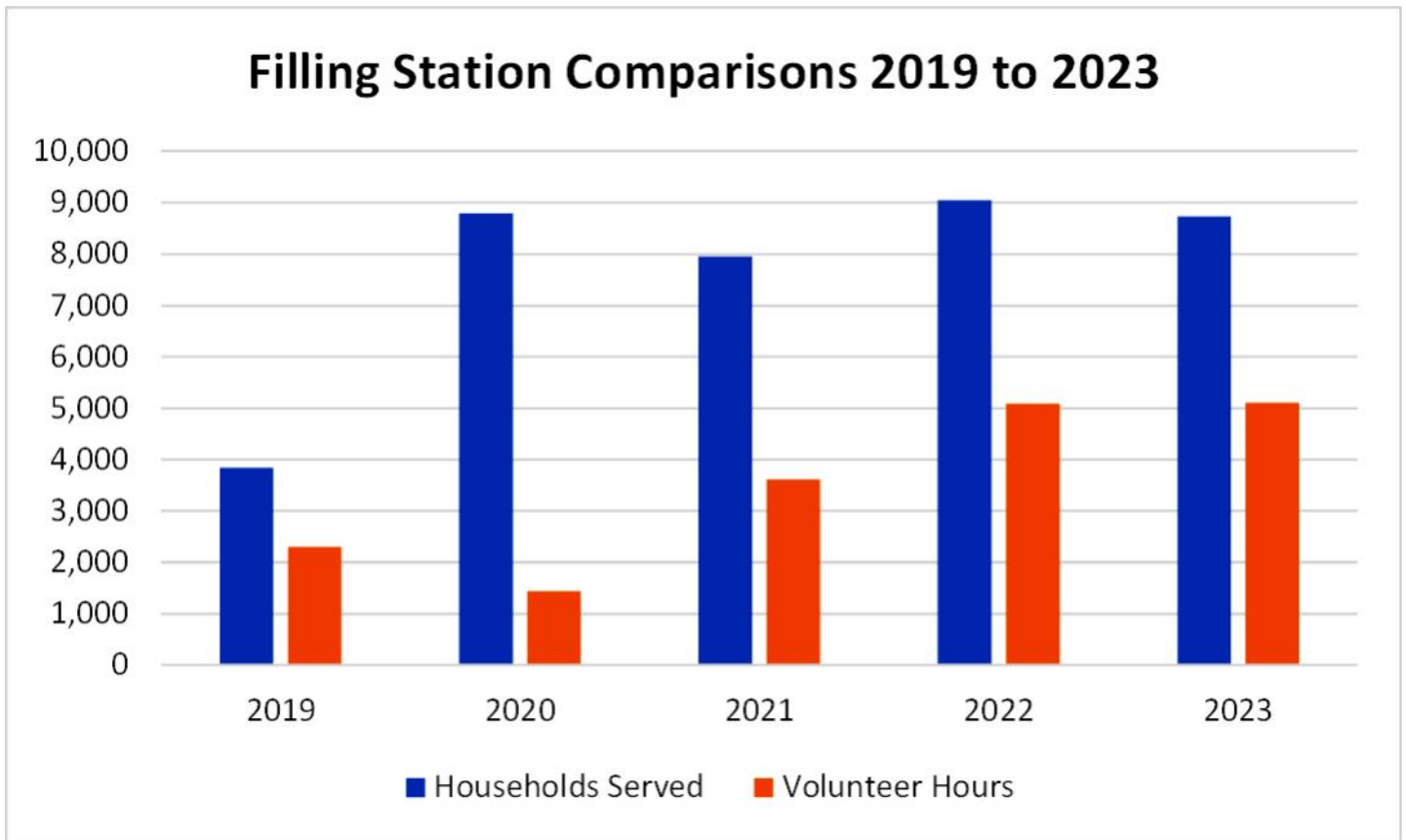
Profit \$67,372



**207 volunteers worked 5,431 hours
valued at \$31.80/hour = \$172,706**

In Service to Others

2023 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.

Regular Clients

Month	total # clients registered	Unduplicated # clients served	Total # clients served	Total Individuals Served
Jan	985	235	822	2021
Feb	1030	240	802	1893
Mar	1039	221	786	1900
Apr	1059	243	741	1744
May	1078	222	712	1684
Jun	1096	240	645	1561
Jul	1121	237	636	1599
Aug	1141	211	616	1547
Sep	1162	252	780	1977
Oct	1190	264	860	2137
Nov	1204	265	852	2113
Dec	1223	278	451	1149

CSFP Clients

Month	total # clients registered	Unduplicated # clients served	Total # clients served
Jan	118	113	113
Feb	118	122	122
Mar	118	113	113
Apr	118	112	112
May	118	105	105
Jun	118	108	108
Jul	118	103	103
Aug	118	108	108
Sep	118	101	101
Oct	118	103	103
Nov	118	107	107
Dec	118	102	102

LEADERSHIP JONES

...A GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Take Your Seat at the Table

APPLY TODAY:
Fillingstation1075.com

An opportunity for Jones County residents, local government, non profits and faith-based leaders to develop key leadership skills

TOPICS INCLUDE:
Effective Communication, Personal Branding, Servant Leadership, Bridging Communities

FIRST SESSION STARTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
The Filling Station
221 Main Street, Pollockville, North Carolina 28573

"Through our grant program, Chick-Fil-A helps empower local nonprofits that are leading positive change and creating tangible impact throughout the communities they serve," said Brent Fielder, Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility.

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.
-John Maxwell

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THARESA LEE
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A COUNTY WIDE MISSION

SCAN OR FOR MORE INFORMATION




Certificate of Appreciation

NCD&CS-FDD Appreciates

The Filling Station

For their outstanding service to the community and dedication to distribute the Commodity Supplemental Food Program with Superior customer service and excellent monitoring practices.

Tanya Langley
Tanya Langley
NCD&CS-FDD Field Representative

Walter Beal
Walter Beal
NCD&CS-FDD Director




Major Contributors in 2023—THANK YOU!!!

Vx
Eddie
Ellis and Dianne
Jay and Sheron
Bruce
Norman Sermon
Vic and Shirley
Todd and Melanie
Jim and Johanna
Bobby
Wanda
Robert
Kim
Katherine
Jim and Marcy
Jim and Camille
Ed & Noreen
Leslie
Charles and Patricia
Gerald and Rose Marie
Scott & Holly
Jeremy and Mary Ann
Steven and Rebecca

Baldwin
Banks
Banks Jr.
Bender
Berry
Boyd
Bryan
Burrier
Compton
Darden
Eubanks
Foscue
Freeman
Haroldson
Hoffman
Hoffman
Jekel
Jones
Jones III
Knight
Ladner
LeRay
Long

Mark and Nancy
Pamela
Bob and Carol
John Robert & Alison
Harry & Eleanor
Elizabeth
Keith and Jane
Sylvia

Odyssey Group
Patricia and Thomas
Jeffrey
Cynthia
John and Karen
Cathy
Wendy
Linda
Tim
Alison
Christine
Jeffrey
Cameron
Bonnie

Malone
Masters
Mattocks
Mattocks
McArver
Meadows
Merritt
Miller
Joseph
Andrews
Patton
Reynolds
Riley
Segal
Smith
Stallings
Staunch
Thomas
Toro
Van Dyck
White
Wilson
Zimmerman



2023 Volunteers who served 25 hours or more

This group of 37 volunteers served a total of 4,231 hours in 2023.
We can't thank you enough!

First Name	Last Name	Hours
Emily	Andrews	41
Ellis	Banks	40
Dianne	Bell	63
Hilda	Bender	188
Jimmy	Bender	395
Sheron	Bender	74
Shirley	Bryan	111
Reece	Carter	49
Celeste	Cavanaugh	28
Sage	Church	38
Coastal Carolina Church of Jacksonville		157
Sharon	Connelly	25
Kathleen	Cornwell	108
Bobby	Darden	67
George (Dave)	Davis	31
First Baptist Church of Maysville		25
Camille	Fragale	38
Eileen	Griswold	184
Allen	Harriett	222
Mallory	Heath	25
Judy	Hills	243
Noreen	Jekel	256
Mark	Jekel	52
Cynthia	Kinsey	192
Joan	Knight	180
Kate	Ladner	27
Ella	McDaniel	37
Norma	McDonough	210
Julia	Murphy	314
Clyde	Murphy Jr.	317
NCWRC	NCWRC	30
Karen	Plaster	110
Willie	Smith	210
Sheri	Smith	26
Cathy	Smith	50
Polly	Whitehead	35
Melissa	Zentner	37

Donor Appreciation Event June 2023



DANCE, ART, AND MUSIC DAY CAMP

Mali, Africa

FOR JONES COUNTY RESIDENTS

Sponsored by

The Filling Station

June 26th-30th

Wednesday, June 28 - Music Discovery Program/NC Symphony 10 AM



AGES:
8-11
YEARS OLD

9AM TIL
1PM

LUNCH
INCLUDED

Garden Venue

ON THE FILLING
STATION CAMPUS

221 Main Street
Pollocksville,
North Carolina

COST:
\$25
to the mission of
The Filling Station...
Nutrition, Education,
Connection

REGISTER
TODAY!

20
SPOTS AVAILABLE



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.

Dance, Art, Music Camp 2023



2023 in Pictures



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2023 Christmas on Main





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 10AM-5PM

The Filling Station fundraiser

TITLE SPONSOR



We are planning an afternoon of good country fun to raise funds and awareness of The Filling Station and our community.

WE ARE “FILLING NEEDS”

We will be asking for support through voluntary donations.

The event will be held along 10 Mile Fork Road

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Ceramics painting, Things From Yesteryear, a Hay Ride, Moosical Entertainment, a Walk in the Woods, Farm Animals, and shopping at Z.A.K.'s.

Visit <https://fillingstation1075.com/> or call Karen at 252-635-0828 for more information.



Perfect 10—2023!



THANK YOU 2023 SPONSORS!!!

The Filling Station fundraiser

TITLE SPONSOR



Thank you to our 2023 True Inspiration Sponsors

Graham-Cameron Land LLC
Anonymous Sponsor
Wendy Stallings



Thank you to our 2023 Filling Needs sponsors

Tripp Services LLC
Beverly Collins
J&M Warren Family Farms
Norma Sermon-Boyd
Jack and Julia Bircher
Mitchell Hardware
Foods Unlimited
St. Matthew AME Zion
Solid Rock Global Methodist
Tim and Cathy Minch
New Bern Women's
Christian Group
Harry and Eleanor McArver

Brinn Glass
Charlie and Shirley Dunn
Joel Bryant
Charles Gray/Jones Co Tire
Byrd Towing
Anonymous
Tripp Services
Beverly Collins
Allen & Karen Plaster
Jessica Skinner
Robin Robinson



Thank you to our 2023 MILE Sponsors

Abundant Life Farm LLC
Scott and Holly Ladner
Cypress Creek Renewables
Harold H. Bate Foundation
Jones-Onslow EMC
Garber Church
Todd and Melanie Burrier
Segal Family Charities
Cypress Creek Methodist Church



Thank you to our 2023 Ten Mile Fork Sponsors

Tom Southern
J&J Contracting
Duke Energy
Jewell Property Management
Linda Staunch
Jim and Marcy Hoffman
Elizabeth Meadows
Jay and Sharon Bender
M&W Land Improvement
Wild Birds Unlimited
Ellis and Dianne Banks
Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Advantage
Patricia Patton
Sylvia Miller
Mowing Buddies



Thank you to our 2023 Connection Sponsors

Solid Rock Accounting
New Bern Chiropractic
Lenoir Community College
Bob and Carol Mattocks
Fisher Oil Stores
Suburban Propane
Pollockville Rotary Club
St. Andrews Catholic Church
International Paper
Craven Co Indep. Insurance Agents
Marine Federal Credit Union
Andrews Family Farms



400,211 Pounds of Food Donated in 2023!

Donations	Weight (lbs)	Name/Organization
1	11	Jim and Camille Hoffman
1	95	Neuse River Region Association of Realtors
1	78	Carolina East Physicians
1	22	Patricia Duffy
1	27	Pollocksville Methodist Church
3	267	Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
1	32	Nelda Coats
3	283	Garber Methodist Church
2	5	ChristineVan Dyck
4	3,315	RCS
1	101	Carolina East Foundation
1	376	Emily Andrews Church
1	28	Carol Foy
1	744	Post Offices Food Drive
1	59	Jaime Carroll
1	211	Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
2	798	Catholic Daughters of St. Paul's Church
1	35	Jack and Melinda Bender
1	51	Pollocksville First Baptist Church
1	14	Andrea Avery
1	39	Piney Grove Baptist Church
1	192	New Bern Christian Women's Group
1	52	James Morton
90	392,724	Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
1	80	Centerwell Home Health
2	79	River Bend Garden Club
1	348	Frogley Chiropractic, PLLC
1	145	Dr. James Purvis, DDS



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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Board Members

Chair: Bobby Darden
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Mary Ann LeRay, Ex. Dir.
Judy Hills, Editor

*Almighty God, it is difficult
to see children suffer,
especially from hunger.
We pray for You to give the hungry
daily bread today (Matthew 6:11)
and end their persistent hunger.
Provide the food they need
to grow and thrive.
Pour out Your grace
on hungry families, especially
Parents straining to feed their
children despite dwindling resources.*

Matthew 25: Pray to end global hunger
World Vision

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



Front Row L/R: Ella McDaniel, Estelle Surles, Sheri Smith, Dr. Norma Sermon-Boyd, Beverly Colins (Board Secretary), Emily Andrews, Mary Ann LeRay (ED)

Back Row L/R: Carol Mattocks (Board Advisor), Charlie Dunn, Jr., Willie Smith (Board Treasurer), Bobby Darden (Board Chair), Ellis Banks, John Taylor, Clyde Murphy, Jr. (Vice Chair), Charley Jones



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