

# FILLING STATION



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# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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 walkthrough 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.

# Message from Executive Director Mary Ann LeRay

*“Write your vision upon tablets and wait for the appointed time. Though it will linger, wait for it and it will certainly come and will not delay.” —Habakkuk 2:2-3*

Dr. John C. Maxwell says,  
*“we overestimate the event and underestimate the process.”*

When I opened my January 2024 letter with this scripture reference, I didn't quite know how challenging the “waiting” would be as the new warehouse project unfolded this year. You will see in the 2024 Annual Report how after months of “waiting” and working, the vision for a new warehouse became a reality.

*Waiting*...we don't like to wait at the stop lights, in an airport, in a doctor's office. We want to rush, keep moving, accomplish, check off the lists and achieve the GOAL now. *Waiting is a Gift*. There is energy in stillness and strength in solitude.

Isn't that what we **PRAY** for? **ENERGY** and **STILLNESS**? When we have **ENERGY**, we can serve and love our neighbors.

When we have **STILLNESS**, we have clarity to listen. It takes great discipline and planning to understand when to wait and when to move.

As we wrap up our 7th year here at The Filling Station, I stand in awe of what God has created through the Board of Directors, Volunteers, Donors and Partnerships.

Our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan keeps us on course as we seek to assist in filling unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education and Connection. Throughout this report, you will see the Food Pantry in action, Cooking Classes in the Teaching Kitchen, Leadership Jones Academy, summer camp for the children and all of the community involvement.



It takes **ENERGY** and **STILLNESS** to sustain this mission founded on Psalm 107:5, *“all those who were hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.”*

People are **HUNGRY** and **THIRSTY** for all kinds of things: Food, water, belonging, appreciation, education, healing and connection.


The phrase *“more to life than increasing speed”* is a quote attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, meaning that life should not be solely focused on rushing through activities and achieving things quickly, but should also encompass quality moments, mindfulness, and deeper experiences.

To learn more about how to partner, volunteer or sponsor programming, please email me to book a conversation.

To learn more about our history, mission and future plans, visit our website:

[fillingstation1075.com](https://fillingstation1075.com)

*Mary Ann LeRay*

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# 2024 in Review

## 2024 GRANTS RECEIVED

- » **\$30,000—The Anonymous Trust**  
(General Operations/Challenge Grant)
- » **\$40,000—Harold Bate Foundation**  
(New Warehouse)
- » **\$5000—Weyerhaeuser**  
(forklift lease)
- » **\$3000—Life Plus Foundation**  
(summer camp)
- » **\$15,000—State Employees Credit Union**  
(organizational capacity building)
- » **\$5000—United Way of Coastal Carolina**  
(Teaching Kitchen)
- » **\$6000—Volunteer Fund Grant/VolunteerNC**
- » **\$10,000—Blue Cross/Blue Shield**  
(Software Grant)
- » **\$188,355—Golden Leaf Foundation**  
(New Warehouse)

## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/ADDITIONS

- » New Warehouse Project
- » Build a Recording Studio
- » Radio Tower Major Repair -  
new guide wires
- » Roof anchor installed
- » Parking Lot repair
- » Exterior of the building painted
- » Repairs on flooring throughout the building

## AWARDS & CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

- » Letter from Congressman Murphy regarding article in Our State Magazine
- » New Bern Chamber of Commerce/Non Profit Council/ Giving Tuesday
- » Pollocksville Rotary Club/Christmas on Main Event
- » Pollopalooza Town of Pollocksville/Jones County Hunters Association
- » Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC - partnership thank you
- » Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NC - Diaper Distribution at Perfect 10
- » American Heart Association - hosted a Heartcorp Member

## PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- » Armstrong & McGuire - Executive Director Coaching
- » 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 - 17 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

# 2024 in Review

## 2024 GRANTS RECEIVED (CONTINUED)

- » Board Development/ Armstrong & McGuire
- » Annual Board Training
- » Dance, Art and Music Camp - Kono Gnaga/ Atlantic Dance Theatre
- » NC Symphony Music Education Session
- » 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 15 Angels for Christmas with Salvation Army

## 2024 CHURCH PARTNERS

- » Christian Faith Assembly
- » Clinton Memorial Chapel AME Zion
- » Coastal Carolina Church
- » Cypress Creek Methodist Church
- » Friendship Church
- » Garber Methodist Church
- » Joe’s Branch 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

## The Filling Station: Armstrong McGuire’s February Case Study



### BOARD GOVERNANCE: BIG CONVERSATIONS, BIG IMPACT

A strong, focused and well-aligned board of directors is critical to the success of your organization. We help you assess the talents and skills represented on your board, identify what you need to fully execute your strategies and plans, and help you put the guidelines and best practices in place to maximize your board’s impact to the organization.



### THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station, evolving to meet the unmet needs of Jones County residents in nutrition, education, and connection, strived for effective shared leadership among its staff and board, facing uncertainty on the optimal approach.



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# 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 the 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 and recommend board nominations

## CORE VALUES

Christ-Focused | Educate | Encourage | Empower | Equip

*Adopted: November 2021 | Revised: July 2024*

# 2024 Financial Performance

## REVENUE

Grants	\$282,355
Individual Donors	\$31,624
Business/Corp Donors	\$6,486
Civic Organizations	\$1,340
Churches	\$21,304
Fundraising Income	
Neuse River Bridge Run	\$14,300
Perfect 10	\$62,573
Rental—Radio Club	\$1,376
In-Kind Donations	\$7,300
Other Income	\$5,176
Interest Income	\$555
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$434,389</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Advertising/Promotional	\$15,744
Program Related	\$89,392
Contract Services	\$50,081
Operations & Facilities	\$68,606
Payroll	\$51,613
Travel and Meetings	\$1,359
Warehouse Construction in Progress	\$ 188,855
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$465,650</b>

**Profit/Loss +/- (\$31,261)**

**131 Volunteers worked 5,942 hours**

**Value of  
Volunteer  
Time in 2024**

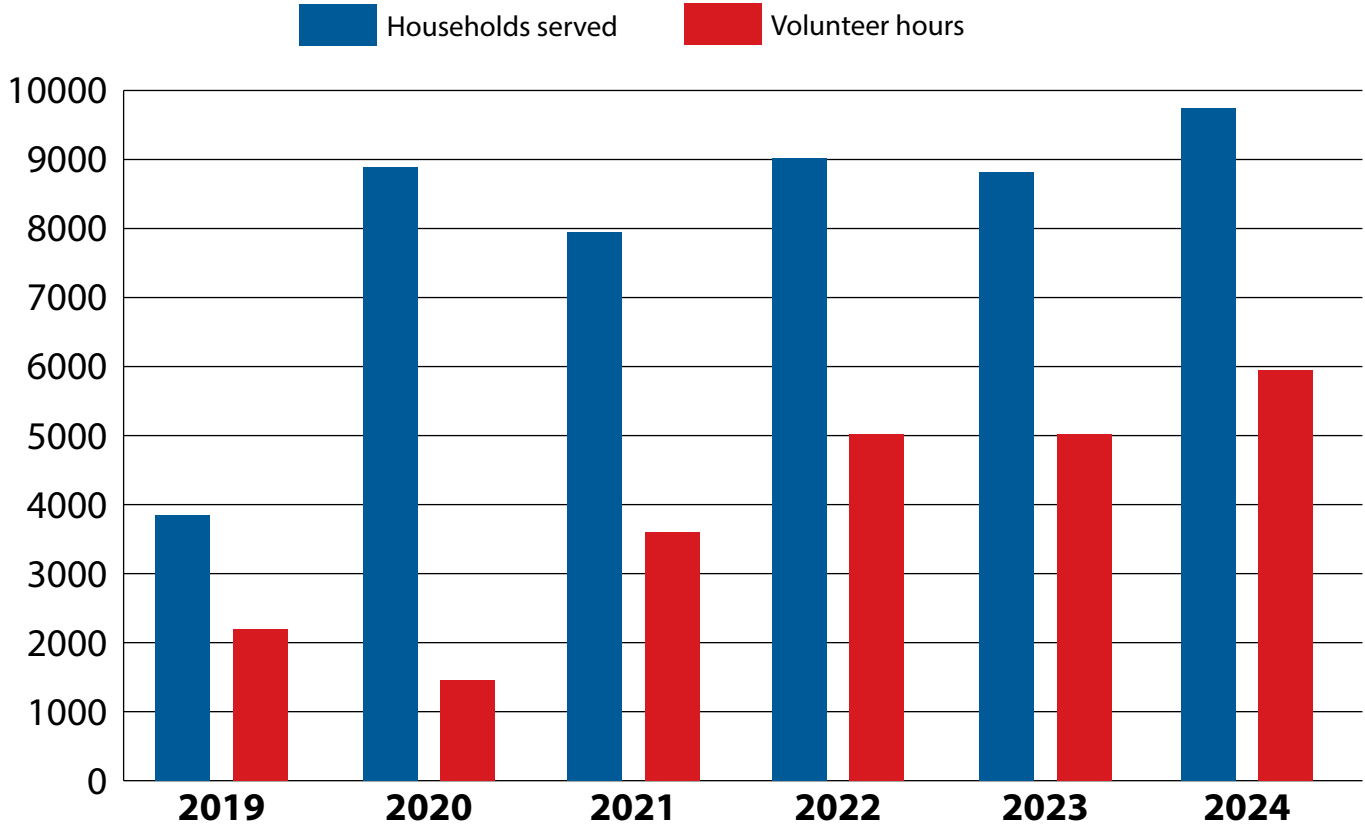


*\* based on information provided by Independent Sector and the Do Good Institute (independentsector.org)*



*In service to others*

# 2024 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	Nonduplicated Clients Served	Total Clients Served	Total Individuals Served
Jan	1221	259	769	1847
Feb	1237	261	896	2188
Mar	1272	266	722	1711
Apr	1290	253	895	2079
May	1304	243	823	1919
Jun	1311	220	609	1477
Jul	1313	223	867	2098
Aug	1325	272	916	2170
Sept	1334	243	896	2140
Oct	1352	298	1111	2669
Nov	1369	285	873	2148
Dec	1371	256	727	1778

## CSFP CLIENTS

Month	Total Clients Registered	Nonduplicated Clients Served	Total Clients Served
Jan	115	101	101
Feb	115	110	110
Mar	115	105	105
Apr	115	110	110
May	115	106	106
Jun	115	99	99
Jul	115	104	104
Aug	115	101	101
Sept	115	100	100
Oct	115	97	97
Nov	115	75	75
Dec	115	95	95

## VOLUNTEERS

Month	No. of Volunteers	No. of Hours
Jan	57	472
Feb	51	432
Mar	52	493
Apr	61	469
May	45	638
Jun	36	414
Jul	61	567
Aug	52	466
Sept	50	435
Oct	66	846
Nov	49	398
Dec	35	316



# It's All About the Heart



**Upper Right:** Great to attend the Heart Ball celebrating 100th anniversary of the American Heart Association who is partnering with The Filling Station bringing heart health education. Jeremy and Mary Ann LeRay with Erin Fox, Senior Development Director of ENC.

**Bottom:** Thank you to our board members and Bob Mattocks for attending this event highlighting our Nutrition Education partners... N.C. Cooperative Extension, American Heart Association, LifePlus and Food Bank of CENC.



# 2024 Major Contributors

Abundant Life Farms LLC  
American Heart Association  
Emily Andrews  
Andrews Family Farm Inc.  
Vx Baldwin  
Eddie Banks  
Banks Brothers Beaver Dam Farm  
Ellis and Dianne Banks Jr.  
Joe and Dianne Bell  
Allen and Jean Bender  
Jay and Sheron Bender  
Bruce Berry  
Vic and Shirley Bryan  
Janet Buff  
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Fisher Oil Company

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Frogley Chiropractic, PLLC  
Garber Methodist Church  
Garber Methodist Women  
Haddock Farms  
Harold Bate Foundation  
Katherine and John Haroldson  
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Hope in Christ Ministries  
International Paper  
Leslie Jones  
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Sylvia Miller  
Thomas and Barbara Moore

Murphytown Seafood & BBQ  
New Bern Chiropractic Care  
Patricia and Thomas Patton  
Allen and Karen Plaster  
Pleasant Hill Christian Women Fellowship  
Pollocksville First Baptist Church  
Pollocksville Presbyterian Church  
Christopher Rogerson  
Shady Grove Church  
Jerry and Sheri Smith  
Stewart Smith  
Solid Rock Global Methodist Church  
Thomas Southern  
Southern Gentlemen Chorus  
St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
Linda Staunch  
Lisa Stolar  
Suburban Propane  
Johnny & Estelle Surles  
Olivia Tanner  
John and Joan Taylor  
Alison Toro  
Triune Holiness Church of Maysville  
Tryon Civitan Club  
Christine Van Dyck  
Weyerhaeuser NR Company  
American Online Giving Foundation  
Jeffrey White  
Leigh Wilkinson  
Bonnie Zimmerman



# 2024 Volunteers who served 25 hours or more

**This group of 44 volunteers served a total of 5283 hours in 2024**

Emily Andrews .....	53 hours	Noreen Jekel .....	265 hours
Eddie Banks .....	29 hours	Cynthia Kinsey.....	221 hours
Ellis Banks.....	50 hours	Joan Knight .....	140 hours
Dianne Bell.....	75 hours	Kate Ladner .....	25 hours
Hilda Bender .....	214 hours	Don Leland .....	25 hours
Jimmy Bender .....	550 hours	Linda Leland .....	25 hours
Sheron Bender .....	184 hours	Richard (Renny) Long .....	25 hours
Shirley Bryan .....	50 hours	Ella McDaniel.....	57 hours
Reece Carter .....	108 hours	Randy McDaniel .....	25 hours
Coastal Carolina Church of Jacksonville .....	209 hours	Norma McDonough .....	185 hours
Beverly Collins.....	31 hours	Lorraine Moore.....	26 hours
Sharon Connelly.....	27 hours	Julia Murphy .....	341 hours
Kathleen Cornwell .....	48 hours	Clyde Murphy Jr.....	366 hours
Bobby Darden.....	49 hours	Stephen (Greg) Parker.....	27 hours
George (Dave) Davis .....	44 hours	Jane Peele .....	40 hours
Joanna Davis .....	25 hours	Allen Plaster.....	50 hours
Rachel Fisher .....	40 hours	Karen Plaster .....	211 hours
Ava Gray .....	29 hours	Willie Smith .....	241 hours
Eileen Griswold.....	242 hours	The Epiphany School of Global Studies .....	271 hours
Allen Harriett.....	271 hours	Lauren Wargo .....	25 hours
Judy Hills.....	220 hours	Polly Whitehead .....	117 hours
Mark Jekel .....	27 hours		

*We appreciate you!*

# Partnership with NC Cooperative Extension



**Above:** Sarah Ware leads a class on Food Preservation in the Front Gathering Space.



**Above, right and below left:** Water Bath Canning - Strawberry Jam using strawberries from Parker's Farm . Sarah Ware, NC Cooperative Extension leading the class. **Below right:** The Filling Station welcomed N.C. State University - More In My Basket in March. Sarah Ware led an educational class "Developing a Food Budget" and cooking class to share the power of eating well on a budget. **Bottom right:** Lauren Hickey & Sarah Ware.





# Filling Young Hearts with the Arts

## DANCE, ART & MUSIC DAY CAMP FOR JONES COUNTY RESIDENTS

### JUNE 24-28 » 8:45 AM-1 PM DAILY

FOR AGES 8-12  
LUNCH INCLUDED



### FILLING STATION CAMPUS

221 Main St  
Pollocksville, NC

COST **\$25** goes to the mission of the Filling Station

### THURSDAY JUNE 27 AT 10AM

NC Symphony's Music Discovery Program

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### Register Today!



Email: [info@fillingstation1075.com](mailto: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.

Funded by  
**The Harold H. Bate Foundation**



# Photos of Note



Dr. Norma Sermon Boyd, Finance Chair, Mary Ann LeRay, ED and Bobby Darden, Board Chair attended the Institute of Emerging Issues/Financial Resiliency Conference at N.C. State University in February



Polly Whitehead tutoring at Pollocksville Elementary School on Valentines Day...Thank you Polly for serving on our tutoring team.



# Volunteers Hard at Work



“When people cannot afford or access nutritious foods, they are at greater risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other chronic diseases that contribute to higher health care costs.”

— **Dr. Rajiv J. Shah**  
President  
The Rockefeller Foundation

# New Bern Chamber of Commerce Midday Mingle





# 2024 Neuse River Bridge Run

Your participation supports these organizations.



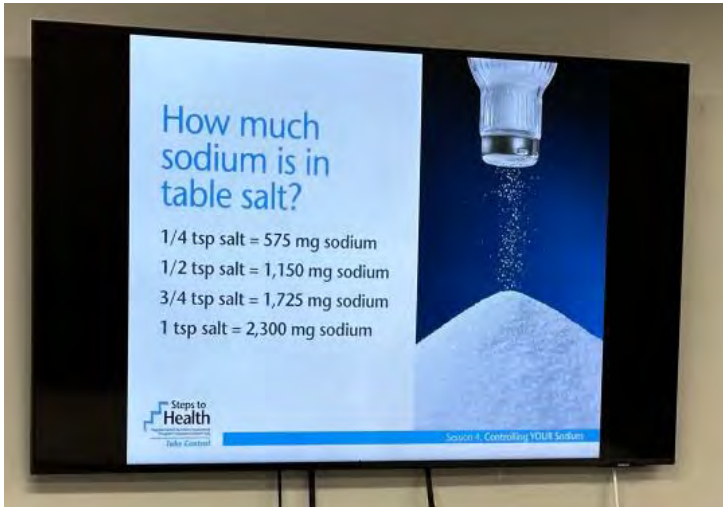
Neuse River Bridge Run



Thank you May 2024 Bridge Walk Sponsors & Runners/Walkers



# What's Cooking in the Kitchen?



Great education on “sodium” by NC. Cooperative Extension. The cooking classes are great platforms for nutrition education.



# 2024 in Pictures



902 Church hosted a Tea Party for 180 women to come and hear The Filling Station story. Mary Ann LeRay, ED, delivered an encouraging message based on Psalm 107:5, the organization’s foundational scripture...“Learning to live in the overflow...find a need and fill it.” Thank you to Debbie Hall, event organizer, for making this invitation to share the mission. Learn more about 902 Church by visiting: [902church.org](http://902church.org)

## What To Do With the Veggies in My Food Box?

Thank you Brenda Hall, Master Gardener and creative chef, took the ingredients in the food box from Tuesday and created 3 fabulous recipes for clients and volunteers to sample. “When you feel better, you do better.” So grateful for smart and talented volunteers who support the mission.



# Filling Station Annual Meeting



# Nutrition Education Workshop

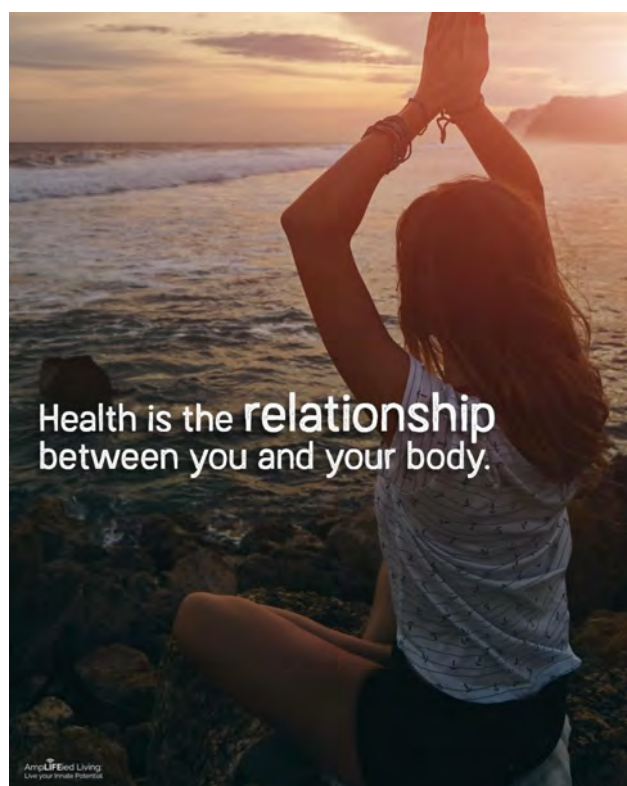
On May 23rd, we hosted a Metabolic Reset Workshop for anyone wanting to know more about how the metabolism affects our overall wellbeing. Todd Burrier, workshop instructor, shared the importance of cleansing, nourishing and refueling the body with vitamins and minerals. In his book, "3 Circles Living", highlights the 3 main areas of our life: Health, Finance and Relationships and when we have these priorities in order, our bodies function at optimal levels. Thank you to LifePlus Foundation for making this nutrition education possible. [lifeplusfoundation.org](http://lifeplusfoundation.org)



## YOUR WELLNESS Bingo

Eat fruit and vegetables	Drink 8 glasses of water	Wake up early
Catch up with a friend	Have enough sleep	Eat a healthy Breakfast
Spend time outside	Exercise/ Try a new workout	Thank someone
Take part in mindfulness activities	Make a Lifeplus recipe	Take your supplements

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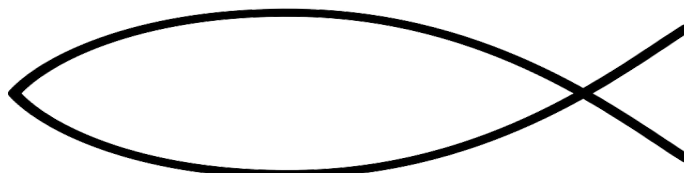
# BCBS of NC Mile Tour

In September 2023, we hosted BCBS of NC for the Extra Mile Tour which was a community meeting with several key stakeholders and partners in Jones County. As a result of that meeting, The Filling Station was invited to apply for an opportunity for a Pro Bono Project with BSBS of NC employees. We were chosen as one of seven non-profits in NC to be part of this project. Our project was to review our tracking and database system and determine the efficiency. The BCBS of NC team highlighted some areas for growth as we continue to build capacity in serving the residents of Jones County. We are grateful to Johnny Jernigan, BCBS of NC Community Liaison, who has led this effort to benefit The Filling Station. We are excited to announce the receipt of a \$10,000 grant from BCBS of NC to support the software and system enhancements. Link to the EXTRA MILE Tour Report: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/ojqqq/jxta/#p=15>



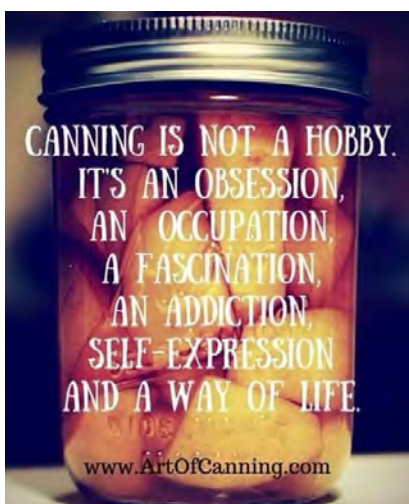
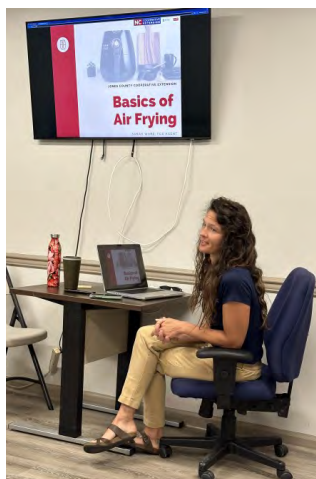
## Jones Co. Residents Receive Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards

Congratulations to the Jones County residents who received a Governor’s Volunteer Service Award at the County Commissioner’s meeting on June 3, 2024. Recipients included: Bobbie Jordan, Dale Nadeau, Darrell and Vickie Bell, Jones County Hunters Association, Luther Cox, Reece Carter, and Elwanda Oliver.



# Food Preservation Classes

Food Preservation Series classes in April and May 2024 Sarah Ware, NC Cooperative Extension, Jones County, hosted this series teaching Dehydration, Air Frying, Drying Herbs, Pressure Canning—learning the art of preserving and enhancing flavors in every bite. nine participants attended this series. Here are some pictures.



# Filling Young Hearts with Art Summer Camp



Parents, board members, partners and volunteers, over 100 in attendance, visited The Filling Station when NC Symphony came with Music Education and a special performance by Kono Ggana and campers.





# Filling Young Hearts with Art Summer Camp



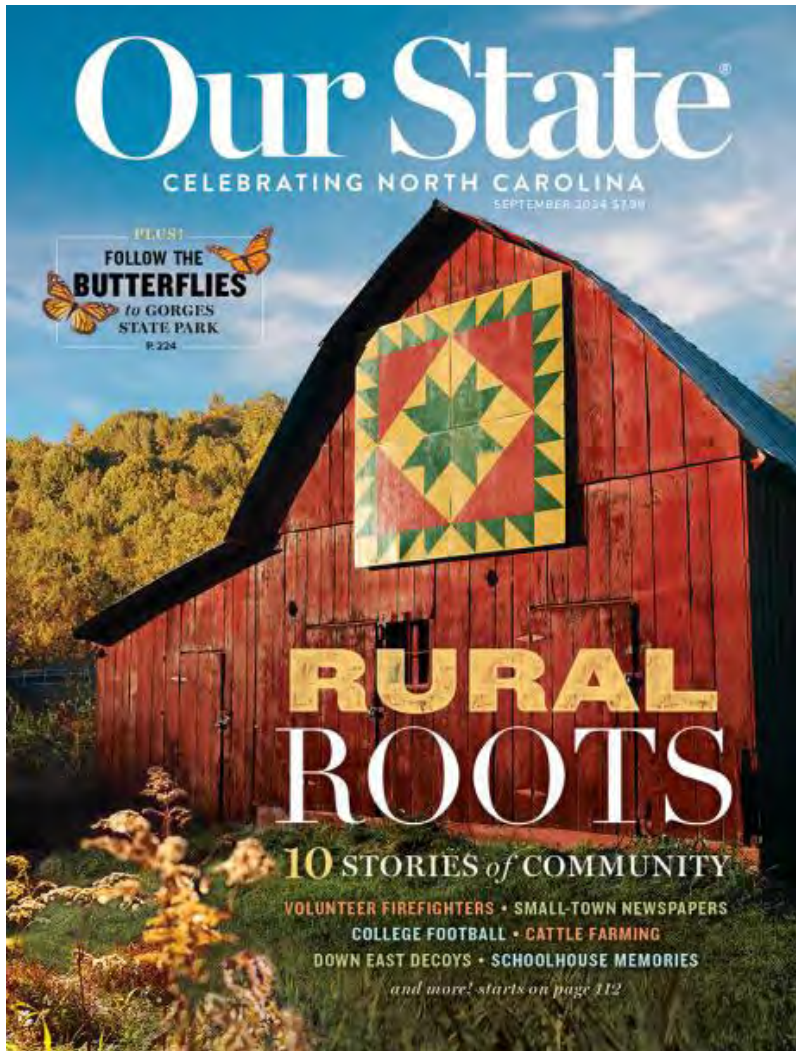
# Back to School Bash

Thank you Coastal Carolina Church for bringing your volunteer group to help us pack the 250 backpacks to be handed out at the Back to School Bash. We are grateful to our Board of Directors who consistently serve at community events.



# New Warehouse Underway





**“A lot of people have the intention to do good. The volunteers at The Filling Station made it happen.”**

# SHELTER *from the* STORM

In the tiny town of Pollocksville in Jones County, the placid Trent River roared to life during Hurricane Florence, threatening homes and businesses. A group of volunteers formed to clean up the mess, one neighborly smile at a time.

*written by JILL WARREN LUCAS | photography by CHRIS ROGERS*

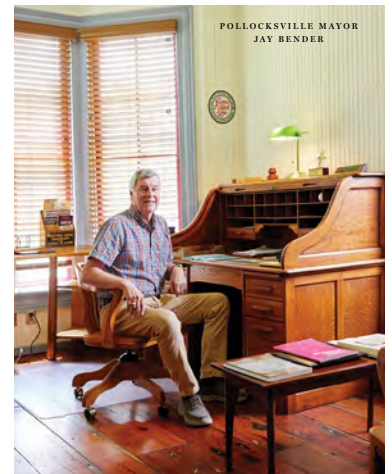
**A** FEW WEEKS AFTER Hurricane Florence devastated Jones County in September 2018, Millie Belfort couldn't resist the urge to take a walk down to the Trent River.

She was stunned to see that the churning flood waters that had rushed beyond its muddy banks still lapped up Main Street, swamping her adopted hometown of Pollocksville.

Uneasy about wading into the polluted water, she watched as a group of people gathered just outside of a former propane business, near the spot where the surge had stopped. "I didn't know what it was, but I wanted to be part of it," recalls Belfort, who'd moved to the town from Connecticut 13 years earlier, drawn to the rural community by its milder weather.

The group that Belfort encountered consisted of leaders and volunteers from The Filling Station, a nonprofit headquartered in the old store and composed of local churches and service organizations that support neighbors in need. No meeting had been planned, but several locals had gravitated there to share their concerns. Belfort told of how she'd experienced price gouging when charged \$21 for one jar each of peanut butter and jelly.

"This gentleman in the group said, 'Hold on.' He went back in and got me a jar of peanut butter



**FILLING STATION**

featured in September 2024 issue of

# Our State

THE **RURAL** ISSUE

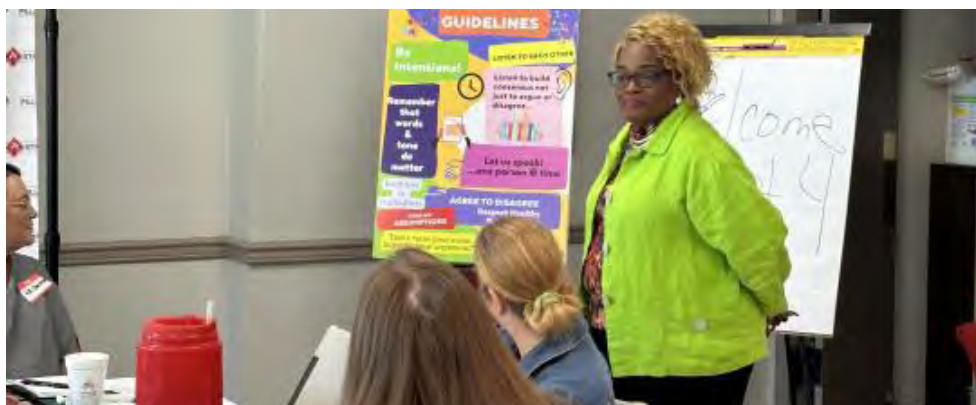


From a building that once housed a propane company (top left), Filling Station board members like Clyde Murphy Jr. and Willie Smith keep the spirit of downtown Pollockville and Jones County alive by helping clean up after disasters and assist residents in need.

# 2024 in Photos



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Thank you Comfort Fire Department for cooking a hot dog lunch at the Bassler Farm.



Congratulations to Sheri Smith for winning COW PIE BINGO!



Hay Ride is a huge success!





# 2024 in Photos



**NC** COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES PROGRAM



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Volunteering isn't reserved for those with abundance; it's a testament to the power of generosity, regardless of circumstance.



**Intentional conversation builds bridges of hope.**

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."  
PROVERBS 18:21



# 2024 in Photos



“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”

~John Wesley  
(1703-1791)

# 2024 Perfect 10 Sponsors

## Title Sponsor



Thank you CarolinaEast for your continued support!

### Thank you to our 2024 True Inspiration Sponsors

Cypress Creek Renewables

Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC

### Thank you to our 2024 MILE Sponsors

Duke Energy Carolinas  
Murphytown Seafood & BBQ  
Harold H. Bate Foundation  
Jones-Onslow EMC  
Segal Family Charities  
St. Andrews Apostle Catholic Church  
Garber Church  
Gannon Family Charitable Trust

### Thank you to our 2024 Filling Needs sponsors

J&M Warren Family Farms  
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Mitchell's Hardware  
St. Matthew AME Zion  
Hope in Christ Ministries  
Mark Bardill  
Gary and Susan Timco  
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Charley and Taffy Jones  
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Debby Edgerton  
New Bern Amateur Radio Club  
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### Thank you to our 2024 Ten Mile Fork Sponsors

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### Thank you to our 2024 Connection Sponsors

Andrew's Family Farm New Bern Webdesign Scott and Holly Ladner Pollocksville Baptist Church Eddie Banks John Taylor	Anonymous Donor New Bern Chiropractic Lenoir Community College Bob and Carol Mattocks Fisher Oil Stores Suburban Propane International Paper Alan and Judy Hills M&W Land Improvement Ellis and Diane Banks Friendship Free Will Baptist Vic and Shirley Bryan Johnny and Estelle Surles Anonymous Donor Weyerhaeuser
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 11AM-4PM**  
The Filling Station fundraiser

# *“Jones County – A Perfect 10”*

Join us for a day of good country fun to raise funds and awareness of The Filling Station and our community.

## TITLE SPONSORS



## WE ARE “FILLING NEEDS”

Take this opportunity to show your support through monetary 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, Food Trucks and shopping at Z.A.K’s.*

Visit <https://fillingstation1075.com/>

or call Karen at 252-635-0828 for more information.

A County-wide Mission: Nutrition, Education, Connection

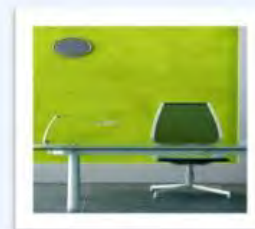
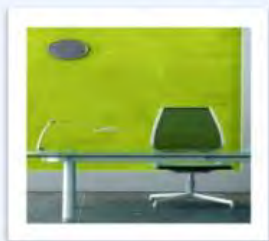
## OUR SERVICE PARTNERS



# LEADERSHIP JONES

...A GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## *A Place at The Table take A Seat, please...*



**"All tasks seem impossible until they are done"  
Nelson Mandela**



Servant Leadership  
Tara Kenchen



**Winter/Spring 2024  
Graduation Ceremony, Cohort 3  
Jones County Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, April 18, 2024**



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# 2024 Food Donations

Donations	Weight (lbs)	Name/ Organization
2	746	Bridgeton Methodist Church
107	449,165	Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
1	52	Family of Penny Bender
1	36	Kenneth & Sandra Jean Yearick
1	44	Solid Rock Global Methodist Church
1	78	DeAnne Holliday
8	603	Connie Carlton
3	65	Pollocksville First Baptist Church
1	63	Hope in Christ Ministries
2	1,261	Saint Paul Catholic Church
2	61	Anonymous Donor
3	193	Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
1	60	Steven and Rebecca Long
1	8	Stamp Out Hunger
1	10	Tryon Palace Dancers
1	28	Victoria Olson
1	213	Catholic Sisters
9	34,275	Harris Teeter
2	90	Starbucks

**487,051 Pounds  
of Food Donated  
in 2024!**





# Staff & Key Volunteers



**Marcy Hoffman**  
*Administrative Coordinator*



**Jimmy Bender**  
*Food Pantry Director*



**Geraldine Eubanks**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*



**Ed Jekel**  
*Facilities Manager*



**Clyde and Julia Murphy**  
*CSFP Program*

# Filling Station Annual Meeting

## Honoring Board Members rotating off at the Annual Meeting:

- Charlie Dunn Jr.—served two terms
- Dr. Norma Sermon-Boyd—served two terms
- Sheri Smith—served two terms
- Maria Robles—served two terms
- John Bender—served one term



## Welcoming 5 NEW board members:

- Christopher Rogerson—Kinston Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Colby Jordan—Triune Holiness Church
- Sheron Bender—Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
- Kenneth Spivey—Christian Faith Assembly
- Greg Thornburg—Solid Rock Global Methodist Church



# Board of Directors



**Front row:** Carol Mattocks, Board Advisor, Bobby Darden, Willie Smith, Mary Ann LeRay

**Back Row Left:** Greg Thornburg, John Taylor, Estelle Surles, Emily Andrews, Colby Jordan, Christopher Rogerson

**Back Row Right:** Kenneth Spivey, Michael Pretty, Charley Jones, Sheron Bender, Ella McDaniel, Ellis Banks

**Board Members not pictured:** Clyde Murphy, Jr., Beverly Collins

**Executive Director**

Mary Ann LeRay

**Executive Committee**

**Board Chair**—Bobby Darden, *Garber Church*

**Vice-Chair**—Clyde Murphy, Jr., *Clinton Chapel AME ZION*

**Treasurer**—Willie Smith, *St. James AME ZION*

**Secretary**—Beverly Collins, *Pollocksville Methodist Church*

**Board Members**

Emily Andrews—*Cypress Creek Methodist Church*

Ellis Banks—*Friendship Church*

John Bender—*rotates off April 2024 (1 term)*

Sheron Bender—*Pollocksville Presbyterian Church \**

Dr. Norma Sermon-Boyd—*rotates off April 2024 (2 terms)*

Charlie Dunn, Jr.—*rotates off April 2024 (2 terms)*

Charley Jones—*Individual businessman*

**Board Members (continued)**

Colby Jordan—*Triune Holiness Church \**

Carol Mattocks—*Board Advisor*

Ella McDaniel—*Shady Grove Methodist Church*

Michael Pretty—*Joe's Branch Church*

Maria Robles—*rotates off April 2024 (2 terms)*

Christopher Rogerson—*Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church \**

Sheri Smith—*rotates off April 2024 (2 terms)*

Kenneth Spivey—*Christian Faith Assembly \**

Estelle Surles—*Pollocksville Baptist Church*

John Taylor—*Individual Businessman*

Greg Thornburg—*Solid Rock Global Methodist Church \**

*\* New Board Members since April 2024*



**Our Mission:** To assist with filling the unmet needs in the areas of Nutrition, Education and Connection serving the residents of Jones County.


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**Wonder why we chose  
Psalm 107:5 as our  
foundational scripture?**



**Relying on God's fuel  brings the  
glory to Him so we can fill more needs  
...the tank never runs dry.**