



GREENWOOD  
COUNTS  
COMMUNITY  
CONSORTIUM

<b>TO:</b>	GC3-Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance
<b>FROM:</b>	Justo Chalaire, Community Engagement & Data Specialist
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	LFHA Meeting Summary
<b>DATE:</b>	October 29th, 2023

Thank you to all who attended the LFHA meeting for the Greenwood Counts Community Consortium.

Below is a summary of each portion of our meeting with a direct link to the video recording for that portion:

- Justo C. welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions. In attendance were Andria Wendell, Britney Mazyck, Bryan Yebba, Hannah Roberts, Tiffany Crooks, Bryan Yebba, Will Metts, Abigail Morningstar, Angela Christopher, Shannon Rose, Victoria Hunter, April Ouzts, Trish Buis, Myia Galloway, Zach Rubin, Will Metts, and Justo Chalaire.

#### **Organization Updates**

- Bryan Y. provided community gardens update that they have produced 300 lbs of produce primarily going to the foodbank and soup kitchen and a seed library is being initiated at the Greenwood Library.
- Zach R. shared that the Bear Necessities food pantry has continued to be successful in providing food to college students that need it.
- Hannah Roberts shared information on a multi-cultural health education program.

#### **FHA Updates**

- Justo shared that our \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been signed and funds are ready to be utilized. He also shared that Greenwood Food Resource Map on lakelandscounts.org has been added to a flyer in partnership with DHEC. 1,500 copies will be distributed by January.
- We then discussed updates on the GC3 Community Survey that GC3 partners and organizations worked collectively to administer to learn about healthcare challenges, food insecurity, and mental health issues in Greenwood, SC. 380 Surveys were completed which puts us right at our goal. 10 Gift Cards have been distributed to random participants. The data team reviewed survey results on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. and finalized a theme chart based on listening session transcriptions. Zach Rubin provided insights from the survey including total survey participants, demographics, barriers, and percentage of participants that were extremely food insecure.
- The group then discussed our Community Listening Sessions. This aligned with strategy #1 from our action plan. The target location was census tract 970500. Community partners that serve this area provided participants and space to implement listening sessions (Morris Chapel, Our Lady of Lourdes, Soup Kitchen, Food Bank). 12 GC3 members were trained in facilitation and all four listening sessions were completed. Some takeaways were that seniors rely on neighbors for help with food, single parents

with kids struggle to make ends meet and sacrifice food cost to pay other bills, felons are limited on job opportunities and do not qualify for SNAP, transportation is an issue for many in this census tract to reach more affordable grocery stores, Finances are a problem but financial coaching could be a solution, record expungement could be a solution, transportation services could be a solution.

- Courtney Watson led us through a Results Based Accountability process based on our Strategy #1- Conduct Listening Sessions and Community Surveys. Our discussion led to answering How Much, How Well, Better Off(Quantity), Better Off(Quality). This framework allowed us to accurately measure the impact of our Needs Assessment.
- Justo C. then shared information on a shared referral platform called Unite Us. We then watched a video that showed the impact our community could have if we used a shared referral platform. This platform aligns with strategy #5 of our action plan.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- Data and Analytics team to analyze and generate reports from listening sessions and the GC3 Community Survey.
- 1,500 Food Resource Guides to be Distributed by January of 2024. Each member tracks how many they distribute and reports to Justo C.
- Continuously update the Lakelands Counts Food Resource Guide.
- Promote the Unite Us referral platform to the Alliance. - [Unite Us Video Link](#)
- Review the Turn the Curve Action Plan at the start of the new year.
- GC3 Members to advertise the Food and Hunger Alliance and invite one member to the group.
- GC3 Members to share trainings and updates to Justo at [jchalaire@uwlakelands.org](mailto:jchalaire@uwlakelands.org) to be sent among the group and to the community.
- Attend our next meeting which has been moved to **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** due to Thanksgiving.

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