

Extension does that?

Yes, we do. Purdue Extension Hamilton County has a proud tradition of diverse and adaptive programs to support the evolving needs of our community. From classroom enrichment to career development, horticulture education to youth leadership, health and wellness to life sciences; Purdue Extension is full of possibilities. We hope you will enjoy this annual snapshot of our programs, facts, figures, and impact.

Purdue Extension continues to successfully pivot our programming to meet the demands of our challenging and ever-changing environment.

14,232 clientele in over 142 learning sessions & educational consults

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2021 "Souper" Year in Review



2021 Impact

Youth Programming

Unique SPARK Clubs: 11

*4-H Scholarships Awarded:
\$13,000*

4-H exhibits: 3,687

*ACTS Youth Leadership
graduates: 40*

*Certified YQCA (Youth for
the Quality Care of Animals):
253 members*

Ag & Natural Resources

Programming:

*Master Gardener
graduates: 64*

*Chicken Embryology
classrooms: 92*

students: 2,840

*Local scholarships awarded:
\$25,000*

Health & Human Sciences

Programming:

*Virtual Sewing Seminar
attendees: 400+*

*Where Does Your Money Go
budgeting program:
12 participants*

*Staying Connected class:
37 participants*

*Community Wellness
Coordinator funds secured:
\$20,000*



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Extension Impacting Community

- Our Community Garden Grant continues with support from staff, Master Gardeners, and ACTS students. 400 pounds of food were donated to Sheridan food pantries.
- Food Insecurity programs such as Meeting the Need and Pack the Pantries have distributed 5,431 pounds of food to 21 local food pantries.
- 225 fresh produce container buckets were planted and donated by Master Gardeners through the Growing Indiana's Future Together (GIFT) grant.

Extension Impacting Youth Development

- Hamilton County youth are Changemakers. 18 youth attended eight virtual program sessions on servant leadership to define a need in their community and develop an action plan. Eight Changemaker youth were awarded \$7,200 in competitive Indiana 4-H Foundation YES grants.
- Clover Gaming was awarded a \$15,000 National 4-H grant to expand the program statewide. 43% of participants were new to 4-H.
- Hamilton County Junior Leader community service projects had a financial impact of \$42,604 (\$2,933 in donations plus \$39,671 in volunteer hours).

Extension Impacting Health & Wellness

- Captain Cash youth financial program was presented to 125 third grade students.
- Dining with Diabetes four-session cooking school series was presented to help diabetics and their caregivers in meal planning.
- Get WalkIN' was an email-based program to encourage healthy lifestyles for more than 50 participants.
- Eat Your Way to Better Health gardening and nutrition program was taught for 125 students. Container gardens were planted at the school.
- Real Colors Personality Leadership Program was presented to 121 attendees.

Extension Impacting Ag/Hort Education

- An AG Day virtual website was developed as school field trips were canceled. More than 4,000 student contacts were made as teachers brought Hamilton County agriculture into the classroom.
- 64 Master Gardener Interns were trained in two separate 12-week programs, joining 241 active members.
- Leadership training was provided for Hamilton County Master Gardeners.

Extension Impacting Hamilton County

- 241 active Master Gardeners donated 10,206 hours for an estimated service value of \$255,150.
- 296 4-H volunteers with 3,387 years of combined service created a total financial community impact of \$405,496.32.
- 147 Extension Homemakers donated 2,940 hours for a financial impact of \$73,500.
- **TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$734,146**