



# Greene County

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## 2007 Impact Statements

*Our mission is engaging people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programming on identified issues and needs. These issues/needs are identified through our various program committees and individuals. Examples of programs conducted in 2007 include:*

### 4-H Youth Development

- Twenty-three youth and eight adult volunteers participated in Heifer Camp.
- Twenty youth participated in Space Camp at the Extension Office.
- Two summer interns provided 10 weeks of 4-H programming to 200 youth at four Fairborn summer lunch sites. One summer intern provided 10 weeks of 4-H programming to 56 military youth at WPAFB.
- One hundred and fifty youth participated in Xenia 4-H after-school programming.
- Five hundred and fifty Greene County youth participated in the 4-H Real Money Real World money management program.
- **Junior Fair**—834 youth completed 1,563 projects that were exhibited at the Greene County Fair. 318 youth sold animals through the Junior Fair Sales Auction, netting \$279,035.38. Forty-two youth participated on the Junior Fairboard which solicited \$9,124 used to purchase awards for the fair.
- **4-H Camp**—154 youth, including 32 older youth who were trained as camp counselors, participated in a five-day/four-night residential camping experience. A \$3,160 grant secured from the Dayton Foundation helped provide camperships for 26 needy youth. A \$90,000 grant was received from the State of Ohio, Capital Improvement Budget and \$25,500 was secured from Farm Credit Services for 4-H Camp Clifton improvements. An additional \$90,000 has been raised to replace the swimming pool.
- **Cloverbud Camp**—72 Cloverbud age youth attended a 24 hour overnight camp.
- **4-H in the Classroom**—78 classrooms, involving 2,117 youth, participated in Chicken Embryology, Weather Together, Nutrition, and Wisconsin Fast Plants programs.
- **Carteens**—448 first-time juvenile traffic offenders attended the Carteen (Cautious and Responsible Teens) educational program.

- The Shooting Sports Program and the PALS (Police Activity League) expanded their programs to reach 75 youth. A \$7,477 grant from the National 4-H Council will provide ATV safety training for youth.

### Family and Consumer Sciences

#### Money Management

- One hundred and seventy-one individuals completed one of fourteen Money Management/Spending Smartly series classes offered in Xenia and Fairborn. All participants reported gaining new information and indicating making changes in behaviors as a result of information learned.
- One hundred and forty-one individuals completed over six hours of money management training during regularly scheduled classes at Women's Recovery Center.
- **Graduation and Dual Role Skills (GRADS)**—57 students received 12 hours of money management instruction.
- Six sessions for 14 individuals were held at Greenleaf Therapeutic Community through the County Probation Department.
- **Americorps at UD**—The objective was to help incoming Americorps trainees develop realistic money management skills which would enable them to live on an income of \$11,000 a year. Skills presented were related to identifying personal money values and attitudes toward money management, establishing a budget, reading a credit report, the use of credit, organizing important papers, planning wills and estates.
- **Court Appointed Special Advocates**—CASA volunteers work with families whom the court deems to be in need of some mentoring in the area of basic living skills. Extension focused upon helping families set up a budget and reducing debt.
- **Real Money, Real World**—Seventy-five FCS teachers participated in the SW District FCS training session for the Ohio Department of Education on how to present career and money management programs in their districts.

#### Nutrition/Health/Wellness/Food Safety

- Eight sessions of Dining with Diabetes were held for 34 people. Several people indicated they had lost weight, lowered blood sugar and blood pressure as a result of making dietary changes recommended in class.

- Seven sessions of Life Skills were conducted for 62 students in the Graduation and Dual Role Skills (GRADS) program. Participants increased knowledge of nutrition for themselves and their children. Behavior changes mentioned were eating more fruits and vegetables, planning more nutritious meals, limiting snacks, and improving shopping skills. An \$11,900 grant was obtained for the 2007-2008 school year.
- One hundred and fifteen people attended Supermarket Savvy sessions of the Money Management class. Respondents planned to do better meal planning, eat more fiber, drink more milk, and use better shopping techniques to stretch their food dollars.
- In partnership with the Community Action Partnership, 277 seniors attended programs on a variety of nutrition topics. Forty-nine percent indicated plans to increase fiber intake, reduce portion sizes, and increase their activity in order to lead more healthy lives.
- Sun Safety programming was conducted at many different locations in conjunction with health fairs sponsored by Greene Memorial Hospital. Seven hundred and eighty-seven people were screened for skin damage from the sun and were counseled on wearing sunscreen, hats with a brim, and wearing sunglasses.
- Soybean Rust disease was monitored weekly with the help of a producer and Greene County Agronomy Board. No rust was found in the plot.
- Ethanol production continues to impact corn production and commodity prices. Twenty-eight producers heard of Cargill's plans for corn marketing in 2007.
- The Agriculture Educator taught pesticide safety to 250 producers in Clark, Greene and Clinton counties as part of their pesticide recertification requirements.
- The Agriculture Educator serves on SW Regional Wellfield Protection Committee, Xenia Source Water Protection Committee, Greene County Water Quality Awareness Committee, and the Source Water Environmental Education (SWEET) Team to develop water quality education programs.

### Greene County Master Gardeners

- Sixteen classes of the Winter Gardening Series were held to teach gardening to the general public with an average attendance of 15 people.
- Master Gardener classes were held for nine weeks with 24 participants.
- The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Pilot program was held for eight weeks with all day training and 23 participants.
- Master Gardeners conducted a tree inventory for the City of Xenia and tested the ODNR/Forestry Service iTREE Software for OSU College of Natural Resources.
- Approximately 55 people attended a meeting to discuss the chemical options for saving Ash trees.
- Extension met with WPAFB personnel to discuss the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer.
- Partnered with ODNR/Division of Forestry to offer a seven week arborist training for 45 participants.

### Agriculture/Community Development

- Seventy individuals worked on plans to update their estate plan as a result of the program "It's My Money, My Stuff, and My Life" sponsored by OSU Extension and Greene County Council on Aging.
- Through collaboration with several agencies, 84 home owners had their well water samples tested for nitrates.
- Twelve livestock producers participated in a Supplementary Forage Program sponsored by Greene County Agronomy Board, Greene County Beef Cattle Association, and OSU Extension.
- The Agriculture Educator utilizes a weekly column in the Dayton Daily News and a page in the Greene County Dailies on a bi-weekly basis. These papers reach over 80,000 households.
- The Agriculture Educator worked with four producers in monitoring for the Western Corn Rootworm (WCR) in soybean fields for a six-week period. None of the traps showed insect levels (WCR) at levels of concern for 2008.

### Volunteers

- Extension programs in Greene County include approximately 927 volunteers who gave 40,000 hours of service to Greene County. Figured at \$12/hour, that would equal over \$480,000. These include volunteers in 4-H, Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Master Gardeners.

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