SUPPORTING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

THE DURHAM COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM offers youth club, summer camps, special interest programs and life skill activities for children ages 5-19. Guided by Extension educators, adult and teen volunteers, 4-H youth gain knowledge, skills and leadership experience that will help them become responsible citizens and leaders.

- Durham County 4-H provided 8 summer camps instructing life skills and leadership development for 75 children ages 7-9.
- More than 1,200 youth were involved in 4-H clubs and another 1,200 in 4-H general interest activities that were designed to support school academic competency goals.
- The 2011 Junior Leadership Durham 4-H class collaborated with local teen groups and agencies to survey 255 Durham students on community concerns, which culminated in a presentation with Durham County Commissioners.

KIDS VOTING DURHAM helps young people understand and believe in the power they have as active, well-informed citizens and future voters through a combination of an authentic election experience and year-round educational activities taking place in school, at home and in the community.

- In 2011, over 1,000 Durham students participated in civic education and the voting process.
- KVD had a youth lead candidate forum for the City Council and Mayor Election and supported students to create a highly regarded candidate guide used by adults as well as student voters.

Project BUILD (Building, Uplifting and Impacting Lives Daily) seeks to reduce gang activity in Durham communities by expanding the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (CJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model. BUILD’s focus is gang and potentially gang-involved youth ages 14-25.

- Since its inception in 2006, BUILD has served over 1,100 Durham youth and reduced the median rate for participants to 6.7%.
- Nearly 75% of youth who had dropped out of school have either re-enrolled in high school or have entered a GED program following their participation in BUILD.

The Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension creates opportunities for lifelong learning and connects residents with resources and education to improve their quality of life. NC Cooperative Extension is an educational partnership between local counties and our land grant universities—NC State and NC A&T.

In 2011, the Durham County Center:
- Leveraged more than 1.3 million dollars in grants from public and private funders to address local priorities.
- Logged 118,696 volunteer hours by trained volunteers.
- Supported an average of 220 educational events and meetings in our Durham County site each month.
- Made over 127,118 contacts with area residents.

The Durham County Center offers programs in Early Childhood Development, Youth Development, Consumer and Family Education, Food & Nutrition, Agriculture and Horticulture, and Community Capacity Building.

Staff and trained volunteers can answer questions and connect Durham residents with community resources.

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