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VISTA Adapts Service Goals

McKenzie Tankersley

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During September, McKenzie Tankersley, an AmeriCorps VISTA service member serving with the Georgia 4-H State Office and UGA Extension, has continued to develop volunteer resources.



Summer VISTA Health Squad Service Impacts

From 2020 - 2023



Raised 51,361.50 lbs. of food



Served 8,480 individuals



Recruited or managed 52 volunteers



Provided 43 organizations capacity building services



Change or intent to change behaviors was reported by 332 individuals



Increased health was reported by 500 individuals

McKenzie has continued to produce tools for volunteer development. McKenzie created a Qualtrics survey for Keri Hobbs, Volunteer Specialist, to be used for counties to submit nominations for Volunteers for the Salute to Excellence Award. This survey and its format can be reused in the future to create consistency and simplicity for nominations of Salute to Excellence. In addition to this tool, McKenzie has designed three graphics highlighting the overall VISTA program impacts since the start of the grant back in 2010. In the same way, She created a separate impact graphic to highlight the 4-H Summer VISTA Associates impact.



While McKenzie has brought forth sustainable tools and showcased impacts, she has also collaborated with Keri Hobbs and Laura Goss to redesign the volunteer in-school guide goals based on new needs. This team recently uncovered an outdated School Relations Manual that, with proper updates and additions, would meet goals for increasing the capacity and reach of Georgia 4-H statewide. McKenzie served diligently to review the former guide to understand how the In-School Volunteer Guide she had been developing could be added to the former resource and what areas in the previous manual needed to be updated. It's projected that Keri Hobbs, Georgia 4-H

Volunteer Specialist, along with a team of other relevant specialists, will collaborate in the future to not only review and update the School Relations Manual, but add a chapter discussing volunteer capacity and training in retrospect to in-school programming. As a result, the in-classroom lesson guide will be prepped for the pass off to another team after McKenzie ends her service term in October.



Service Impacts

2010 - 2023

VISTAS Served

77 Full-Time
82 Total

Marketing Pieces Created

4,151

Recruited and/or Coordinated Volunteers

3,862

Fundraising Efforts

\$ 739,200

Raised In-Kind & Cash Resources

