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Online Auction

Emily Jarrell, Emanuel County 4-H VISTA

November 2021

Emanuel County 4-H
SILENT AUCTION
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM & TRAINING NEEDS FOR 2022

1-HOUR RIDING LESSON FOR ONE AT
SADDEGAITS FARM

TO CHECK OUT THE AUCTION ITEMS OR TO
REGISTER AS A BIDDER, VISIT:
GALABID.COM/EMANUEL4H

The poster is green with white and black text. It features a photograph of three people riding horses in a field at sunset. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the event name and location, followed by the purpose of the auction, the specific item being auctioned, and finally the call to action and website link.

Emily launched an online auction fundraiser for Emanuel County 4-H on Giving Tuesday (Nov 30). She worked to receive donations and organize gift baskets. Emily used an online auction site called GalaBid to reach the community virtually. The proceeds will help 4-H students attend camp, DPA, and other 4-H events. The Emanuel office is excited to offer a fundraiser that the entire community can get involved.

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Raised Bed Gardens

Michelle Williams-Ford, Clayton County 4-H VISTA

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Michelle Williams-Ford, Clayton County AmeriCorps VISTA is collaborating with partners to create a community/school garden at Lee Street elementary. The objective of the project is to introduce the children to agriculture and healthy eating for a healthier future for themselves and their community. A key objective is to feed the homeless community. This is a partnership between the school, UGA Extension, AmeriCorps VISTA, and the Homeless Education group. Michelle worked with the two partners to create a donation letter that was shared in November with farmers and local businesses.

The raised gardens at the elementary school allow the 4-H students to get involved in their community and be a part of the green and grow incentive in Clayton county. The children are excited to see the fruits of their effort this spring.

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Recruiting and Supporting Volunteers

Amy Ahonen, Jackson County 4-H VISTA

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Amy, Jackson County 4-H VISTA member, supported volunteers through the onboarding and programming efforts. She specifically supported three volunteers through the volunteer onboarding process who are prepared to chaperone 4-H'ers after completing the background investigation, the risk management training, and two reference checks. As a result, the recruited volunteers contributed 29 hours of support to the Jackson County 4-H program. Further, she manages 51 volunteers who contributed 25 hours to the development of youth through the volunteer-led 4-H BB program. The Georgia 4-H Shooting Awareness, fun, and education (SAFE) program teaches many valuable life skills. The Jackson County 4-H program provides youth a place to develop a sense of belonging, learn teamwork in a safe environment and increase concentration skills. In November the BB team volunteers and youth created a holiday float, which the AmeriCorps VISTA member supported as well providing support to the volunteers and built connections with the community by participating in a community event. The parade float served as a great marketing opportunity for the community and a positive development experience for the members.

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The AmeriCorps VISTA worked with the lead Horse Club Volunteer to implement a Clayton County 4-H Horse Club Clinic at the Calvin Center. Volunteers managed by Michelle were able to reach 10 youth through the face-to-face event nine youth through the virtual Horse Club Clinic. The Horse Club Clinic introduced students to the maintenance of the horses.

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Recruitment

Michelle Williams-Ford, Clayton County 4-H VISTA

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VOLUNTEER



This Fall Michelle, Clayton County 4-H VISTA, focused on volunteer recruitment. Recruiting volunteers supports a wider audience reach, creates new opportunities for engagement, and creates a sustainable program post-service. In August Michelle reached ten possible new volunteers through a virtual volunteer recruitment event she implemented. Since August, six volunteers have completed or begun the volunteer paperwork to serve as Horse Club leaders, 4-H STEM Club leaders, and Book Club leaders. As a result of the new clubs and 4-H Activities, volunteers served twenty-one hours to their community, four new volunteer-led activities occurred, and 22 youth were reached through the new 4-H opportunities.

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Recruitment

Jessica Collins, Houston County 4-H VISTA

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The VISTA in Houston County, Jessica Collins, served by completing valuable training and setting up personal training through the University of Georgia. She completed training on how to enroll and update volunteer paperwork. The VISTA worked on the current volunteer paperwork in Houston County. The objective was to determine who was still active and not active. The VISTA evaluated the active volunteer paperwork to make sure that everything was up to date. Jessica and the 4-H agent collaborated on getting all the current fundraisers together and determined what kind of volunteers are needed to help with the programs. The VISTA came up with a fundraising plan for a monthly event to support monthly support to the program. The former is being called "4-H Eat and Grow Night". This will be held at different local restaurants in different parts of the county monthly. A percentage of the funds will support the 4-H department. 4-H Eat and grow Night will bring the community together and serve as a recruitment event for 4-H'ers and volunteers. The first event has been booked and will be the first Monday of each month.