



2021 Year in Review

LiveWell Greenville continues to evolve by taking actions that elevate our strategic focus to advance community collaboration, advocate for health equity, and amplify community power. As we celebrate another year, and our tenth anniversary, we reflect on all the collective work that our coalition has accomplished.

Currently, access to healthy eating and active living opportunities is not a reality for all people in Greenville County. It takes the WHOLE community to come together to shape the systems that support equitable access to optimal health. We are thankful for the support and collaboration from our community. Together, we continue to work towards our mission to champion healthy eating and active living by convening community members and partners to impact policies, systems, and environmental changes to advance equitable access to healthy eating and active living for all living in Greenville County.

Advancing Community Collaboration



The Greenville County Food Security Coalition (FSC) has grown into a network of workgroups building connections among Greenville County community members and food system partners. The coalition has been restructured into three groups centered around the Food Equity Action Board (see page 3). Collaboration is at the FSC's core and has inspired resource sharing amongst partners resulting in a stronger Greenville County food system.

Meals on Wheels now delivers Project Host meals to after-school and summer feeding sites!

Harvest Hope is now offering a mobile pantry at the OBGYN clinic.

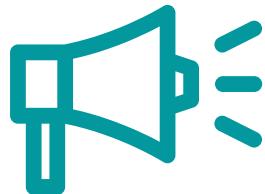


The LiveWell At Early Childhood workgroup is expanding its focus from only early childcare centers to include all children ages 0-5 in Greenville County.

The Go NAP SACC pilot, which began in 2016, in Greenville County evolved into an Upstate-wide initiative from 2018-2021 and is now expanding to a state-wide initiative.



Advocating for Health Equity



Our work aims to build trusting and inclusive spaces where communities not only have access to health-promoting resources but feel comfortable using them. Throughout 2021 the FSC has worked to coordinate Weekend Food Backpack Programs across GCS to support children facing food insecurity on the weekends when school meals are not available.



"As a single dad of two amazing daughters, this program has been a true blessing for our family."



Creating multi-lingual spaces where everyone can communicate, understand, and be understood in the language they prefer is part of language justice. The BUILD Trust, BUILD Health team is offering quarterly trainings to educate our community on language access practices.

Over the past five years, the Pleasant Valley Community has experienced the closure of a series of full-service grocery stores. The Greens & Things Farmer's Market, launched by Maranatha Farms and Wellness in partnership with Pleasant Valley Connection, is filling the gap left by these closings. LWG helped secure \$12,000 in funding for this project.



LWG's partnership with Prisma Health has led to a three-year Clinic-Community Partnership pilot, testing a Pediatric Patient Resource Navigator model for patients experiencing food and housing insecurity.



Amplifying Community Power



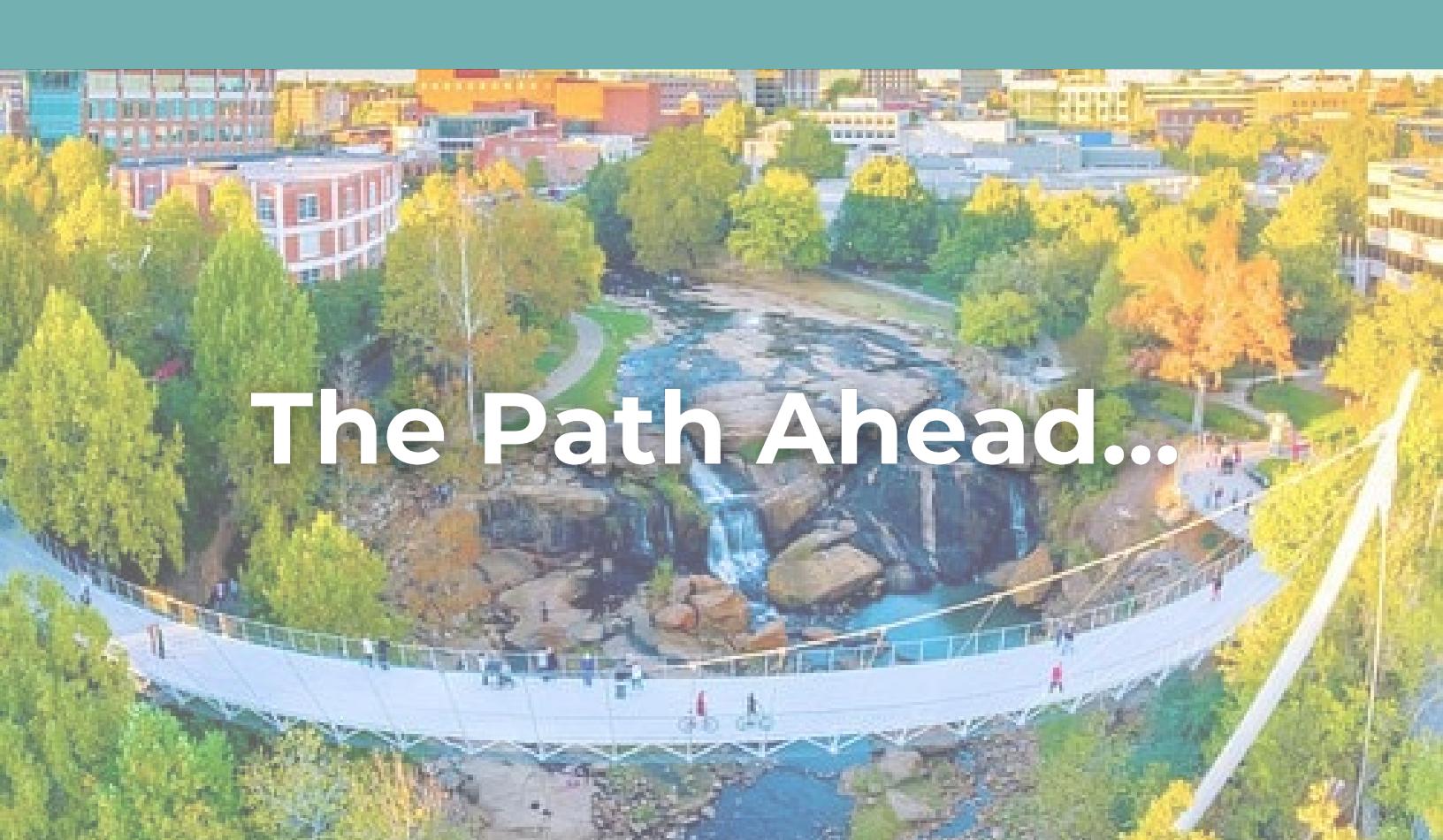
Food Equity Action Board

In 2021, LWG launched the Food Equity Action Board, which prioritizes the voices and leadership of those most impacted by food insecurity in developing policy solutions. The 14 board members are meeting over 6 months to share their experiences and develop solutions to food access barriers and to connect with the providers of food security services in the community.

The BTBH project is focused on building trust between Hispanic community members and service organizations with the goal of improving access to welcoming healthy eating/active living opportunities and reducing health disparities.



The LiveWell At Worship race relations sub-committee developed a robust community action plan, which shines a light on key actions the workgroup can take to disrupt systems that perpetuate racism in Greenville County. LiveWell at Worship will be addressing inequities and barriers brought about by systemic racism, including how it affects obesity and chronic disease rates. This group has also added language justice as a new priority, providing interpretation services at this year's Pastor Summit. Of the 10 church leaders who attended this event, three were from Hispanic churches, and all pastors were able to communicate together as a faith community on important topics of self-care and youth wellbeing.



The Path Ahead...

As we look ahead to 2022, the partners of LiveWell Greenville will continue to have a laser focus on advancing community collaboration, advocating for health equity, and amplifying community power in our efforts to ensure that every Greenville County community member has access to healthy food and physical activity opportunities. Working to address the systems that prevent equitable access to healthy supports will require the support of our entire community.

We challenge you to examine how you can become part of this effort. Consider becoming a member of our workgroups or leadership team; donating to support our work and the work of our partners; and advocating for policies that support all residents in gaining access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities. LiveWell Greenville is committed to raising the bar so that all in Greenville County have ample supports to live a full, healthy, and engaged life.

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