



In spite of Covid, 2021 was a busy year at the Cliff Jordan Continuing Education Center. Although attendance in classes wasn't where we would have wanted it to be due to the frequent spikes in virus activity, we offered 24 different classes over the course of the year. Different levels of English as a Second Language, Bible studies, reading, math, money matters and gardening.

Our garden produced nearly 100 pounds of vegetables which were donated to the Food Box program at Tillman House. From tomatoes, carrots, pepper, okra, beans and giant sunflowers, God blessed our efforts in abundance. Beverly Marshall-Goodell along with Master Gardener, Terri Carter taught our students how to set-up, plant and maintain raised bed gardens. We even had a local bee keeper, Tim Spanjer, speak to our class on bees and how to maintain the hives, pollination and the critical role bees play in our overall eco system, not just in the garden.

In October, we co-sponsored with Cobb Collaborative and First Readers, Leap into Literacy event which was free to the community. Children were treated to games, a story walk and story time where Smyrna Mayor Derek Norton and members of the Cobb County Sheriff's Department as they read their favorite childhood stories to the kids. Mayor Norton really entertained the children by introducing various "voices" into his stories. Each child was treated to several free books as part of the event.

Also, in the fall, Smart Kids After School program led by Alan Nicely became a part of the Cliff Jordan Continuing Education Center. The program provides tutoring for children in the 1st-3rd grade every Tuesday-Thursday during the school year. Mentors assist children in reading and math as well as art, games, and gardening. The program quickly reached the maximum capacity with a waiting list.

As we look forward to 2022 and expanding our curriculum further. We would like to thank our many volunteers and donors for their dedication and service. Without your generous support, we could not continue the mission of the Cliff Jordan Continuing Education Center. None of this could be done without you and on behalf of the students and myself thank you and may God bless you in the new year.

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Blessings and love,

Donna Jordan

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