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Community Voices

“The Master Gardener program welcomed me with open arms to the world of gardening in Virginia. I found new areas of interest, most notably invasive species management and natives. I am excited to play a role in showing, sharing, and practicing responsible gardening techniques in the community I serve.”



Jane Saltzman
Master Gardener

545

Extension Volunteers

Partners for Solutions

“Feeding Greene, a local food pantry partner, was already invested in the health of their community when I started working with them. I assisted them in drafting and passing a pantry nutrition policy to ensure the work of their executive director can be sustained long term.”



Matt Paysour
Agent



Members of the Western Albemarle 4-H Club participate in the Crozet Independence Day Parade.

Sharing Knowledge

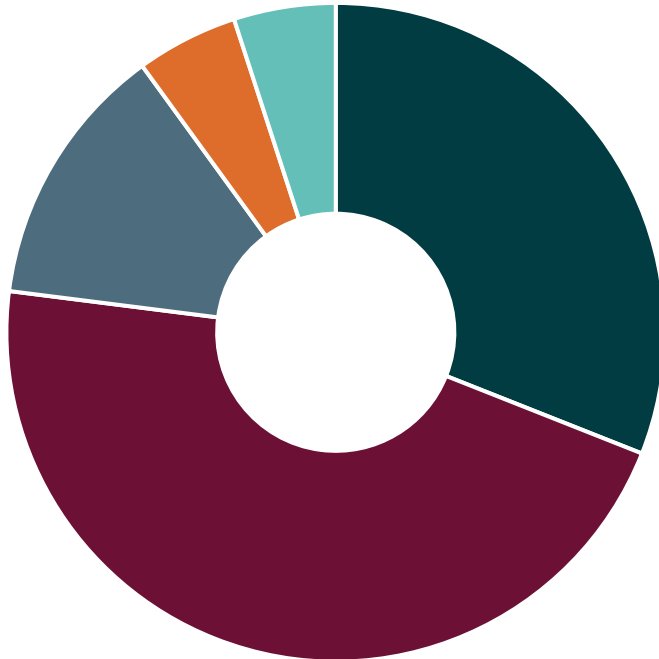
The population of western Albemarle County has seen significant growth in recent years. While there are many youth activities available in this part of the county, one thing that has been missing is educational and leadership opportunities that build a sense of community.

In response to this need, the Western Albemarle Cloverbud and Community 4-H Club was formed. The club caters to the interests and needs of local youth, providing them with a platform to learn, grow, and develop important life skills.

Forty-five members enrolled in the first year, the majority of whom are first-generation 4-H, with no previous knowledge of the program. Co-leader Jaclyn Scott, a licensed professional counselor, said, “With reports of increased anxiety and hopelessness among our youth, this club couldn’t have come at a better time. 4-H is supporting connection, community, and leadership opportunities for our children – generating a ripple effect of change and increasing resiliency, self-worth, and joy [within our community].”

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Funding by Source



31% State

46% Local

13% Federal

5% Grants

5% Other

Total Funding: \$446,715

\$1.18

return on investment
for every dollar
invested by the
localities in **Albemarle
County/City of
Charlottesville**

\$98,283

value of extension
volunteer hours
in **Albemarle
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Charlottesville**

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