#### Improving Wellbeing

## **Chesterfield** County

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### **Community Voices**

"As an Extension intern, I learned practical applications of my urban agriculture schooling. Extension's



hands-on approach helped me understand how to make a garden work, regardless of different variables. I made friends while learning a lot, including how to confidently ask questions and be curious."

Princess Star Teen Intern



### **Partners for Solutions**

"Master Gardeners created the Giving Garden in 2022 as a service component to the demonstration



gardens. In 2023, we doubled the amount of produce harvested, providing 2,300 pounds to our partners at SevaTruck RVA to create healthy, free meals for those most in need throughout the Greater Richmond community."

Sierra Seekford Agent



Chesterfield 4-H alumna Paris Woods.

### **Sharing Knowledge**

4-H is rooted in positive youth development principles that help create productive citizens and effective leaders. Chesterfield 4-H alumna Paris Woods exemplifies that mission and credits 4-H for shaping her into the person she is today.

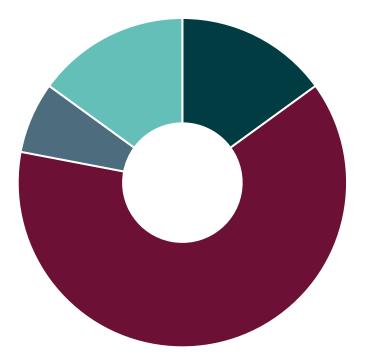
As an eager 9-year-old, she fell in love with 4-H and the opportunities to explore new endeavors. Throughout her 4-H journey, Woods held many leadership roles: teen counselor, teen club president, Southeast District Ambassador, State Cabinet mentor, Center Camp leader, VCE summer intern, and national 4-H Young Alumni Advisory Committee.

4-H ignited Woods' passion for lifelong learning and exploration in her career as the sustainability lead with the corporate social responsibility team at WorldStrides. "4-H has taught me that it's okay to embrace discomfort at times; it's what shapes your identity. 4-H continually inspires me to lead a more adaptable life, take the time to connect with new people, understand their stories, and explore the world."



## Chesterfield County

## **Funding by Source**



**15% State** 

63% Local

**7% Federal** 

**15% Other** 

## **Total Funding: \$600,411**

\$0.58

return on investment for every dollar invested by the county in Chesterfield County

# \$599,122

value of extension volunteer hours in Chesterfield County

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