

## Community Voices

The 4-H food bank projects have been extremely helpful in providing proteins where other donors have had to cut back considerably. Some weeks, the eggs from 4-H'ers are the only ones we receive. Seeing the kids grow and become more excited and devoted to giving back has meant the world to our staff."



### Sharon Ames

Executive Director, Fauquier County Food Bank



Students work together to extract DNA from strawberries as part of the All About Ag series.

# 191,319

Servings of protein  
donated by 4-H

## Partners for Solutions

"The Fauquier Education Farm, created in 2009, has been a great way to bring many community partners together. Environmental advocates, the farming community, local social service organizations, and many community members joined in the 10th Annual Feast From the Field to help celebrate accomplishments and raise funds."



**Tim Ohlwiler**  
Agent

## Sharing Knowledge

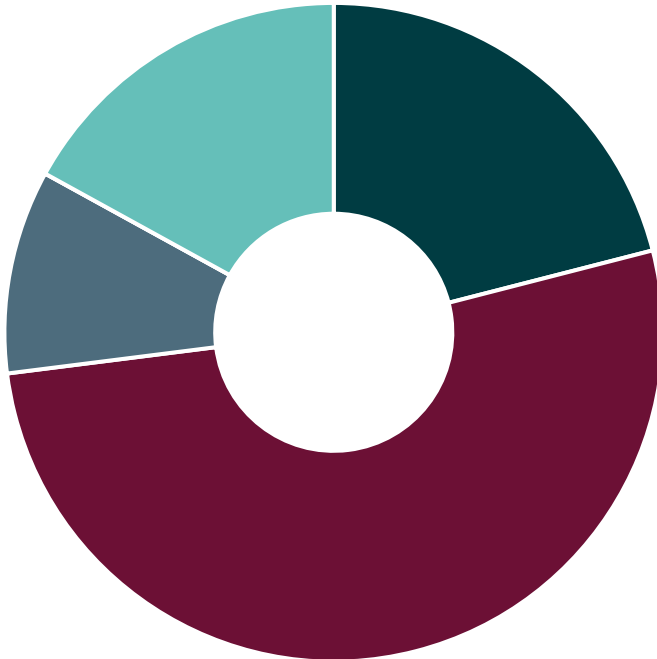
Eighty percent of the fastest growing occupations in the United States depend on mastery of mathematics and scientific knowledge. Workers who hold STEM degrees enjoy higher earnings and less joblessness. From 2018 to 2022 Fauquier County Public Schools saw an 18-point drop in science scores and a 16-point drop in math scores.

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H after-school program provides access for elementary youth to participate in STEM-focused experiential learning. Thanks to generous donations from the William A. Hazel Foundation, Fauquier County, Virginia Tech, and the PATH Foundation, this program has served 282 students with the help of local volunteers.

One parent of a program participant said their child loved this program. "He truly looked forward to it each Wednesday and reminded us that he was going. We've noticed a new interest in science, including wanting to try experiments at home. He also joined the Cloverbud program to expand his interaction with 4-H."

# Fauquier County

## Funding by Source



**21% State**

**52% Local**

**10% Federal**

**17% Other**

**Total Funding: \$506,733**

**\$0.94**

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

**\$442,996**

value of extension  
volunteer hours in  
**Fauquier County**

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