



Community Voices

“As the director of Second Stage Amherst, an art and community nonprofit, I am honored to be selected to provide space and encourage participation in the Bridge2Health program. Watching the multi-generational collaboration between teens and adults is heartfelt and a necessary addition to our society. My daughter chose to participate in the program last year and looks forward to another successful year with Bridge2Health.”



Jessie Shipe
Director, Second Stage Amherst

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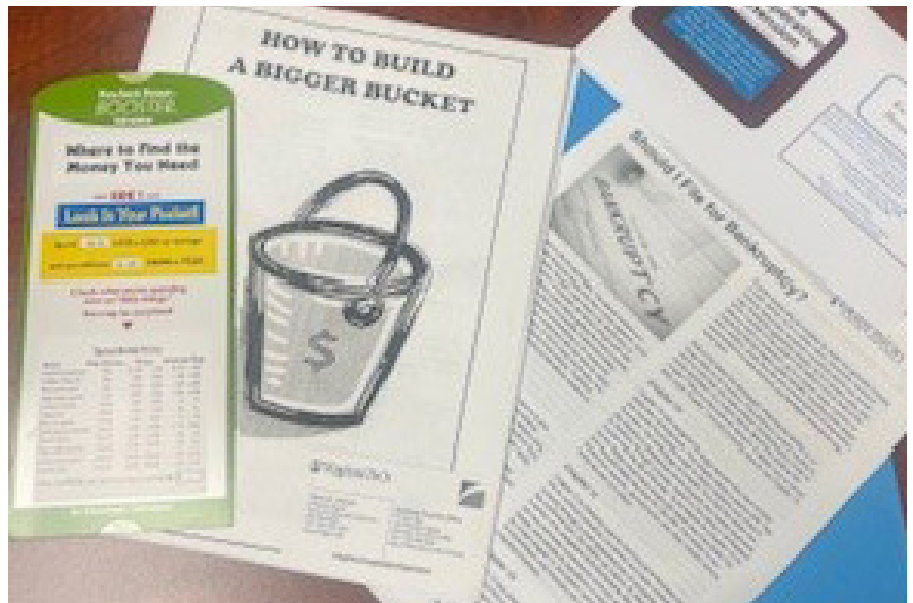
Participants in Local Programs

Partners for Solutions

“As a 4-H adult leader for the past 22 years, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to become the 4-H technician. This past year I worked diligently to continue the fourth grade 4-H in-school programming and served as one of the camp directors, which ensured our strong summer camp program continued.”



Louis Goldman
4-H Technician



Inmates who participate in the Build a Bigger Bucket re-entry program are given a voucher to stay connected with Extension resources.

Sharing Knowledge

Many criminals return to prison because they were not rehabilitated while incarcerated. They struggle to find a job and often return to crime. Two-thirds of all parolees are rearrested within three years.

Through the Build a Bigger Bucket program, inmates learn to identify their spending leaks, create a workable budget, battle debt, and create a financial plan. Inmates who complete the program receive a voucher for access to additional financial literacy workbooks and resources.

Upon completion of the program, all inmates had prepared a working budget and could identify at least three spending leaks that they believe they would be able to prevent upon release. To date, 38 vouchers have been redeemed, and 14 inmates have contacted the office for additional resources and information.

Amherst County

Funding by Source



45% State

25% Local

12% Federal

17% Other

Total Funding: \$416,742

\$2.99

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

\$19,774

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Amherst County

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