



Summer SUCCEED Outputs & Impact - Summer 2020

Service Totals by Site

Summer 2020	# of Volunteers	# Service Hours	\$ Economic Value*
Green Heart Project	4	61	\$1,659
Johnson Family Farms	4	274	\$7,453
One80 Place (Mask making)	4	92	\$2,502
SHARE Heroism Lesson Plans	4	51	\$1,387
Story Time with The Citadel	4	57	\$1,550
Sweetgrass Gardens	4	208	\$5,658
Training & Meetings	4	62	N/A
TOTALS	4	805	\$121,896

* Based on latest estimated value of volunteer time (\$27.20) independentsector.org/volunteer_time

There were many obstacles that our communities faced this summer due to COVID-19. With the closure of schools and summer camps, the SUCCEED program had to take a different route to serve our community. The four summer SUCCEED Fellows navigated these unique challenges and were able to work diligently to continue to serve and support our community in a safe and productive manner. Our two rising senior and two rising junior cadets worked virtually for the month of June and transitioned to in-person for July. Due to the Marine's use of the cadet barracks, our four Fellows were set up at Homewood Suites instead. Every facet of our program looked different this year.

Green Heart Project- A local nonprofit organization with a mission to educate children through garden-based experiential learning projects. The SUCCEED Fellows helped launch an incredible initiative to develop a community garden with over 40 raised garden beds at the local Enston Homes for low-income residents of the Charleston Housing Authority. This community project will be used as an educational asset for the surrounding schools and local residents.

Johnson Family Farms- A small family-of-four farm that was in critical need of support to sustain their operations during the lockdown. The SUCCEED Fellows worked on numerous tasks with the Johnson Family, including constructing chicken coops, harvesting and planting vegetables, feeding livestock, and upgrading the greenhouse. The farm has a purpose to educate the community on where their food comes from while also working to protect the land in which they conserve for the East Cooper Land Trust.

One80 Place- Mask making! The SUCCEED Fellows came up with this project on their own and identified the organization that they wanted to benefit from it. In total, the cadets made 30 masks to be donated to One80 Place, a local nonprofit organization with a mission to end and prevent homelessness by offering a safe temporary living environment for veterans, families, and local community members.

SHARE Heroism Lesson Plans- In lieu of COVID our SHARE program needed to shift, Charleston County Schools will not be accepting visitors in 2020 let alone 800+ Cadets on one day. The Summer SUCCEED Fellows helped to generate a list of Heroes and matching characteristics that cadets may create lesson plans for elementary school children for our 2020 SHARE Alternative program. Furthermore, the Fellows each created a sample lesson plan that we can use to model and develop this new version of SHARE for the 2020's new normal.

Story Time with The Citadel- In Spring 2020 after the abrupt shift to remote learning, the Service Learning & Civic Engagement team launched the Story Time with The Citadel initiative. Cadets recorded themselves reading children's books so that we could share them through our website with school children near and far. We challenged our Summer SUCCEED Fellows to take that concept and do more with it. 11 videos were created including a science experiment, how to grow your own plants, and a Spanish lesson!

Sweetgrass Gardens- Another local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing free, fresh, naturally grown, local produce to charitable food distribution agencies on Johns Island. The SUCCEED Fellows started their work with Sweetgrass Gardens, a community partner of the Krause Center since its conception. The fellows began their service by disturbing "Blessing Boxes" of produce to meet the populations they were serving. After understanding the importance of their work, the Fellows worked with a full heart to plant, cultivate, and harvest the boundless amounts of vegetables that are grown and distributed during the peak season to serve the increasing needs of the surrounding community.

