



# benevolence farm



**Mission:** Benevolence seeks to cultivate leadership, promote sustainable livelihoods, and reap structural change with individuals impacted by the criminal justice system in North Carolina.

**Vision:** To create a more equitable, just, and nurturing world for women and the communities they transform.



**Leadership  
Development &  
Self Agency**



**Sustainable  
Livelihoods &  
Healthy  
Ecosystems**



**Advocacy &  
Education**

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## The Programs

Learn about our accomplishments in 2016.

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## The Stories

Hear from the Benevolence Community.

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## The Numbers

Review the 2016 finances and contributors.

## 2016 Highlights & Milestones

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SELF-AGENCY

- Accepted 1st full-time woman resident
- Finalized programmatic development for residential program
- Hired new Executive Director, Elly Goetz
- Conducted recruiting in NC women’s prisons and 4 partner organizations



### ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

- Held the 2017 South Eastern Social Care Farming Summit
- Received over 1300 volunteer hours by 240 community members
- Participated in 6 re-entry coalitions
- Launched state-wide letter writing campaign to incarcerated individuals, sending 85 letters

### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

- Launched our first CSA, selling 33 shares
- Started the Alamance County Tool Share program with the support of 10 local farms
- Generated \$8000 in farm sales
- Donated 1/4 of our produce to SAFE food pantry
- Produced over 2,000 pounds of vegetables
- Facilitated 3 mushroom log workshops
- Mentored 9 justice involved youth



## Meet the Benevolence Community

Benevolence Farm is a community of individuals and organizations who support second chances. Together, staff, board members, volunteers, advocates, and community members alike create a network that enables Benevolence to thrive while steadfastly living out our mission.



### BENEVOLENCE FARM RESIDENT

"Benevolence Farm has been such a blessing to me. I feel as though I finally have a place to call home. I've never felt the happiness that I feel here. Working on the farm and getting to know those around me has been an amazing pleasure. I enjoy working outside, seeing everything grow, and getting closer to nature."

**-Mellissie Davis-Smith**

### CSA MEMBER

"Benevolence Farm has a terrific CSA! Their produce is delicious, healthy, affordable and 100% local, plus it helps support an important cause. Everyone at Benevolence Farm is friendly and easy to work with. This is a great option if you are looking for a good CSA." **-Caryenne McIver**

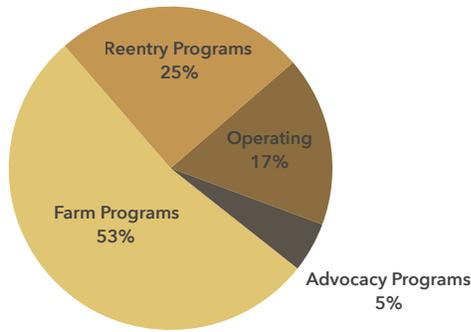
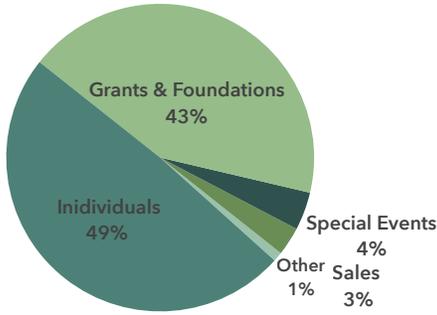


### TOOL SHARE MEMBER

"Reducing the amount of time it takes to seed, plant, weed, and harvest in a more efficient manner enhances the likelihood of success for participants in the Tool Share. Benevolence has done a stellar job in bringing together both new farmers and veteran farmers to learn from one another and to gain access to equipment that might otherwise be too expensive for individual farmers." **-Larry Newlin**

**REVENUE** = \$229,633

**EXPENSES** = \$185,682



**WE APPRECIATE OUR MAJOR DONORS**



**TEAM BENEVOLENCE**

**Board of Directors**

- Jackie McLaughlin
- Miea Walker
- Peter Ansbacher
- Anne Parsons
- Mara Thomas
- David Blair

**Staff**

- Elly Goetz  
*Executive Director*
- Matt Ballard  
*Farm Manager*
- Tiffany Bullard  
*Program Manager*
- Emma Gray Mankin  
*Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator*
- Tanya Jisa  
*Former Executive Director*
- Abby Goodman  
*Former Development Coordinator*
- Rebecca Ogus  
*Former Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator*

**Interns**

- Amy Mullan & Evan Strickland  
*Farm Interns*
- Jen Myers  
*Photography & Video Intern*
- Sarah Shaughnessy  
*Social Media & Marketing Intern*
- Chelsea Hayes  
*NCSU Master of Social Work Intern*
- Samantha Prentice & Nate Rohweder  
*Website Administration Interns*

**Thank you to our Community Partners**

Women's Resource Center in Alamance County, Alpha Phi Omega, Johnson Service Corps, Moxy Project, North Carolina Association of Women Re-entrants and their Children, Southern Alamance Food Empowerment (SAFE), Americorps VISTA, Activate Good/Pro Heroes, Dispute Settlement Center, Inc., Youth Work Restitution Program, Second Family Foundation Program, Peacehaven Farm, Barking Dog Farm, Peaceful River Farm, Wings of Dawn Farm, South Eastern Social Care Farming Summit, Alamance County Food Collaborative, Mount Hermon United Methodist Church, Elon University, UNC Chapel Hill, NC Central University

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