



Benevolence Farm

WHERE SECOND CHANCES GROW NATURALLY

2021 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



Benevolence Farm Annual Impact Report 2021

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We are on a mission to cultivate leadership, promote sustainable livelihoods, and reap structural change with individuals impacted by the criminal justice system in North Carolina. We intend to create a more equitable, just, and nurturing world for women and the communities they transform.

COMMUNITY IMPACT & CHANGE IN 2021

11 women chose to call Benevolence Farm home

1,181 nights of safe and secure housing provided to women exiting prisons

35 formerly incarcerated people referred to housing and community resources in North Carolina outside of the Benevolence Farm program

268 bars of soap donated through our Soap for Incarcerated People Project

592 people benefitted from Benevolence Farm Products nationwide

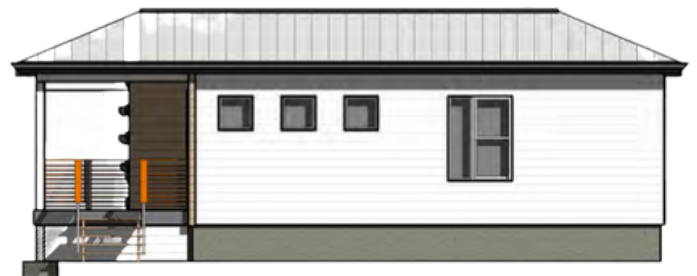
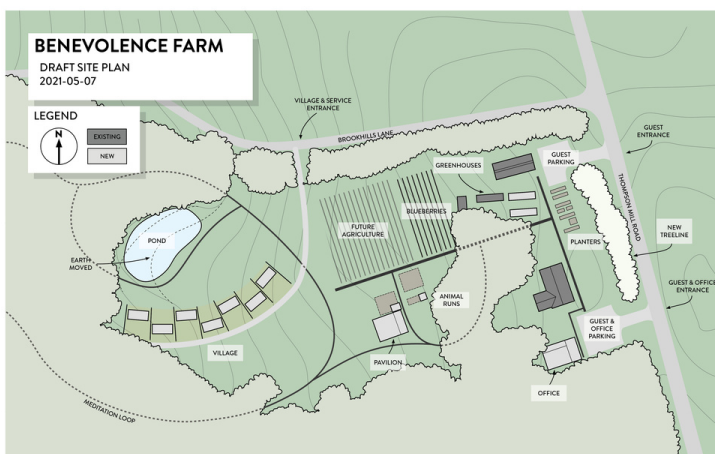
We hope you are as proud as we are of all we've accomplished together. And, we couldn't do what we do without you – thank you for the faith you put in our team and the important work we do to serve formerly incarcerated people and this community. You provided living wages and employment opportunities, a place to pause and breathe, and, as we will always say, a second chance.

2021 SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Tiny Home Community

At Benevolence Farm, we take resident feedback very seriously. Many residents and alumni voiced that it was difficult to reenter the community after Benevolence Farm because they hadn't had a chance to acclimate to independent living when living in a shared community house. Therefore, in response to that feedback, we launched the Tiny Home Community Fund in partnership with Haven Developers.

After several charrettes, we worked with residents to build a site plan and design six tiny homes that we hope to build upon completion of fundraising between 2023 and 2024.



Legal Fund

The Legal Fund was not originally in our strategic plan, but after several mothers reached out seeking assistance with child reunification, we knew we needed to fill the gap in legal services. Unfortunately, it is costly for many women, especially women with an incarceration history, to obtain legal representation to get their children back. Thanks to donors like you, the Legal Fund supported three mothers who are all now in the process of reuniting with their children thanks to their legal representation and personal advocacy.

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BIG GIVING, BIG CHANGE

Generosity was at an all-time high in 2021.

We are grateful for the investments made into the three critical areas:

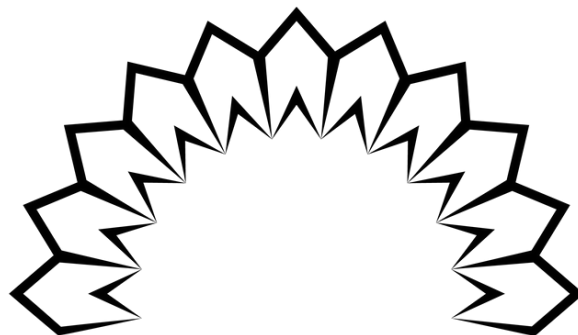
\$151,729 for our Second Chances Fund

\$48,700 for our Tiny Home Project

\$22,820 for our Fines and Fees Fund

Because of your cumulative investment of over \$487,000, we served more formerly incarcerated women and shared our products with more community members.

Thank you for incredible support!



For a list of major donors, please [click here](#).