



Benevolence Farm

WHERE SECOND CHANCES GROW NATURALLY

2022 Impact Report

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

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women lived and worked at The Farm

67%

increase in residential housing capacity

\$85,000+

in living wages distributed to formerly incarcerated women

650+

people purchased products through our Social Enterprise

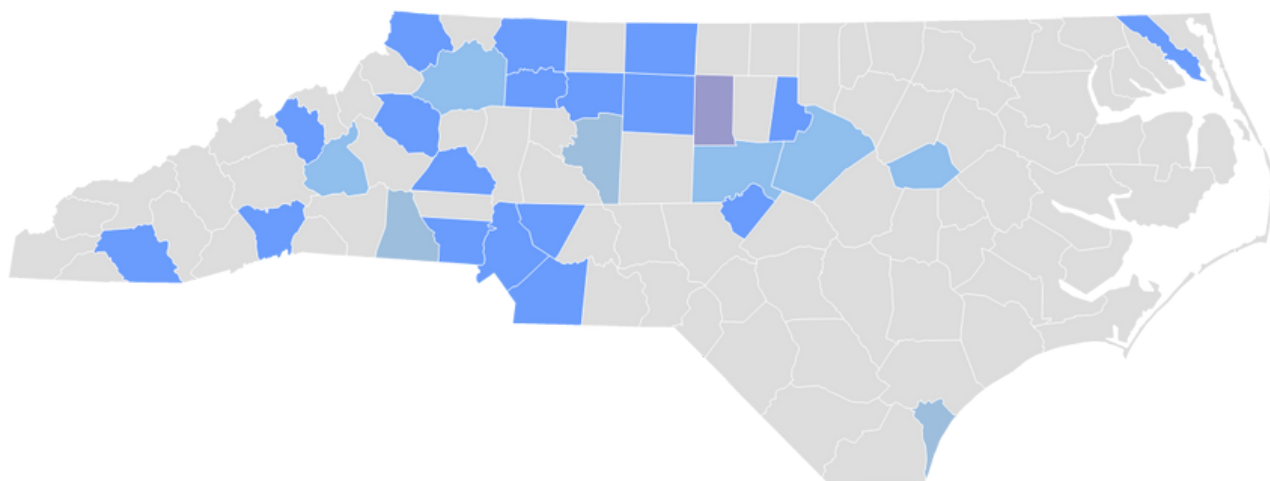
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people's freedom secured through the Alamance County Bail Fund

250+

hours of support provided via our Community Resource Network and Court Support program

Where is home? Residents & alumni come from counties across the state of North Carolina.



Our Reach

Housing

Long-term housing in Alamance County (Graham & Burlington)
Statewide housing referrals

Social Enterprise

Regenerative agriculture
Natural body care & candles
Custom & corporate gifting

Financial Freedom

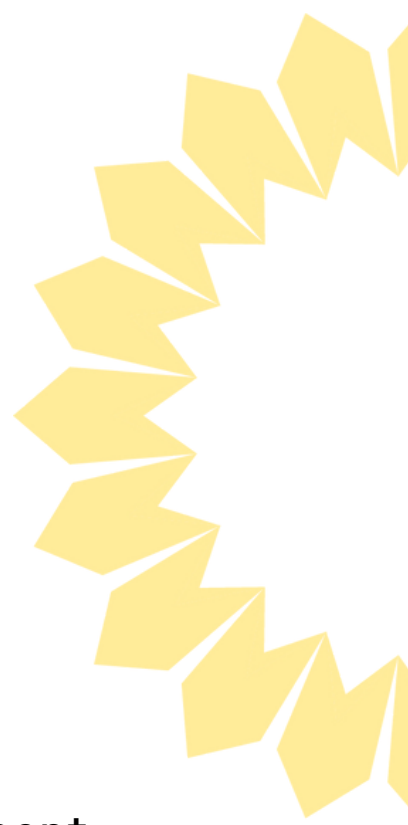
Trauma-informed financial education
Career & entrepreneurship training
Green economy job curriculum

Advocacy

Criminal legal fines & fees
End SNAP/TANF bans
Fair chance housing & employment

Community Engagement

Community education talks
On-site farm tours & events
Trainings for service providers & government officials



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2022 Programs

HOUSING

- Safe and secure housing at our Graham & Burlington locations
- Statewide housing referral network for people with criminal records
- One of the only housing programs across the state to house people of all criminal convictions, including people on the sex offender registry



FINANCIAL FREEDOM & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

- Guaranteed living wage employment through our farming and body care social enterprises
- Zero-interest loans to provide financial cushion as residents build up their safety net after incarceration
- Development of workforce and entrepreneurial skills through our farming and social enterprise programs



STATEWIDE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

- Legislative priorities include the elimination of the drug felony SNAP ban, which bars people with certain level drug convictions from accessing food support.
- Development of statewide resource directory for people of all criminal conviction types
- Distribution of high-quality soap bars to formerly incarcerated people through our Welcome Home Soap Project
- Educational workshops and materials to reaffirm we are more than the sum of our worst mistakes. Workshops include Fair Chance Hiring and Housing, People First Language, Trauma-Informed Services, and more.



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2022 Highlights

RURAL JUSTICE INNOVATION SITE

In February 2022, Benevolence Farm was named one of nine Rural Justice Innovation Sites by the Rural Justice Collaborative, a project of the National Center for State Courts.

The Advisory Council noted, "Rural community leaders often don't have the resources to develop programs from scratch but we know that many rural justice leaders, like those from Benevolence Farm, have found innovative solutions to their complex problems."

Alamance County farm's rural justice program named among country's most innovative

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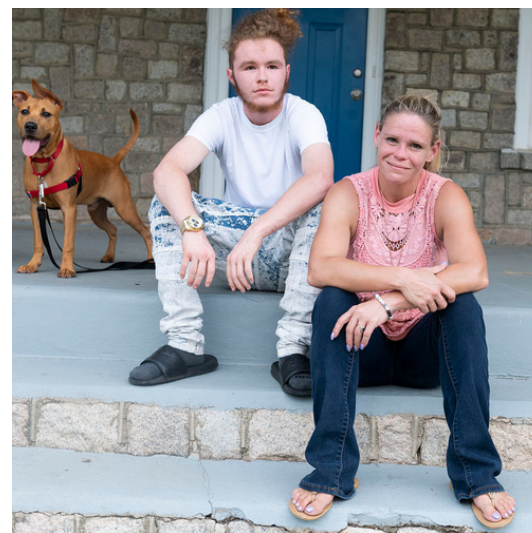
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KATIE ANDERSON JOINS THE DREAM TEAM

In 2022, Benevolence Farm had the honor of hiring Katie Anderson to the Dream Team full-time. Katie was the first resident to arrive at the Farm during the height of the pandemic. From Day 1, she wanted to pay it forward.

As the Second Chance Alamance Project Manager, Katie manages our second housing location, the Alamance County Bail Fund, and uses her skills as a certified peer support specialist to provide counsel to residents in recovery.



SECOND HOUSING LOCATION OPENS

Since building up a waitlist during the pandemic, Benevolence Farm has been searching for more housing options to support women coming home. In early 2022, a partner of ours reached out about a rental house near downtown Burlington.

After hiring Katie to manage the house, we opened in May 2022, expanding our capacity by 67%. Residents from the Farm and across the state can live in the Burlington house while they seek employment in the community.



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done it without
your generous

support.

Thank you

to all our donors,
partners, and
volunteers.

Your investment in second chances is the reason we weathered the pandemic and still exist today. Together, we will build safe and healthy communities outside prison walls.

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