



Sandhills Family Heritage Association

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

SFHA Launches New Youth Development Program



SANDHILLS SANKOFA YOUTH

Sandhills Sankofa Youth is a youth-led program consisting of middle and high school students. Members learn the history of African Americans in the Sandhills region, and serve as volunteers and ambassadors for SFHA. The Program provides many opportunities for the youth to learn, grow and lead.

It has been beautiful to watch the Youth become a reality over the past few months. These students are a smart group interested in a variety of projects for themselves and those in their community. They have been formalized under the direction of Chanai Winborne, one of the new SFHA Board members. Chanai began her relationship with SFHA as a vendor and owner of Naturally Blessed, a natural products small business. You'll hear more about Chanai in subsequent issues of the newsletter.

The Sankofa Youth have partnered with the Youth at Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church

and the Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County 4-H Club division.

These students have begun a series of activities, including planting a healing garden of herbs at the Sandhills Heritage Center site. On Saturday, August 11, 2018 they participated in a personal success workshop with Dr. Belinda Wilkerson, an educational consultant, who provided insight into the college admissions process.

SFHA will host the first Annual Sankofa Youth Back To School Bash Sat., August 25th from 11AM-3PM at 230 Chapel Hill Road in Spring Lake.

Our special thanks to the Duke Energy and Walmart Foundations for funding this initiative.

Sankofa means to learn from our past to understand the present and build a better future. This Sankofa concept is our quest for knowledge of our history and heritage. We are reaching back and gathering the best of what our past has to teach us so we can pass it on to future generations.

Sandhills Heritage Center Project



Pictures of Current Heritage Center and the New Proposed Renovation Design

The most recent efforts to gain capital support through donations and grants was supported by a Community Gathering meeting at the Sandhills Heritage Center site on Saturday, July 21, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to report on current site activities and gather in-put from community members. Attendees shared their memories of the Center being an important part of their social development and sense of community. The rich history of the land and building, the legacy of the gift to the community and architectural designs were shared. Ms. Beverly Parks, a grant writing consultant dedicated to development of resources for the Heritage Center shared her vision and efforts for the project.

The SFHA Executive Director, Ammie Jenkins, and Board Chair, Janet Brower, have met with the Spring Lake Mayor, Larry Dobbins and State Representative Marvin Lucas to secure their support in these on-going efforts to renovate the building. The Community Gathering and preparatory meetings with local officials have been very productive. Stay tuned as additional developments are reported!

You may make a donation today by sending check or money order to:
SFHA PO Box 754, Spring Lake, NC 28390.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”. Margaret Meade, Anthropologist

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Sandhills Annual Heritage Food Tasting



It's time again for some great food and celebration of our shared heritage through food. This is not only a fundraiser, but a time for sharing wonderful memories through food. Yes, we do advocate healthy eating as a cornerstone of our mission—but this is our time to celebrate the communal nature of harvest time on the farm. That means pig feet, chitlins, fried chicken, collard greens, hoe cakes, pies, cakes, tea and the rest of those down home fixins. If you've missed this event in the past, let this year be your first time. It will not be your last. We look forward to sharing a wonderful meal together again this year—rain or shine. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased in advance by contacting Janet Brower at 919-888-0389.

How Your Donations Are Used

Your donations are used to improve the quality of life of families in Cumberland, Harnett, Moore, and Lee Counties. Your donations help to:

1. Promote economic self sufficiency
2. Reduce hunger and poverty in the four Sandhills Counties
3. Protect our land and natural resources
4. Support local farmers and landowners
5. Provide learning projects for students
6. Promote healthy eating and active living
7. Honor our seniors and community elders
8. Sponsor free community education workshops
9. Provide grassroots leadership training and development
10. Preserve historic landscapes and African American cultural heritage
11. Provide community service opportunities for youth and adults
12. Document African American contributions to North Carolina history

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VOLUNTEER



“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

SFHA provides programs and services to strengthen family, economic, and cultural bonds for African Americans in the Sandhills community. We honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Service by providing programs and services that improve the quality of life and ensure his message of service continues for both the current and future generations.”



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