

27th Annual Fannin County Community Services Conference

FREE ADMISSION • BAGGED LUNCH • DOOR PRIZES

RESILIENCE
IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Strong Leaders. Strong Organizations. Strong Communities.

**Wednesday
October 5, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Kiwanis Fairgrounds
124 Jones Street
Blue Ridge, GA 30513**

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Fannin County Community Service Conference Scheduled

Resilience in An Uncertain World: Strong Leaders. Strong Organizations. Strong Communities.

BLUE RIDGE – The 27th Annual Fannin County Community Service Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022. This free, half-day, in-person conference is from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Building located at 124 Jones Street in Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513.

The theme of this year’s conference is, “Resilience in an Uncertain World: Strong Leaders. Strong Organizations. Strong Communities.” Topics will focus on helping community leaders build strength and resilience in the areas of personal motivation, mental, physical, and nutritional health, and more.

“When our committee was considering conference topics and speakers, developing resilience – the ability to recover and bounce back from difficulties and challenges – was a recurring theme,” said Sherry Morris, Kiwanis Club Member and Conference Coordinator. “We truly are living in an uncertain world. The pandemic and a challenging economy are making it harder for everyone to make ends meet. Individuals who are struggling are turning to community service providers for assistance, and those providers are working harder than ever to serve those needs. This has led to a feeling of burn out and overwhelm among employees. Our goal with this conference is to refuel, empower, and educate attendees so that we continue to have strong leaders, strong organizations, and strong communities,” Morris concluded.

Conference attendees will receive free admission, free bagged lunch, and the opportunity to win door prizes.

GENERAL REGISTRATION:

To help us prepare for the conference and lunch, conference attendees should register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400142104807>

VENDOR REGISTRATION:

The conference also provides a networking opportunity for community-focused organizations. If you would like to participate as a vendor providing information about your organization at a free information table before the event and during lunch, please register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400093890597>

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST:

A student essay contest is also part of this year's conference. It is open to students in grades 9-12 and college students. This year's topic: "Define resilience and why it is important for community leaders to cultivate an environment of resilience in serving their community. Discuss specific steps you can take to build your resilience for current and future community leadership."

A first-place winner will be selected in grades 9-12 and in college and each will be awarded \$50. The winners will also be invited to read their essays at the conference. The deadline for submission is September 16. Questions about the essay contest should be addressed to Robin Davenport: robindavenport@mineralspringscenter.onmicrosoft.com.

SPONSORS:

This year's organizational sponsors include the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, Blue Ridge Community Theater, Fannin County Family Connection, Georgia Mountains Health, and Mineral Springs Center.

[The Fannin County Community Services Conference was created by the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club 27 years ago. It exists to celebrate the efforts of local community services agencies that work to help our community, and its citizens, live the best lives possible. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 conference was cancelled and the 2021 conference was a television-only event, but we are excited to continue this important in-person tradition again in 2022.]

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Please direct questions about the 2022 Community Service Conference to Sherry Morris at sherrymorris@etcmail.com.