

Spring Showers Bring Summer Sparks

Designing and Managing Cause-Driven Opportunities for Groups to Serve



A message from Amber, SPARK Founder and Executive Director

Hello! We're so grateful for the energy that our grassroots nonprofit working to partner and prioritize hands-on service with groups of people that meet the needs of our neighbors and create stronger community for the groups serving feels. It's a beautiful thing to be with a team, class, group of teens, coworkers, families, etc as they grow stronger while serving together.

As more folks hear about our work they often ask how do you stay so creative? We love when people notice our creativity! We value creativity in nurturing partnerships, designing hands-on service opportunities for groups based on their passions and the needs that exist, and creativity through highlighting education around the reason (the why) behind a particular service project and opportunity. If you ever walk in our office and see our project supplies, you'll see just how creative we are! May the showers this spring bring you and yours joy and hope!

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Faith-Based Summer Experience 2024: **Unpacked** based on James 2:1-6

We're excited to welcome our first summer 2024 session in just four short weeks! We're excited to have 6 college-aged summer staff and an intern from WFU Divinity School. Please join us in praying for our staff, campers, youth leaders, chaperones, Dwelling counselors and partners we will serve with this summer! Please pray for safe travels as folks visit from Winston-Salem and towns/cities in North Carolina, as well as South Carolina, Minnesota, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania and Georgia.



More information can be found at www.sparkdwell.org

Partnerships in Action and Art

Partnership continues to be at the core of who SPARK is. We believe that powerful things can happen for our community when we come together and fan each other's flames. These two partnerships, among others, have been a meaningful part of 2024 for us so far.

Full Circle Mentoring

Action4Equity is an organization with a mission to collaborate and influence policy decisions that foster equity in education. A new initiative of theirs is Full Circle Mentoring at Piedmont Park. We were partnered with A4E to help promote, prepare for and host their initial fundraising event—an art show presented by the students in their mentoring program!



Spencer Aubrey shared an original spoken word piece he wrote for the event. We're looking forward to partnering with Spencer and working with CMPND during Spark'Dwell this summer!

Queen Juneteenth

Through this partnership, we're walking alongside the 2024 Queen Juneteenth class as they focus on serving the community in preparation for their Scholarship Pageant. Together we created Welcome Art, and led these young women through designing their own service project. We're honored to support "Needs for Queens," the collection they planned to gather menstrual products to distribute to shelters and schools in Winston-Salem.



Initiatives

In the midst of growing and creating new partnerships, it is a gift to continue the work on long lasting initiatives and to see the light these programs have carried over the years.



Cozy Bundle

Preparations for our Cozy Bundle events take year-round dedication from our small and committed committee. We're thankful for the 5 individuals that give of time, connect resources and dream up how we can better serve those in Winston-Salem and Mocksville throughout the year. We're looking forward to our fourth annual Winston-Salem Cozy Bundle (12/14), and our second in Mocksville(Nov.)!



Peacehaven

We are weeks away from wrapping up our second academic year at Peacehaven Mobile Home Park and beginning our third summer of summer camp! Watching these children grow up, and continuing relationships with their families is a consistent source of joy. This year our program shifted from primarily younger children to a large middle school presence and we've learned and adjusted accordingly.



We're beyond thankful for our committed volunteers, who spend each week serving these children. They were recognized for their dedication at the HandsOn NWNC hosted 2024 Forsyth County Governor's Volunteer Awards breakfast.



Pearl Program

Though our pearl program, we're continually repurposing and giving new life to pieces that will go into new homes for folks in transition. This project allows for creativity and is a beautiful connection of supplies, causes, groups and empowerment. Groups love serving this way! These chairs, each with an empowering word are for Catholic Charities Community Baby Shower that will support their families. Spark'Dwell groups will get to support this in June!



Did you know we design, organize and coordinate service opportunities for high school classrooms, clubs, teams, neighborhoods, churches, corporations, small businesses and any group? We handle all the logistics and guarantee it's rooted in and with kind partnership! There is always service learning involved.





SHARE PEACE AND REKINDLE KINDNESS

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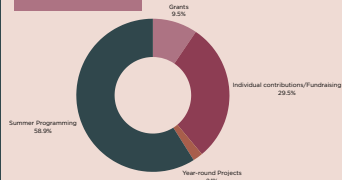
WHO WE ARE

Vision: Through partnering with local organizations and sacred spaces SPARK fans community's flame by serving and meeting every person where they are.

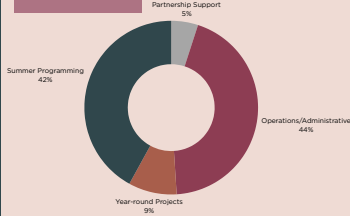


Mission: SPARK (Share Peace and Rekindle Kindness, Inc.) designs and manages community service experiences in order to help our neighbors in need and spread kindness to all.

INCOME



EXPENSES



DONORS



71

Donors

*8 monthly donors igniting capacity

\$11K

Increase in Donor Gifts since 2022



It only takes a SPARK!

SHORT-TERM SERVICE-LEARNING EXPERIENCES

SPARK and The Dwelling partner together to host week-long Spirit & Service learning trips geared for youth groups throughout the summer. During Summer 2023 we held 5 sessions, hosted 268 youth and adults from 24 churches and 12 states.

Summer 2023, we partnered with many local organizations to complete 46 projects. We led poverty simulations each week, led by our Dwelling Counselors, who are living or have the lived experience of homelessness. Our Counselors offer their personal stories and perspective to our youth and adults as part of their service-learning experience. Our program offers programming throughout all seasons.



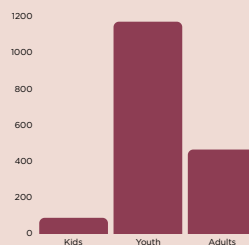
SOCIAL MEDIA

1,003
Instagram Followers

694
Facebook Followers

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VOLUNTEERS



We had 1,721 individuals volunteer with SPARK in 2023, with a 2/3 majority of those being youth (6th - 12th grades).