



# Pullen

Memorial Baptist Church

## October news & updates

### Upcoming Events

See what's happening this [month.](#)

### Finance Report:

**Date:** 8/30

**Contributions:** \$786,308

**Expenses:** \$762,610

**Difference:** \$23,698



### Joys and Concerns

#### We give thanks for...

We celebrate with Anne Dahle who was recognized on September 15 at Meredith College for her vision 50 years ago of beginning Meredith's re-entry program for adults 23 and older. As the program, now known as WINGS, turned 50 the year Anne was celebrated as the founder.

#### We hold in our prayers:

We hold in prayer Nancy Bradley in the death of her sister Betty Jean Sonnack, who passed away on September 6.

We remember Phil Miller who died September 10. Phil was a member of Pullen for over 20 years. He sang in the choir and was a faithful member of the Handi Corp. Phil's service was held on September 24. We continue to pray for Betty and all of Phil's family.

### Mask Policy Update from the COVID Task Force

At the request of the Deacon Council, the church's COVID Task Force met to reexamine Pullen's mandatory masking policy. As always with decision-making at Pullen, the task force's deliberation was guided by a carefully considered desire to be sensitive and compassionate in trying to meet the varying needs and interests of the Pullen community. In light of the current low COVID case levels in Wake County, the task force decided to make masking optional for the time being.

To continue to safeguard the health of our community, please be mindful of the importance of staying home if you feel sick, testing if you think you might have COVID, and being up-to-date on vaccinations, especially the most recent Omicron booster.

Please feel free to share questions or concerns with any member of the task force.

*-COVID Task Force*

*Shane Barham*

*Bob Harris*

*Lisa Grabarek*

*Mark Nance*

*Shannon Neiley*

*Nancy Petty*

We hold in our prayers Dave Parnell and Jeff Evans in the death of Dave's mother, Bobbie Parnell. Bobbie's memorial service was held at Springmoor on October 1.

## Church wide

### Upcoming Pullen Events:



#### ICCT Prayer Chain for the Earth

Oct 3 at 5:00 pm, 3313 Wade Ave, Raleigh, NC

**Watch this amazing video from last year's Prayer Chain to feel the excitement!** Join us and bring a friend.

As people of faith and as people of conscience, we have a responsibility to care for Creation and ensure a habitable planet for future generations and all life on Earth. Whether we refer to our Creator as Abba, Allah, God, Sky Woman, Great Spirit, Vishnu, Shiva, Goddess or whether we follow the teachings of Buddha or our own conscience, It is our moral responsibility to serve as stewards of Creation. One of the most powerful actions we can take is to vote for additional climate action on Nov 8th and encourage others to vote as well.

Climate change is happening faster than expected. The Inflation Reduction Act, which was recently signed into law to address climate change, is a tremendous victory that we can celebrate! This November, we must ensure that we elect officials at all levels of government, who will prioritize additional efforts to reverse climate change and ensure the implementation of IRA and other climate regulations. If we fail to elect officials who support climate action, recent successes such as the IRA could be dismantled in the future. Faith communities can play a role in motivating their members to vote to protect Creation and ensure environmental justice.

See the list below of clergy and leaders: Speakers, musician and poet at the Prayer Vigil:

1. Guntant 'GB' Bhakta, Triangle Area Hindu Temples
2. Rev. Diane Faires Beadle, St. Paul's Christian Church
3. Michael Beadle, poet and teacher
4. Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto, lead minister, UU Fellowship of Raleigh
5. Rev. Christian Mclvor, Greystone Baptist Church, composer and singer
6. Elise Strevel, outreach coordinator, Kadampa Buddhist Center, Raleigh
7. Rev. Jemonde Taylor, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

Other clergy who will be attending:

1. Rev. Jim Galloway, Soapstone United Methodist, Raleigh
2. Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson, UU Justice Ministry of NC
3. Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, Immaculate Conception, Durham
4. Rev. Sasha Ostrom, UU Fellowship of Raleigh
5. Rev. Ian McPherson, Pullen Memorial Baptist, Raleigh
6. Rev. Don Singletary, Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh
7. Rev. Susannah Tuttle, NC Interfaith Power & Light
8. Rev. Chalice Overy, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

This year the 2nd Annual ICCT Prayer Chain for the Earth returns to Wade Avenue on October 3rd. Starting at 5:00 PM, Triangle people of faith and people of conscience will find our socially distanced places on the sidewalks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh (UUFR), 3313 Wade Ave, Raleigh, NC 27607 heading east toward and beyond the Community United Church of Christ (CUCC), 814 Dixie Trail. At 6:00 PM a brief, outdoor clergy-led prayer vigil with music will follow at UUFR. Parking is available at UUFR, CUCC, and on the side streets. Join us and bring a

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## The Table

Join us at The Table in October as we wrap up our exploration of the universe, look at religion and religious liberties in our nation, and have some fall fun at our Fall Fest!

At The Table we connect over a meal, and through engaging topics about faith, justice, and the human experience. Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm. We share announcements, celebrate milestones and pray together before engaging the topic for the evening. Dinner is \$7 for youth and adults, and \$4 for children, with a \$24 maximum per family. Programming for youth and children is also offered. Check out our topics for October and make plans to join us!

### October 5 -- **The Journey of Who We Are, How We Got Here, and Where We Are Headed**

Our Earth Ministry marks Creation Season by presenting the acclaimed film "Journey of the Universe". As described on the movie's website, the film is a "scientific, philosophical, spiritual, and poetic offering for those seeking to understand the dynamic unfolding story in which we find ourselves." This film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis. We will finish screening the movie this week along with discussion.



### October 12 - **A Journalist's Perspective on the Religious Landscape in America**

This week we'll hear from journalist Yonat Shimron. Yonat joined Religion News Service in April 2011 and became managing editor in 2013. She was the religion reporter for the News and Observer in Raleigh, NC from 1996-2011. During that time, she won numerous awards. Shimron is a past president of the Religion Newsletters Association.



### October 19 – **People of Faith Preserving Religious Liberty**

Charles Watson Jr., Education Director for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) will share what BJC has been doing to protect religious liberty in the US and what people faith can do to preserve this freedom.



### October 26 – **Fall Fest**

October is here, and we're looking forward to an Autumn Fest on October 26 at 5:30 pm! Come enjoy games, inflatables, food, and more. We hope all kids will join us and bring a friend, too. Be sure to wear your Halloween costumes!

We still need individuals or groups to sponsor a booth. Choose from one of our standards like ring toss, fishing, cupcake walk, and photo booth, or submit an idea of your own. Then, let your imagination run wild as you bring it to life! You can make it a family project, a team building activity with a Pullen group, or a fun thing to do with friends. Just fill out the online form by Oct. 9 so we know we can count on you. Please sign up here if you can help! Not very creative? Not to worry! Use the same form to volunteer in

another capacity. Signup at the link below!

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-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

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## Safe Congregation Training

October 30 at 12:15 pm at Pullen

Are you interested in working with children or youth at Pullen?

Consider attending the Safe Congregation training offered on October 30 at 12:15 pm. The training introduces our policies to keep children, youth and vulnerable adults safe while participating in church sponsored events. The training is mandatory for new volunteers, and a good introduction for those who are considering volunteering with the youth or children's programs. As we engage in a full schedule of activities again post-COVID we need more volunteers to help bring safe and substantive programming for our children and youth. Attending the training is not a commitment to volunteer, but is a good way to get acquainted with both programs, and, if you do decide to volunteer, you'll already have this training under your belt. Join us after church on October 30 after worship in the youth room (first floor). Food will be provided. We'll see you there!

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

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## Pullen News:

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### Pullen-Wiley Partnership Tutoring Opportunity

Pullen and Wiley Elementary School have enjoyed a long partnership (since 2001) that has provided Wed. after-school tutoring to support students who needed an extra academic boost. The pandemic interrupted the program abruptly when the schools turned to virtual learning in early 2020. This fall, volunteers are again being welcomed in schools, and so we have an opportunity to consider re-starting the tutoring program at Pullen on Wednesdays.

WCPSS is partnering with the YMCA to provide the HELPS tutor training program, targeted to improve reading fluency. This is the area that has been determined to be the greatest area of need to help students recover from the learning losses they have experienced. The YMCA has agreed to include our volunteers in the training which will take place in October.

If you would like more information about how to help, please contact Judy Williams ([judywilliams7@gmail.com](mailto:judywilliams7@gmail.com)) or Nancy Jones ([nfjones@gmail.com](mailto:nfjones@gmail.com)).

-Judy Williams

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## Celebrating New Members

**What is your name(s)?** Caitlin Alarcon

**What are your pronouns?** She/Her

**Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences:** Grew up in a military family, but lived in North Carolina most of my life, mostly in Eastern North Carolina. I went to college at NC State (Go Wolfpack!) and graduated with a degree in Biology in 2011. Recently moved back to Raleigh after living in Phoenix, Arizona, having landed my dream job pursuing cancer research.



No children, but I love my cat, Miku, as if she were my own!

**Why did you choose Pullen?** Drawn to how true this congregation is to the message of social justice, and how inviting and non judgmental Pullen is. I was growing ever disparaged at the thought of Christians protesting against women's rights and human rights for the LGBTQ community. I was questioning my faith as a Christian because of the place Christianity has gotten to in America, but I feel Pullen stands out from the rest. I believe Pullen stays true to the message of Jesus Christ and loves all.

**How do you imagine yourself growing with this community?** I imagine myself becoming an active part of the community. I want to serve and be involved in my community here in Raleigh and I feel Pullen is a great way to do that!



**What is your name?** Devin Green

**What are your pronouns?** They/he

**Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences:** I am a first-year law student at UNC School of Law. I am a first-generation American of Jamaican parentage but I grew up in Charlotte. I have a background in social justice advocacy and am extremely excited to continue that work in the Triangle and as an attorney!

**Why did you choose Pullen?** For four years, I was a member with my family at one of Pullen's sibling churches (Myers Park Baptist). In anticipation of my move to Chapel Hill, I was looking for a community in the Triangle that had similar values - social justice, equity, inclusion, etc and I found Pullen!

**How do you imagine yourself growing with this community?** I really want to get involved in Pullen's missions and outreach work. I also want to support the existing LGBTQ+ and racial justice work that's been happening at Pullen. I'm excited to learn more about the culture of Pullen and who we want to be and helping us get there.



**What is your name?** Grant Forrest

**What are your pronouns?** He/Him

**Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences:** I grew up in Raleigh, in a very Bible-focused church tradition, and despite growing away from it there's still much I learned to appreciate there. I've been married for 5 years to an incredible woman, and we're expecting a son early next year. I work as a software developer from our home on Hargett St.

**Why did you choose Pullen?** Pullen looks to me like what the living church should be. Evolving, learning, and growing our understanding of

God and love itself. I want to be in a spiritual community where growth and change can happen for the individual and the collective.

**How do you imagine yourself growing with this community?** Still figuring that out as I reimagine what it means to participate in church altogether. I hope I can expand my understanding of God, participate in liturgy, heal some religious wounds, and join in imagining what Christian community could look like today and tomorrow.



**What is your name?** Shelby Forrest

**What are your pronouns?** she/her

**Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences:** I'm from Charlotte and made Raleigh home after going to grad school at NC State and meeting my husband, Grant. I'm a User Experience Researcher with a background teaching high school English.

**Why did you choose Pullen?** I wanted to have a faith community that prioritized love and inclusion over rules and structures.

**How do you imagine yourself growing with this community?** I hope to learn and grow in community, especially as Grant and I become parents.

**What is your name(s)?** Nicholas & Roussell Valle

**What are your pronouns?** Him/His/He

**Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences:** Nicholas is a Paramedic at WakeMed and enjoys music & travel. Roussell is a Community Health Counselor for



Wake County and enjoy's dance! Nicholas grew up in West Virginia while Roussell grew up in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America! They look forward to growing at Pullen.

**Why did you choose Pullen?** When looking for a place to be married, Nicholas wanted to find a place and a pastor who would marry them. Pullen came up in a very lengthy search and upon further review, Nicholas reached out to the staff at Pullen and to Pastor Nancy directly who said she would love to Marry them. When Nicholas walked into the church for the first time, coming from a long history of singing and ministering gospel music during

his childhood, he began to cry as he played the piano in the sanctuary. During that time, God spoke to him and told him that Pullen was home. Roussell and Nicholas have felt such love by the Pullen community and later became part of the audio visual team and most recently was asked to join the audio/visual committee. We know this is where God has placed us, and we look forward to being part of such an amazing congregation.

**How do you imagine yourself growing with this community?** God only knows how he will use us! And we look forward to those opportunities.

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## A Letter From The Personnel Committee:

September 27, 2022

Dear Pullen Family,

The Personnel Committee (PC) has spent the past several months deliberating various configurations of administrative staff based on the resignation of our Facilities Manager and the wish to build upon the improvements that have been made this past year in Communications, both within the church and in the wider community. Our planned changes would revise job descriptions for two non-elected positions. This letter describes those changes for your consideration and comment. The first change is a revision of duties and hours for the Church Administrator (CA) and is related to the recently announced retirement of our current Facilities Manager (FM), Warren Chesson, at the end of this year. The FM role has been an important one over the past few years as we have grappled with maintenance challenges in our church facility and made important improvements to our Cox Avenue building. With input from Warren, our current CA Vicky Bass, and the Building and Grounds Committee, we understand that many aspects of the FM role as currently defined can be replaced with a part-time Maintenance Technician (MT) during 2023. We anticipate hiring an MT in July 2023.

Key to the success of this change is the transfer of maintenance management and supervision from the FM role to the CA role. Considerable planning has gone into this, and the change is expected to result in an overall maintenance plan for our facilities. From this approach, assignments for maintenance tasks will go to Handy Corps, the MT, or external vendors as appropriate. Dedicated software that assists with such maintenance planning is currently being evaluated. The Personnel Committee recommends the elimination of the FM role and the addition of eight hours per week to the CA role, an increase from 32 to 40.

The second change would increase permanently the hours of Communications Director (CD) from 32 to 40 hours per week. As you may recall, in the fall of 2021 PC increased the hours of the CD from 32 to 40 hours per week to help cover administrative duties in the absence of a CA and to create procedural manuals for the administrative staff. After the hiring of a new CA in May 2022 PC allowed this position to remain at its reconfigured hours due to a variety of reasons, but not limited to the following:

- The anticipated Fall 2022 reopening of all programming on Sunday morning and Wednesday night created an increased workload.
- Requests for assistance from the CD from staff, councils, and committees have increased.
- Pullen has welcomed an increasing number of visitors and new members who became aware of PMBC through our presence on social media Continuing to expand our web presence is a priority for Pullen.
- During and coming out of the pandemic, a recognizable trend in churches has been the hiring and/or increasing the hours of Communications staff.

Your Personnel Committee believes that Pullen will be well served in the future by maintaining our CD at 40 hours per week.

We welcome your comments regarding these changes to non-elected staff positions. Please submit any thoughts or concerns to [Imedley001@nc.rr.com](mailto:Imedley001@nc.rr.com) no later than October 7, 2022.

Warmly,



## Music Ministry Groups

Music Ministry Groups are off to a great start this Fall! It's never too late to participate, and all are welcomed to experience community by combining voices and instruments in the following groups:

**Music Discovery (K-Grade 2)** – Making music on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm in Room 122.

**Children's Choir (Grades 3-5)** – Rehearsing Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Rehearsal Hall.

**Pullen Orchestra (Youth & Adults)** – Resuming Rehearsals on Sunday, October 16, 9:00 am in the in the Rehearsal Hall.

**Chancel Choir (Adults)** – Rehearsing Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15 pm in the Rehearsal Hall.

Resuming in 2023: **Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)**, the **Adult Choir Festival by the Sea** (Charleston, SC, Jan. 27-29) and the **Youth Choir Festival by the Sea** (Myrtle Beach, SC, March 3-5).

-Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music

## Kid's Ministry



### Children's Sabbaths Celebration

October 16 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary

In conjunction with the Children's Defense Fund <https://www.childrensdefense.org/>, Children's Sabbath is a multi-faith, nationwide celebration that engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly—inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of

children. It is the goal to help amplify the voice of faith communities calling for justice.

At Pullen, on October 16th, this day we will highlight and affirm the gift and gifts of children in our midst. It is a day set aside to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church. Children will serve as worship leaders throughout the service, including preaching, singing, reading Scripture and more.



### Family Lunch

Sunday, October, 16 (after worship)

YMCA Play Ground on Cox St. down the road from the church.

After Children's Sabbath, ALL children's families are invited to join us for our Pullen Kids Family Lunch. The menu is yet to be determined. Just meet us at the YMCA Park right off of Cox St. Hope to see you there!

Let us know you're coming!

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# THE TALK

## SUNDAY GROUP



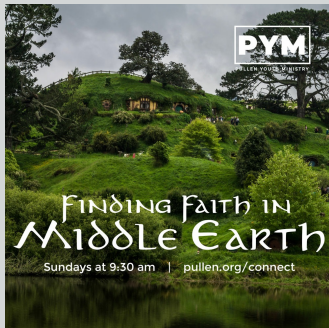
[pullen.org/connect](http://pullen.org/connect)

### The Talk

Sundays at 9:30 am from October 30- November 20 in Room 309

This course is for parents looking to support their children in developing a healthy sexuality. Participants will learn the stages of development and receive tools to guide and affirm their children in the process. A trained professional is being identified to lead this course.

## Youth Ministry



### Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm at Pullen

- Oct 5: Environmental Justice - Ocean Plastics
- Oct 12: Ageism and advocacy
- Oct 19: Drum Circle
- Oct 26: Halloween carnival

### Sunday Morning Groups

Sundays at 9:30 am at Pullen

- Oct 2: The spiritual practice of journaling
- Oct 9: LGBTQIA+ Spiritual Care with Pastor Ian
- Oct 16: Brunch
- Oct 23: An introduction to Baha'i
- Oct 30: Finding Faith in Middle-earth week 1

### Parental Conversations

October 9th at 12:15-3:00 pm at A Place at the Table (300 W. Hargett St. Suite 50, Raleigh NC 27601)

Come grab lunch and meet Bryan upstairs. Any and all conversations from youth and parents are welcome. In an attempt to be more mindful of those who wish to avoid breweries and meet at a time better suited for more families, this monthly event will replace our meeting at Trophy.

### Finding Faith in Middle Earth

Sundays during Sunday Groups and Wednesdays during Wednesday Night Live

Starting October 30th, we begin a 4-week journey through Tolkien's Middle Earth. Tolkien says his creation of Middle Earth was a fundamentally religious and catholic work. BUT, religion never shows up in the work. The religious element is absorbed into the narrative, being religious without being overt about it. So we will spend our time sorting through elements of The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and The Silmarillion that speak to our individual faith. There's a lot there so we will spend our time engaged with it on Sundays and Wednesdays for those 4 weeks. And who knows, there may even be a watch party...

### Winter Retreat





*December 2-4  
Register by Nov 2*

It's like a fall retreat but in the winter...

Seriously though, I am so excited for us to do this again. Pre-pandemic we had epic retreats every fall. It's such a boost for our youth. So I had an idea. Let's make it a winter retreat and get that boost halfway through the year. So we'll take off December 2 at 4 pm and return December 4 at 4 pm. That's 48 hours of being together and talking about the things that make us...us. Where? The Trinity Center at Pine Knoll Shores. Ever been to the beach in the fall/winter and enjoyed the peacefulness that comes with the offseason? It's divine. We'll have a ton of fun. How much? \$250

Register

*-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families*

## Around the Pullen Community



### Solarize the Triangle Info Session

*October 18, 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom*

Join Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle and **Solarize the Triangle** to learn how homeowners and nonprofits can install solar and battery storage while navigating multiple layers of cost savings. As a result we will be better stewards of our own and our congregation's finances and better stewards of the Earth. The savings include:

- Crowdsourcing with up to 25% savings with **Solarize the**

#### Triangle

- 30% point of purchase direct pay through the Inflation Recovery Act + additional 10% for low income communities available in 2023
- Duke Energy Rebate up to \$75,000 for 100 kw for non-profits. Currently, the rebate must be reserved by December 31, 2022; panels do not have to be installed by this date. There is still \$3,000,000 in this pot, making approval of a request more likely.

Register Now



### Housing All Update Late September

If you have been able to keep up with life around us in Wake County, you've seen and experienced increased prices in everything. Food prices have increased while the portions have decreased. Gasoline fluctuates between \$3.20-\$4.00+ per gallon. The average price to rent a 2 bedroom apartment in the Raleigh area averages \$1,900.00 a month.

Housing All is a collaboration between Pullen and First Baptist Church on Salisbury St. to provide assistance with back rent and utilities. Over the approximate two years, improvements have been made to the process of taking calls, evaluating the assistance requested, filling out intake forms, making decisions on how much could be offered, and responding to each person as quickly as we could. In the beginning volunteers from each church signed up for a week, and the resources of both churches were pooled. At this time, however, one of the updates to the process is that Pullen volunteers handle the first week each month while FBC takes care of the rest of the month, with each church using its own resources for its week(s). FBC has committed to the larger portion

because they have greater resources. The number of callers each week can range from 10-20, with the average closer to 20. FBC, for the first seven months of 2022 provided over \$21,000.00 in assistance (during this period Pullen was not able to participate but did send approximately \$4,800.00 to FBC).

The situations we hear on each call are heartbreaking, especially when children are involved. Many of our callers are women with children, or grandmothers providing what they can to their children/grandchildren. Some of our callers are working 3 part-time jobs where all it takes is a sick child or the working person to have to take time off (where there is no sick leave) to put paying that month's bills in jeopardy.....and YES, these families are sent eviction notices!

Pullen's Mission and Outreach budget for 2023 has allotted \$6,500.00 for use by Housing All. Truth be told, we could easily disperse that amount in 2 months and still leave many without our help. Most of us don't have to decide about spending money for a half-tank of gas to get to our job or paying something toward a utility bill or a portion of the rent. One thing that surprised me in the beginning was that many of the people that we say NO to still thank us for taking time and for calling them back. Having to say that we cannot help is still a hard thing to do.

We are still looking for ways to increase our ability to help those who call on Housing All for assistance. Our current volunteers are Emily Cato, Robin Morris, and Sharron Underwood. The staff representative to the Missions and Outreach council is Ian McPherson.

## Hope Center Update

### October Hope Center Updates

It's been an exciting month at HCP. Our Teen Programs kicked-off the 2022-23 academic year. Tutors are meeting with youth to help them stay on top of their studies. LINKS, our life-skills classes that we co-facilitate with Wake County, started back with a party at Pullen Park. Over the course of the year, our Teens will meet weekly to learn about financial management, physical & mental well-being, college preparedness, and so much more.

### Thank You for Your Support

In 2021-22, we served 66 young adults and children in our Transition Program and almost 80 teens in our Teen Programs. With your support, we worked with them to achieve goals in housing, employment and education. Here's a glimpse of what their progress looked like:

- 100% of clients we housed 2 years ago continue to maintain safe and stable housing.
- More former foster youth are mastering the skills needed to maintain employment long-term. The number of youth who successfully maintained employment for 1 year with the same employer increased by over 70% year-over-year from 2020/21 to 2021/22.
- More young adults are pursuing the post-secondary education needed to achieve their career goals. At the end of our 2021-22 program year, 64% of our youth were pursuing secondary education, a significant jump from our 2020-21 program year where 44% of our youth were pursuing secondary education.

We'll be mailing our our 2021-22 Impact Report in November. Please email Melissa Gregory at [mgregory@hopecenteratpullen.org](mailto:mgregory@hopecenteratpullen.org) to have your name and address added to our list.

Thank you again. We can't do this work without you!

### Meals for Wednesday Group for our Former Foster Youth

On the first Wednesday of each month, participants in our Transition Program gather together for a meal and for their own life skills group. The connections made over the shared meal often lead to long-term supportive relationships needed for safe and stable adulthoods. We would love your help with providing a hearty meal for 10-12 adults.

Meals can be from a local business or homemade. Please contact Stacey Rodgers at [srodgers@hopecenteratpullen.org](mailto:srodgers@hopecenteratpullen.org) for details on how you can help.

### In-Kind Wishlist

We're supporting our youth through high rent prices, gas prices, and inflation by providing gift cards when needed to offset the significant increases in daily expenses. If you would like to help, we are running low on:

- Visa gift cards \$25, \$50 and \$100

- Grocery store gift cards: \$50, \$75 and \$100

Please mail gift cards or drop them off between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Thursday at

112 Cox Avenue, Suite 100-A  
Raleigh, NC 27605

*-Erin Witcher,  
Director of Development and Communications*



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