

## **Virginia Cooperative Extension Celebrates Volunteer Service During National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2018.**

HANOVER, VA., 4/13/2018 – Virginia Cooperative Extension will celebrate the volunteers who improve the lives of Hanover County residents during National Volunteer Week, a time dedicated to demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2018, is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their communities to be at the center of social change — discovering and demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

VCE offers several master volunteer programs that provide training opportunities in gardening and horticulture; food, nutrition, and safety; natural resources management; water supply systems; financial management; and energy conservation. More than 15,000 adult and youth volunteers served youth ages 5 to 19 in hands-on educational programs designed to build leadership, citizenship, and life skills in Virginia 4-H, VCE's youth development program.

The cumulative effort of Virginia Cooperative Extension volunteer contributions in Hanover County for 2017 equated to \$ 710,664 in effort. VCE Hanover Volunteer hours exceeded 29,000 including: 4- H adult volunteers, 4- H member volunteers, Master Gardeners, Food Demonstration volunteers, Tree Stewards, Landcare Stewards and Water Stewards, Agriculture producers, and One-time Occasional volunteers.

Hanover Master Gardeners and Stewards will be recognized May 5, 2018, 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled member meeting to be held at Hanover Evangelical Church.

“Thousands of volunteers who help Virginia Cooperative Extension are vital to our mission of making a difference in the lives of people in every corner of the commonwealth,” said Edwin Jones, VCE director. “I’d like to them personally for all that they do and for being part of our family.”

For information about Virginia Cooperative Extension or National Volunteer Week activities in Hanover County, contact Angelette Pryor at [angellp@vt.edu](mailto:angellp@vt.edu) or 804-752-4309.