

FY2022 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

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| Organization Name: | Under One Sky Village Foundation | |
| Project Name: | Cultivating Resilience and Supporting the Reunification Process for Youth in Foster Care | |
| Reporting Quarter: (Check one) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarter 1 (July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021) |
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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Quarter 4 (April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022) |

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide brief responses that fit within the box provided

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| Overall project updates: | In conversation with Buncombe County DSS, U1S is focusing our attention on the needs of our Youth and their caregivers. To that end, mentor recruitment and training has been a high priority. We have added monthly training opportunities for all staff, volunteers and mentors and each training is being filmed and saved in a Training Library accessible to all staff and volunteers. For 2022, we enrolled 10 Buncombe County Youth (5 with the aim of reunification) and we have had individual meetings with the Youth and their caregivers twice each month. Also, our Youth Services Director has been attending all Mentor meet-ups as a Buddy to the Mentor, providing them support and allowing each Youth to spend additional time with familiar, stable adults. Caregivers are very pleased with the added attention and interaction. |
| Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion: | As we reported in our Q1 - Q3 reports, we actively encouraged BIPOC youth leadership in activities and sharing moments, worked to address the needs of a BIPOC birth mother, and integrated conversations about pronouns and identity at the request of a youth. We utilized the feedback we received from campers and families in Q2 to rework some of our planned activities to further incorporate and highlight the experiences of our youth. Because many of our youth are BIPOC and because several of our current youth are exploring gender identity as they age into adulthood, these are the two areas of inclusion we have the biggest need for. This Program Year we also enrolled youth with a wide range of diagnoses including Autism Spectrum Disorder and are shaping our programming to meet their needs while making sure they are integrating with the other youth. |
| Activities related to increasing operational excellence: | With our Program Year resuming in April, we are taking advantage of the strong partnerships we built during our off-season in Jan-March. Each camp this year will feature a Guest Artist to incorporate art therapy tactics, and these have been enormously successful. We also purchased cameras for each of our enrolled youth. They are using them to document each camp experience and at the end of the year we will gift each Youth with a "World Through the Eyes of ____" book they can keep. We have also added trips to equine therapy and other fun but educational experiences. One caregiver told us, "I've never seen anything like it! Under One Sky provides a real education for the campers. The staff are caring and the kids are always looking forward to it". |

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Progress toward annual goals

| Measure | Annual Goal | Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter | | | | Progress toward Annual Goal |
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| | | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | |
| Number of youth in foster care enrolled into all-day camps at Lutheridge | 6 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 25 |
| Number of families in foster care provided with fifteen individual family sessions | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| Percent of youth participating in camp that identifies and demonstrates an increase in each focus area | 70% | 89% | 80% | N/A | 90% | 90% |
| Percent of you and parents reporting an increase in confidence toward reunification | 80% | 75% | 80% | 80% | 0% | 80% |
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Comments:

As of Q3, we reported there had been a total of 53 family sessions, and in Q4 we added another 10 (2 each with each Buncombe County Foster youth enrolled in this program.) As reported in Q3, in January, we began enrollment for the 2022 Program Year, and recruited 5 new Buncombe County foster youth. We have held 3 camp days and each youth has been paired with a one-on-one mentor. In conversation with Buncombe County DSS, the decision was made to focus on our support of the youth and their caregivers and to this end, our Youth Services Director has been working closely with each mentor and caregiver to assess each youth's current needs and challenges. One caregiver told us, "Because of Under One Sky, the kids are THRIVING."

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

| Spending Category | Starting Budget | Total Spending (Enter Data) | | | | Amount Remaining |
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| | | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | |
| Personnel | \$ 3,655 | \$ 3,644 | \$ 11 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Training | \$ 423 | | \$ 150 | \$ - | \$ 273 | \$ - |
| Travel | \$ 44 | | \$ 44 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Supplies/Materials | \$ 500 | \$ 70 | \$ 221 | \$ - | \$ 209 | \$ (0) |
| Equipment/Furniture | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Printing/Marketing | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Client Support | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Contracts | \$ 525 | \$ 168 | \$ 357 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Professional Services | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Insurance and Bonds | \$ 1,193 | | | \$ - | \$ 1,193 | \$ - |
| Building Maintenance | \$ 705 | \$ 304 | \$ 250 | \$ - | \$ 151 | \$ - |
| One-on-one family sessions | \$ 2,475 | \$ 1,958 | \$ 517 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Food | \$ 480 | \$ 94 | \$ 336 | \$ - | \$ 49 | \$ 1 |
| List other cost | | | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 10,000 | \$ 6,238 | \$ 1,887 | \$ - | \$ 1,875 | \$ 0 |

Comments:

We have begun providing monthly training opportunities to all of our staff, counselors, volunteers, and mentors. These trainings are being filmed and kept as a training library that will be free and accessible to everyone connected with U1S or the foster system. With camps back in session, our insurance, supplies, and food budgets are once again being used.