

University of Wisconsin-Extension
2015 Annual Report for Racine County



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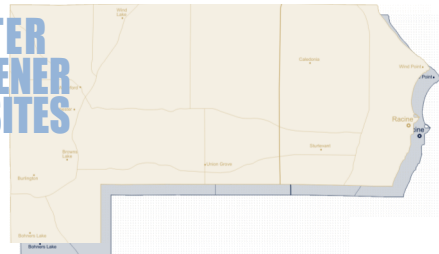
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RACINE COUNTY EDUCATION

24 MASTER GARDENER PROJECT SITES

17 4-H CLUBS



MORE THAN 13 THOUSAND TEACHING CONTACTS IN 2015

DID YOU KNOW?

UW-Extension research has helped children of incarcerated parents. And, local educators provided financial management resources for families at an Annual Money Conference.

Over 40 beginning beekeepers learned about beekeeping and pollinator protection at the 2015 Beekeeping Workshop, the first in a series of workshops for rural landowners and aspiring agricultural entrepreneurs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

VOLUNTEERS contributed 28,203 hours valued at \$634,003

8,000 NUTRITION EDUCATION contacts with families & youth

Farm Fresh Atlas connects 100,000 SE Wisconsin residents to locally grown food products

Stronger Families

Family Living Programs improve the knowledge of parents, early care educators, family-serving agencies and the community. Education spans from birth to the teenage years including the evidenced-based program of **Raising a Thinking Child** in partnership with the Burlington Area School District 4K classes. The three-day **Touchpoints Training** reached 13 child care providers who learned about child development and family relationships to support work with families. The **Family Resource Directory** links families to local community resources; and **Child Support and Family Court FAQ workshops** educate individuals on the child support system. And, **Book and Block Parties** align with state and local school districts' kindergarten readiness initiatives.

Serving Veterans

A new horticulture therapy program for veterans living at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Union Grove offered the **opportunity to garden** indoors and outdoors with assistance from local Master Gardener volunteers. The program targeted veterans challenged by dementia, many with limited mobility. During the four month program, approximately **12-18 veterans** participated each week in garden related activities.

Master Gardener volunteers also answered horticultural inquiries and beautified the grounds at the Ridgewood Care Center and other community sites throughout Racine County.

Youth Leadership

It all begins with creative, hands-on learning, and culminates with youth giving back to their communities through leadership and community service where they live. **Over 1,000 youth** were engaged in positive 4-H Youth Development programming in 2015, with support from **410 volunteer leaders**. The 4-H Community Clubs had **3,925 project-based contacts** with youth; and adult mentors in the **4-H Tech Wizards** provided even more chances for youth to grow their love for science, technology, and math at Starbuck Middle School. And, **20 teens** practiced citizenship and developed leadership serving alongside Racine County Supervisors through the Racine County **Youth In Governance** effort.

Ag Entrepreneurs

The 2015 Spring Summit in Burlington brought together **70 farmers and local food entrepreneurs** from South-eastern Wisconsin who discovered local financing opportunities and learned how to sell to restaurants, connect with customers at farmers markets, and expand product offerings. Attendee feedback revealed connections made to help **establish and expand food related enterprises**, as explained by one participant, "I discovered a local scholarship that I can use to start my own business;" another attendee noted, "I connected with a commercial kitchen that will help me produce value-added products."

Healthy Eating

Working with community partners, UW-Extension educators taught families, youth, and seniors how to eat healthier and save money. There were over **8,000 learners** who received education that helped them increase consumption of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, reduce their intake of fat, sugar and sodium, and **add critical nutrients to their diets**. One parent learner shared, "I have already made changes in the way I grocery shop by planning meals, making a list and checking labels. I've learned ways to substitute different ingredients to healthier ingredients. I've learned how to read labels."

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SUPPORTING EMPOWERING ENGAGING The People of Racine County



Investing in Racine County UW-Extension education and program efforts

Core funding for Racine County UW-Extension programming comes from three partners:

- (1) the University of Wisconsin System;
- (2) Racine County Government;
- (3) the United States Department of Agriculture.

In 2015, Racine County leveraged \$346,449 of funding to support the Racine County UW-Extension educational efforts. Additional program support and funding comes from grants and revenue generated through programming.

UW System 37%



Federal 11%

Racine County 25%



Grants 27%

Please ask for these UW-Extension Publications:

Family Resource Directory — Quick List — Farm Fresh Atlas — Recycling Guide



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University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating.
UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.