Happy November, Community Partners!

We want to extend a special thank you to you all who participated in the many CCESL events held in October. From attending Julia’s first Community Coffee Conversation, to contributing our Whee Beat Hunger initiative and Homecoming Blood Drive, to walking with us in the Homecoming Parade, your collaboration with and support of us has been truly invaluable. We are so excited to continue building on the connections made this fall!

Best,
Julia, Amanda, and Ally

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DECEMBER COMMUNITY COFFEE CONVERSATION

Save the Date for CCESL’s December Community Coffee Conversation on Thursday, December 7th from 9:30am-10:30am at Main Street Sylva Association conference room (83 Allen St, Sylva).

Along with bringing updates from CCESL for the new year, we'll celebrate the holiday season with a “Jingle Mingle” activity to foster networking between attendees. Please bring your business cards and brochures to share!

If you’d like to attend this gathering, please RSVP using this link by Monday, November 20th. A reminder with full details will be sent to registered participants.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OFFICE HOURS

In line with CCESL’s Community Partner Action Plan, Julia Heckert has established Community Partner Office Hours. Through the end of semester, Julia will have availability on most Thursdays between 10am-1pm to meet with organizations about needs, project ideas, and ways to collaborate. Follow this link or click the link at the bottom of her email signature to schedule a meeting.
PAWS FOR A CAUSE: WHEE BEAT HUNGER

DID YOU KNOW? Approximately 1 of 3 college students in the United States faces food insecurity. This fall semester, CCESL is hosting a Whee Beat Hunger initiative focusing on 1) raising awareness about food insecurity on WCU’s campus and across our region and 2) holding events to address this critical, community-identified need.

There were many opportunities to collect food in October. Food collection bins were distributed across campus in partnership with Residential Life and the Department of Campus Activities. WCU’s Biltmore Park instructional site in Asheville hosted a Homecoming food drive that included not only their students, faculty, and staff but also all residents and workers of Biltmore Town Square. CCESL also wants to give a shout out to St. David’s Episcopal Church, one of our community partners, who hosted a food drive benefiting WCU students.

To date, Whee Beat Hunger food donations have fully restocked the pantries at both Biltmore Park and HOMEBASE!

There is a lot more to come in November. Don’t miss out on:

- November 11th: Food Drive at WCU’s Football Game versus ETSU. Bring food items to gate 1 and receive $5 off a General Admission Ticket!

- November 16th: as part of Hunger and Homelessness Week, CCESL will host a Community Partner Panel + Film Screening of “A Place at the Table” to highlight food insecurity and homelessness on a local and national level.

- Community Partner Highlights: All November long, CCESL will be spotlighting the food security work of regional nonprofits on our social media. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @wcucommunityengagement to see the videos!

TO RECRUIT WCU VOLUNTEERS FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT:

To submit a request, please complete this FORM or contact Ally Schuenke directly via email at aschuenke@wcu.edu.

Follow Us on Social Media!  

For any questions or to schedule a meeting, please contact our Administrative Support Associate, Ally Schuenke, at 828.227.2091 or aschuenke@wcu.edu.