### KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

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## Building Strong Families

### IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY



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#### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)
Extension is committed to improving
the health and well-being of individuals
and families throughout Kentucky. Our
educational programs focus on making
healthy lifestyle choices, nurturing families,
embracing life as we age, securing financial
stability, promoting healthy homes and
communities, accessing nutritious food,
and empowering community leaders.

#### **OUR SUCCESS**

In 2020-2021, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

**5,124** direct and

2,832

indirect contacts with individuals and families in Christian County.

### **SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

# World's Greatest Baby Shower continues despite pandemic



Early and regular prenatal and infant care is vital for healthy babies. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 22.1% of people are living in poverty in Christian County. For these individuals, the lack of income results in inadequate access to health care and resources. To address this issue, the Christian County FCS Extension Office partnered with Sanctuary Inc., Christian County Public Schools Family and Youth Resource Centers, and the Christian County Health Department to hold a two-part Virtual/Drive-Thru World's Greatest Baby Shower event. We held this free virtual program on Zoom for local expectant mothers or mothers of a child younger than 1. The program covered topics such as prenatal nutrition, newborn nutrition, safe sleep, breastfeeding and latch, among many others. Nineteen expectant mothers participated, and all found the information useful.

## CHRISTIAN COUNTY'S EXTENSION PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension professionals actively work to reach our goals by offering educational programs that serve to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our Commonwealth.

Christian County's FCS Extension programming in 2020-2021 led to the following results.



2,318

youths
participated in local
Extension programming



185

volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



\$1,551

increase in sales because of Plate it Up!



756

program participants increased their physical activity



150

participants made a sound financial decision



218

participants gained financial management knowledge

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