

COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2021 COMMUNITY AWARDS

**N.C. Cooperative Extension, Nash County Center
Community and Rural Development Program**

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The Community and Rural Development (CRD) Council of Nash County encourages citizens to participate in their local neighborhood organization to enhance the welfare and quality of life for Nash County residents. The Council also promotes education, and encourages leadership within the community.

The CRD Council is supported by the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Nash County's Community and Rural Development Agent, Traci Dixon. Ms. Dixon works along with the Council to conduct programs, provide resources and educational opportunities in Nash County. The N.C. Cooperative Extension also works with each community to set personalized goals.

This year many of the Council's in-person programming had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Once again, we decided to end the year by recognizing some of our community members who have demonstrated outstanding community leadership and achievement over the years with a spirit of service.

2021 CRD COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDEES



Mr. James K. Parker, Sr., of
Little Easonburg Community

2021 Community and Rural Development Council Communities

Drake Community Development, Inc.

Comm. Marvin Arrington – President

Little Easonburg Community

James Parker – President

Nashville Willing Workers

Carolyn Williams – President

Peachtree Community Development

Brenda Foster – President

Swift Creek Community

James Alston – President

Winwood Community

George Jefferies - President

Mr. Jimmy Leonard, of
Peachtree Community
Development



Decn. Carolyn H. Williams,
of Nashville Willing Workers

All About Our Champions



Mr. James Parker

James Parker has been an active member of the Little Easonburg Community and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church (M.B.C.) for many years. He is currently and active member of the Little Easonburg Senior Citizen Community. Presently, Mr. Parker is the Chairman of the Trustee Ministry of Bethlehem M.B.C. In addition, he is part of the Men Fellowship Ministry and serves on the Usher Ministry; having served as president and vice-president. Additionally, he is a Trustee of the Stoney Creek Cemetery Association and previously served on the board for Nash Edgecombe Economic Development (N.E.E.D). Furthermore, he is actively involved with the Community and Rural Development (CRD) Council for Nash County, helping to support and shape activities and programming for the Little Easonburg Community and Nash County residents.

Mr. Jimmy Leonard

Jimmy “Little Jimmy” Leonard is a retired City of Raleigh employee and a deacon at the Rocky Chapel Missionary Church. Jimmie is a genuine Christian with a good heart and soul. He supports Peachtree Community Development by maintaining the landscape at their community building for the last few years, at no cost. Whenever they try to compensate him for his time and service he says, “It’s the community man, the community”. He has a great love for his grandchildren and his entire family. “We wish the world had a more people like Mr. Leonard,” stated Brenda Foster, Peachtree Community Dev. President.

Decn. Carolyn H. Williams

Deaconess Carolyn Williams is a humble, compassionate and dedicated community leader who currently serves as the president of the Nashville Willing Workers Club. She is a dedicated member of the Community and Rural Development (CRD) Council where she serves as secretary. She is a life-long resident of Nashville and a retired administrative support team member for Nash Day Hospital. What makes Deaconess Williams a 2021 CRD Community Champion awardee, is her unique ability to develop partnerships within the community. She also is able to adjust during the changing times like these with the COVID-19 pandemic, while keeping the Nashville Willing Workers engaged and relevant in community projects. This year alone, she helped support the Nash County Cooperative Extension’s school supply drive. In addition, working with Nashville Willing Workers, Decn. Williams presents the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast/dinner, which is the clubs capstone event, to date.

Each of the 2021 CRD Community Champion awardees will receive a plaque and a \$50 monetary gift from the Community and Rural Development Council of Nash County.

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