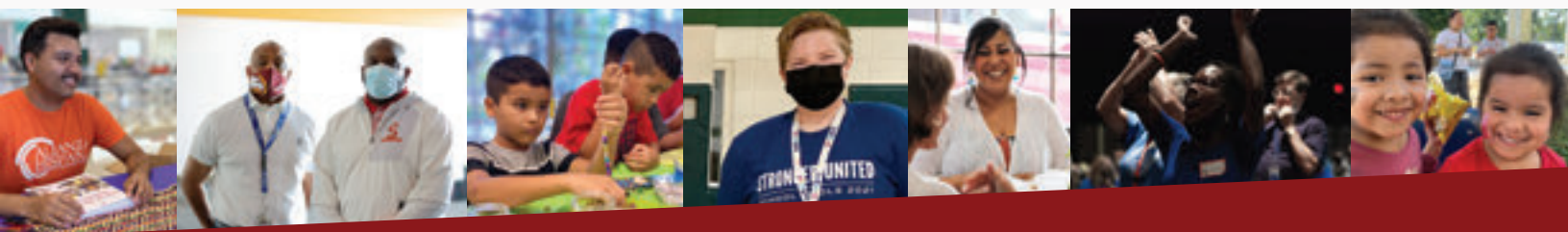




AUGUST 2021

IMPACT REPORT



Dear OnTrack Partners, Donors, and Friends—

Thank you! Because of you, students in Greenville County are able to thrive and have the resources they need to stay on track to an on-time graduation.

Please find enclosed an August Report detailing the enormous impact of your support across the OnTrack Greenville initiative. From the multitude of community engagement events to the welcoming of the first high schools to our program, OnTrack Greenville is deepening connections and increasing support for students and families in Greenville County. We look forward to sharing periodic reports with you on an ongoing basis.

Your passion for education and this community is furthering OnTrack Greenville's vision: A Greenville County where all students have the tools and opportunities to achieve their full potential, graduate from high school, and become contributing members of their communities.

Remaining nimble in a landscape of ever-changing needs in our schools is critical. OnTrack remains thankful to individuals like you who increase the chances of graduation and overall success in academics, attendance, and behavior. We could not do this work without you.

In Partnership,**DR. EDWARD ANDERSON**
Executive Director, OnTrack Greenville

OnTrack Greenville had four incredible opportunities to connect with our community in August 2021, **reaching nearly 300 teachers, 25 community organizations, 50 volunteers, and 1,300 families.**

LAKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR



Lakeview Middle School's Resource Fair was made possible through Principal Puza and her commitment to community building. We love her partnership and ability to bring the whole community together. We also appreciate and recognize Assistant Principal Roman, who was instrumental behind the scenes in setting up for the event.

Over 200 parents, caregivers, and students attended the Saturday morning event which featured more than 10 community organizations. **A BIG thank you to** Communities In Schools, BellXcel, Greenville Literacy, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Hope, League of Women Voters, Just Say Something, New Horizons, Neighborhood Focus, United Ministries, UWGC/VITA / 2-1-1, and Hispanic Alliance for joining us.



Harvest Hope provided substantial food boxes for families filled with shelf-stable food staples. Activities for children included face painting, super bubbles, friendship/spirit bracelets, school spirit rock painting, and a family photo booth with school themed props.

The significant turnout from Lakeview teachers and staff made the day even better. Members of AALG and Michelin volunteers served and were essential to the success of the event.

After months of planning by multiple United Way teams, we held the **first in-person OnTrack Summit since 2019!** We masked up to abide by updated safety mandates and celebrated our teachers & schools as hard as we could!

2021 ONTRACK GREENVILLE SUMMIT

The 2021 Summit was held at the TD Center on August 11th with approximately **300 teachers, staff, and principals in attendance.** We surprised attendees with the **unveiling of our new logo** and branding by placing tote bags with OnTrack swag on each of their chairs.



The Master of Ceremonies was United Way of Greenville County's Director of Education and Economic Mobility, Travis Wharton. His excitement was contagious and created high energy among our schools all morning. Assistant Superintendents, Dr. David McDonald and Scott Rhymer, of Greenville County Schools delivered thoughtful remarks on the partnership between United Way of Greenville County and the Greenville County School District.

OnTrack Executive Director, Dr. Edward Anderson presented a comprehensive overview of OnTrack Greenville. Our partners' work (Communities In Schools, Public Education Partners, Prisma Health, BellXcel) were provided through videos produced to help teachers and staff become better acquainted with our collective missions and goals. Dr. Anderson also announced **the 2021 recipients of the Kathy Dobbins Memorial Scholarship.**



Prior to the Summit, we surveyed teachers and staff from each school and asked, **"Who is someone at your school that makes a difference?"** Each school Principal presented the top two individuals from their school. All first place and runner-up winners received gift cards.



Courtney Beasley, Chief Marketing Officer at United Way of Greenville County, presented an insightful reveal of the new OnTrack branding and offered the rationale and creation behind this thoughtful design.

The program concluded with **keynote speaker, Brandon Montgomery, of Forward and Beyond.** He provided an inspiring talk on "Perceptions, Possibilities, Process and Progress", reminding us all "that we are here to cross the finish line."

As teachers and staff exited the TD Center, they were provided a **new OnTrack Greenville t-shirt.** Feedback from schools and staff was energetic and positive!



AS ONTRACK GROWS ITS CAPACITY

for keeping students on track for graduation, we realized that **we cannot stop our support once students leave middle school.** While OnTrack Greenville began as a middle grade success program, **we are proud to include OnTrack Greenville high schools in our program.** The majority of students leaving OnTrack Greenville middle schools matriculate to Berea High or Carolina High & Academy. The continuation of academic supports, a dedicated OnTrack Facilitator to coordinate interventions, community partners, and direct access to family and community supports all provide **greater student success at our OnTrack Greenville high schools.**

WELCOME BEREA HIGH SCHOOL!

OnTrack Greenville welcomes Mr. Noel and his dedicated staff at Berea High School to the OnTrack Greenville family!

OnTrack came alongside Berea High's distribution of Chromebooks on the evening of Thursday, August 12.



This was an opportunity to support an existing school event that focused on Student Organizations, Clubs, and Activities sign-ups. More than 800 students, families, and younger siblings were in attendance. **OnTrack Greenville coordinated community organization participation, fun activities for youth and children, provided School Tools backpacks and food boxes for families via Harvest Hope.** Berea High teachers and staff distributed the resources to students and families.

We'd like to give a big **shout out to the Berea High teachers and staff for their tremendous hospitality and hard work.**



OnTrack Greenville knows that **we can always count on Principal Collington and his team at Berea Middle School when it comes to collaborating and bringing the community together.** In November 2020, we came together to host a drive through resource fair for families before Thanksgiving—and we were excited to be **back at Berea Middle on the morning of Saturday, August 14th for a Back-To-School Resource Fair!**

BEREA MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

Students and their families were as excited as we were, with a large line forming outside the gymnasium before the Resource Fair began.

Throughout the day, **more than 300 parents, caregivers, students, and younger siblings** took time to grab a food box, take part in fun activities, and learn about academic supports, out-of-school time clubs, and economic mobility opportunities for students and adults.

Volunteers from Michelin came out in force, helping support the school, students, and families.



THANK YOU!

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