

Dear OnTrack Partners, Donors, and Friends—

As an OnTrack Greenville supporter, you're the driving force behind our work. Your actions are changing lives. And you have the power to keep students on track towards high school graduation and post-secondary success.

Please find enclosed our most recent report detailing the enormous impact made possible by your support of OnTrack Greenville. As our six schools started the 2021-2022 school year, students faced barriers to meet dress code requirements, purchase school supplies and return to in-person instruction after two disruptive years brought on by COVID-19. By fostering new and existing partnerships in the community, OnTrack helped address these barriers to ensure that students in need had the appropriate resources to increase the chances of graduation and overall school success.

Your passion for education and this community is powering OnTrack's inaugural graduating class to cross the finish line. When OnTrack began, the class of 2022 were sixth-graders. They were the first group of students to receive additional support of their academic, behavior and attendance goals through OnTrack programming. This year, they will receive their high school diplomas. We are thrilled to celebrate this monumental milestone with them, our partners and supporters, and our community at large.

Your generosity powers our work in the community. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of our students and their families — and building a stronger Greenville County for all.

In Partnership,

DR. EDWARD ANDERSON
Executive Director, OnTrack Greenville



OnTrack Greenville closed out the **last quarter of 2021** with incredible impact to students, staff, and communities. We're proud to showcase a few highlights as we end 2021 **and look forward to 2022 and beyond!**

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND CLOTHING SUPPORT

During the first month of the school year, some students faced barriers to acquiring dress code items as they returned to in-person instruction. School uniforms are costly for low-income families and often hard to find.

OnTrack Greenville addressed these barriers to ensure that students in need had appropriate school uniform pieces. Specifically, Berea Middle School and Lakeview Middle School identified students who needed support, and OnTrack Greenville delivered or shipped the clothing. **Twenty-four students were assisted with 76 clothing items that met their school's dress code and set them up for success.**



HYGIENE KITS DONATED AND DISTRIBUTED



This quarter, **OnTrack Greenville distributed 225 hygiene kits** made possible by individuals and corporate donors. United Way of Greenville County's Donor and Volunteer Engagement team assembled the kits that included toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, and other necessities.

Students and families living below the poverty line may not have basic items that many take for granted. Having these staples make a big difference to a teen or pre-teen, boosting their self-confidence. As child psychologist Aleta Angelosante notes, "If you are outwardly having difficulties with hygiene, it can certainly lead to, at best, being more neglected or ignored; at worst, being pointed out and bullied in some way."

PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS TREATS

In partnership with OnTrack Greenville, **Public Education Partners** arranged a special 'perk' for educators in celebration of American Education Week 2021.

Vita Nova Traveling Coffee Café visited the six OnTrack Greenville schools serving up cups of appreciation and gratitude for faculty and staff for all they do to make a difference in the lives of students every day. These appreciation events reached **572 faculty and staff from all six OnTrack Greenville schools.**



FEMININE PRODUCTS AND CLOTHING RESOURCES



This quarter, **The Homeless Period Project provided hundreds of donated feminine products to OnTrack Greenville through United Way's Volunteer and Donor Engagement.** Having adequate access to feminine products not only meets a basic human need, it also supports female students with attendance. Young women in school often face greater absences when they have their menstrual cycles.

Work with the Homeless Period Project grew out of Furman University's 2020 Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). The DLI Team Period Project shared research that shows "20% of girls miss school each month during their menstrual cycle, a figure exacerbated by the lack of access to menstrual hygiene products."

Furthermore, the onset of puberty and menstruation causes a sharp decrease in many girls' self-esteem. An accident in school can have long-lasting, negative consequences. Gina Bridges of OnTrack Greenville and Jane Horvath, United Way of Greenville County's Community Impact Administrator, teamed up to obtain undergarments and basic sweatpants for girls of all sizes. These resources will provide dignity to students and make it easier for students to return to class and maintain attendance.

One school administrator noted, "This is an issue several times a week at our school. Thank you for providing these items to our girls." A school nurse shared, can't tell you how helpful this is. Girls will often want to leave school if they have an accident or need to wait for a parent or family member to leave work to provide a change of clothes. With these items on hand, girls quickly recover and get back to class sooner."

In the first two months of the school year, OnTrack Greenville distributed more than 600 district appropriate feminine products, 500 undergarments, and 125 pairs of sweatpants.



@thehomelessperiodproject

776 THANKSGIVING MEALS PROVIDED

Euphoria Greenville provided 776 take-home meals prepared by Larkin's and Table 301 to the entire student body at Carolina High School for Thanksgiving.

Faculty and staff from Carolina High School, Communities In Schools, and OnTrack Greenville distributed the meals during afternoon dismissal before Thanksgiving break.





EUPHORIA SPONSORS FOOD AND CULTURE EVENTS

Thanks to a special grant opportunity from Euphoria Greenville, OnTrack Greenville held three special, in-person events this fall for OnTrack families and communities. These events were held at each of the three OnTrack high schools: Berea High School, Greenville Early College, and Carolina High & Academy.

One goal was to inspire OnTrack's inaugural graduating class to cross the finish line strong. When OnTrack Greenville began, the class of 2022 were sixth-graders. They were the first group to receive support for their academic, behavior, and attendance goals through OnTrack Greenville. This year, they will graduate.

Euphoria Greenville, the grant sponsor, creates destination events for food and music lovers across the country, highlights the culinary and musical arts of the Upstate, and raises money to give back to the community.

The events were a rich time of celebration between students and staff. **Each event provided an avenue to positively impact school climate, strengthen teacher-student relationships, and nurture connections** within individual school communities. OnTrack Greenville families were invited to all three events.

These "mini-Euphoria" events featured authentic Central American food specialties from El Pulgarcito de Central America food truck at no cost to attendees, made possible by the Euphoria grant and a special donation. Musical guests included Latin Caravan and the Jamie Wright Band. Susan Zaglin of Greenville Salsa Dance showcased distinctive styles of Latin dance at one event, and two events featured a raffle for more than 200 donated hats, jerseys, and t-shirts from the Greenville Drive's Hispanic Heritage apparel line.

Altogether, these high energy celebrations **served and impacted more than 625 OnTrack Greenville teachers, staff, families, and students.** Three additional celebration events are scheduled for the spring at Berea Middle School, Lakeview Middle School, and Tanglewood Middle School.



PUBLIX GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION



This quarter, OnTrack Greenville had the opportunity to provide support for families in need in the form of Publix Gift Cards. **Three hundred gift cards with a total value of \$6000 were provided to families at all OnTrack schools.**

OnTrack Facilitators, Social Workers, Communities In Schools staff, and Family Engagement Specialists worked together to identify families in the most need for the gift card distribution.

OnTrack Greenville is proud to partner with Publix Super Markets Charities to provide financial support in rent and utility assistance for families in crisis. Each month, OnTrack receives reports from its schools to identify families in crisis, working closely with school staff to address and distribute one-time rent and utility assistance per family, per year. Families affected by short-term crises can have long-lasting repercussions that also affect students' ability to thrive.

CRISIS INTERVENTION FUNDING AND SUPPORT



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS
CHARITIES

This quarter, OnTrack Greenville funded 11 families in crisis, impacting 35 individuals through rent and utility assistance totaling \$10,298. Two families needed temporary assistance after losing primary wage earners, husbands, and fathers. In another family, a mom was hospitalized due to a severe case of COVID. Several families had injuries that prevented them from working, and others experienced various economic hardships.

CORPORATE DONOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Each year, United Way of Greenville County's corporate donors have the opportunity to sponsor school support and beautification projects at OnTrack Greenville schools. This quarter, we want to thank General Electric, GE Hispanic Leadership, EP+Co, and Ernst & Young for their hands-on work with our students and schools!

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND STAFF EDUCATIONAL SERIES CONTINUES

The second year of Family, Community and Staff Educational Series began this September. Greenville County Schools' Dr. Ellen Hampshire and TJ Rumler introduced parents and families to Social Emotional Learning and resources.

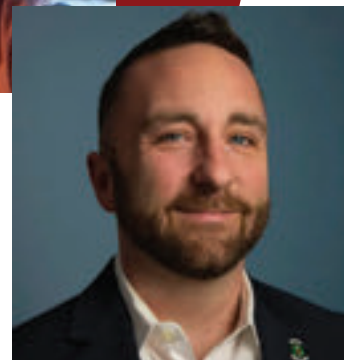
These virtual meetings are held via Zoom (with a simultaneous Spanish interpreter) on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. OnTrack Greenville provides a Spanish language recording of the presentations to Family Engagement Coordinators for future use and sharing.

The purpose of this educational series is for families and staff to build a strong understanding of the resources available to serve students and the community. Family members, guardians, and parents receive a \$25 gift card for each session attended.

Forty-two family members and parents attended with significant school staff support from across the Greenville County School District. All families in attendance were highly interested in learning techniques and practices to support their children.



Dr. Ellen Hampshire



TJ Rumler

OnTrack would like to introduce everyone to the following **new hires** within our OnTrack schools. These staff **work with our team to make a huge difference in our communities.**



MARIA JULA DELGADO

Family Engagement Coordinator | Berea Middle School

"I moved from Peru to the United States three years ago, where I was a lawyer. Moving from another country and enrolling my daughter in school in the U.S. gave me a different perspective on the matter. This experience gave me insight and one of the reasons I enjoy this job.

Working with OnTrack has been a fantastic experience. This program gives us the tools and resources we need to help the kids and build relationships with their families so that we can achieve the main goal of students graduating high school."

SARA CARPIO

Office Clerk | Berea Middle School

A native of Colombia, South America, Ms. Carpio has worked with Greenville County Schools since 2006.

"I am now at a position where I can help families feel welcome and connected to the school; that is one of the reasons I like to be the Office Clerk at Berea Middle School. The best part of my job is interacting with so many people and help them in any way I can, always with a smiling face."



TENNILLE CRNOBRNJA

OnTrack Facilitator | Carolina High School

"I spent nine years in the corporate world before leaving my job to become a teacher. I taught at Carolina High School for three years. After my second son was born, I took five years off—but always knew I wanted to go back to CHS.

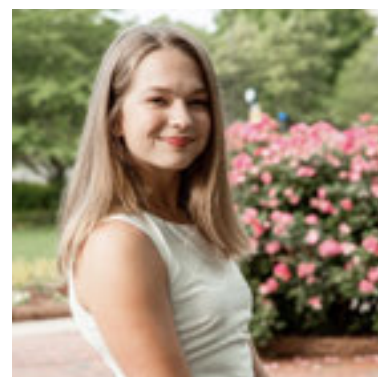
The principal of CHS, Mr. Delaney, let me know about this opportunity with OnTrack. I have loved getting to work with the students one-on-one and in small groups. [OnTrack staff] always find a way to help us support our students. I feel so fortunate to be a part of this team that is doing so much to help students be successful."

ALLYSON STOUT

Data and Quality Specialist | Greenville County Schools

"I work directly with schools and facilitators across the district to train teams to best utilize data-driven discussions through the OnTrack process.

I am a recent graduate from Georgia Tech with a background and passion for education, technology, and the policies that drive them. It's an honor and privilege to work with OnTrack Greenville and I am inspired everyday by the incredible work they are doing to better our students and community."





MARISSIA CHILDRESS

OnTrack Facilitator | Tanglewood Middle

"I received my bachelor's in education from FSU and went to teach overseas in Indonesia for three years after I graduated. I returned home and gained my master's from Converse in Marriage and Family Therapy.

[The OnTrack] program aligns with a population I have always enjoyed working with and helping. My experience so far has been one of learning and expansion of my network as I develop a deeper understanding of a community and school that has had a presence in Greenville for a long time. I'm hoping to be another positive contributor to its growth."

SARAH COWAN

Social Worker | Tanglewood Middle School

"A Furman University graduate, [I also] graduated with my MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2018 and spent three years serving a school district outside of Charlotte, N.C.

What I love most about my work as a school social worker is connecting with our students and families to find unique ways to meet not just their educational needs, but other critical needs that affect their ability to be successful in school and beyond. This is all made possible through partnerships and collaborations with our local community resources."



TYLER ADAMS

Intern | OnTrack Greenville

"My name is Tyler Adams, I'm 24 and a recent USC Upstate graduate. In December of 2020, I received a bachelor's in Psychology and a minor in Child Advocacy.

I've been at OnTrack for three months and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I am a beginner rock climber and a dog father to the best dog, Zoe."

DR. EDWARD ANDERSON HONORED AS "BEST AND BRIGHTEST UNDER 35"

In September, the United Way of Greenville County and OnTrack Greenville celebrated Dr. Edward Anderson's distinction of Greenville Business Magazine's "Best and Brightest Under 35." We congratulate Dr. Anderson and applaud his tremendous generosity and dedication to the community.

Now in its 27th year, the "Best & Brightest 35 and Under" issue of Greenville Business Magazine celebrates women and men who are rising stars in the business community. Awardees are selected by their dedication to making our state a better place to live, work and play.





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