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Wilson Wellness Collaborative

Community Partnerships Have Significant Impact

Highlighting Local Partnerships That Are Improving Community Health



The Wilson Wellness Collaborative convened in November to discuss the ongoing work and

progress towards the goals of the 3 year comprehensive health and wellness plan introduced last May. The reports from local partners included an update on the establishment of a Wilson Food Council as well as the utilization of NC Pre-K slots recently allocated to Wilson. Partners also received an update of expanded work based learning opportunities with an emphasis on local students' future employability and connection to improved health outcomes. Finally, a representative of Unite Us introduced local partners to NCCARE360, the first statewide coordinated care network to electronically connect those with identified needs to community resources.

Gig360 Hosts Inaugural Feast of the East Oyster & BBQ Roast

Gig360 - Connecting Young Professionals

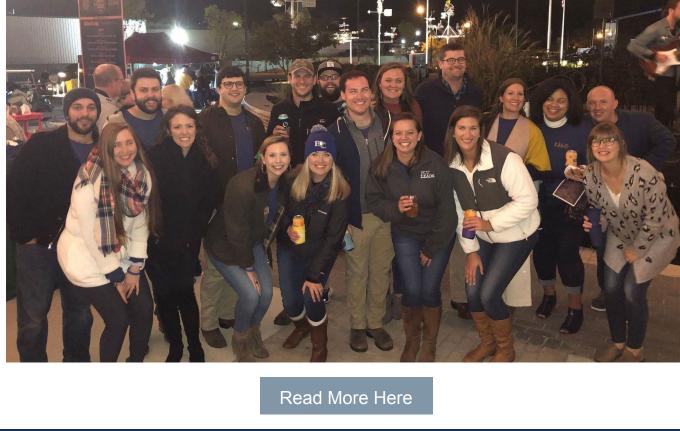
Gig360, Wilson's local young professionals

Whirligig Park. In an effort to strengthen the connections between young professionals living and working in the Wilson area, Gig360 formed last year as a social organization for community-minded young professionals. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about Gig360, please contact Cameron Cochran at

network with over 45 members, hosted its inaugural Feast of the East event with chefs from across the country earlier this month. Nearly 300 guests enjoyed oysters, barbecue and live entertainment at the Vollis Simpson

CCochran@WilsonForward.org or like the Gig360 Facebook page.





Connecting and Learning with Other Communities

NC Rural Assembly 2019 This year's NC Rural Assembly was held on November 21-22 in Raleigh. With a gathering of



The Home of Future Thinking provided an opportunity for local representatives to gather

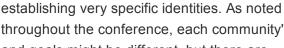
"micropolitan" communities.

with leaders from across the United States to discuss topics from the perspective of

Discussions included the opportunities and

challenges associated with housing

affordability, infrastructure investment, educational offerings, and the importance for building social capital. The conference was hosted in Rocky Mount and highlighted the importance of regional collaboration in eastern North Carolina.



also building their distinct economies and

throughout the conference, each community's story and goals might be different, but there are certainly common themes in any economically vibrant small town or rural community. We are finding ways to transcend traditional ideas, expectations, and practices to create meaningful results!

over 400 leaders from across the state, we had the opportunity to join other rural communities that are



Pictured left to right: Brooklyn Mills, Sarah Langer Hall, Emily Gangi, Paula Benson, Cameron Cochran

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a Happy Thanksgiving!

2019 WCDSS Adult Intervention Team

make a donation to help cover the purchase of wish list items.



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the partnerships we have with our local



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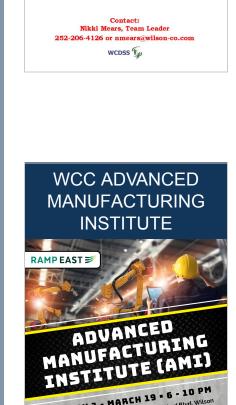
stronger relationships with our local business partners and individual community members. CONTRIBUTE TODAY! T, H, A, N, K, We appreciate you very much, and we hope you have **COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS**

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