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Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program 2024 Performance and Evaluation Report



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Executive Summary

Introduction

Bethlehem Baptist Union (BBU) Inc. is a 501(C) (3) nonprofit, faith-based, cooperative organization comprised of fifteen (15) Baptist churches located in Barnwell, Bamberg, and Allendale Counties. These counties are located in an area that is designated as South Carolina Promise Zone, and are plagued with undesirable levels of Unemployment, Poverty, Educational Achievement, Healthcare Services, Crime, Drug usage, etc. Communities in these counties have many concerns; but one major concern is “quality education.” That is because quality education is an essential factor in ensuring the health and sustainability of communities over time.

Realizing the need for quality education and being a community partner, Bethlehem Baptist Union conducted a two-week training program entitled the Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program in the summer of 2024 for a group of forty-six (46) youths in its service area.

The objective of the program was to enhance the educational opportunities for these youth by providing them training and experiences beyond what they receive through their normal school curriculums. That would be accomplished by providing the youth with a holistic educational curriculum that would include some studies and experiences that are often not included in normal school curriculums.

The program vision was that at the end of the session, youth would have a greater sense of empowerment in terms of:

1. An increased desire and ability for greater academic achievement,
2. Improved social relationships and cultural appreciation, and
3. A greater awareness of numerous career opportunities that might be available for them in life.

The Program

Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program was held at the Bethlehem Baptist Union Building located in Denmark, SC on July 8-19, 2024. The program consisted of youth from various municipalities and communities served by the Bethlehem Baptist Union and other communities as well.

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Students –

The student body consisted of forty (46) students who would be grades 6-9 in the 2024-2025 school year. See Student Demographics in Exhibit 2, page eight (8) below.

Staff –

The program staff was made up of volunteers with various backgrounds, expertise, and experiences. All teachers used in the program were certified. In addition, individuals of different professions and backgrounds were invited to participate in the program to dialogue with the students on the nature and requirements of their careers or professions.

Program Curriculum –

Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program curriculum was very comprehensive and aimed to assist students in developing the skills and traits they need to be successful in school and their lives in the future. The program included the following components:

Life (Social) Skills Education –

The objective of the life skills component of the program was to engage students in developing social skills, communication skills, critical thinking ability, and other concepts such as weighing options, setting goals, resolving conflicts, and other concepts vital to successful living. Overcoming Obstacles Curriculum www.overcomingobstacles.org was used for the course.

Financial Literacy Education –

The objective of the component was to provide the students with some basic financial skills and tools that would aid them in making sound financial decisions for the rest of their lives. Students were engaged in learning the concepts of personal financial choices, savings, setting financial goals, budgeting, investing, credit cards, debt, etc. FDIC's Money Smart Curriculum www.fdic.gov was used for the course.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education –

Science, technology, engineering and math impact our lives in so many ways. Students in the program engaged in a hands-on curriculum designed to allow them to use science, technology, engineering, math, and teamwork in conducting STEM projects including an introduction to the use, design and programming of robots. Denmark Technical College provided training in the production and use of electricity to students in grades 6-7. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College provided students in grades 8-9 training in building and programming robots.

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Career Exploration Education –

Many youths from socially and economically deprived communities do not have the opportunity to meet people with different skills and professions and oftentimes have limited information on the multitude of career paths that could be available for them in life. The course provided students with pertinent information on various jobs and professions in terms of the educational requirement and job outlook. The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm) and South Carolina Department of Education Career Cluster Guides Pathways to Success were used as curriculums for the course. Individuals of various professional and non-professional careers were invited to participate in the program to dialogue with students on the education and the skills needed to pursue various career opportunities.

Visiting presenters for the course were:

1. Mr. Dough Long of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College who conducted a four-day Robotics Program for twenty of our 8-9th grade students at the Orangeburg campus.
2. Dr. Lashandra Morgan and Christopher Green of South Carolina State University 1890 Research and Extension Program who conducted a workshop on Personal Hygiene
3. Master Sergeant Robinson of Bamberg High School ROTC Program
4. Dr. Kendall Kirk, Clemson Edisto Research and Education Center
5. Mr. Feggin Durant of USC Partners for Minorities in Engineering and Computer Science
6. Mr. Douglas Mazyk of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
7. Mr. Randolph Johnson of the IRS Cyber Security Operation
8. Rev. Debra Jamison on How to Build a Business
9. Mr. Michael Price of A. & H. Plumbing – on Entrepreneurship
10. Mr. Willie Razor of M&M Plaza on Entrepreneurship.
11. Dr. Lashanda Morgan and Christopher Green conducted a workshop on personal hygiene.
12. Mr. Doug Long of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical college conducted a four-day robotics program for twenty (20) 8-9th grade students at the Orangeburg Campus.
13. Dr. Lashandra Morgan and Christopher Green who conducted a workshop on Personal Hygiene
14. Mr. J. J. Orr, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones on Investment.
15. Line Dancing _ Angela Youmans of Low Country Health Care System, Inc.
16. Heavy Weight Boxer, Mr. Sammie Milhouse conducted a boxing session.
17. Denmark Fire Department conducted a session fire safety.

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Art Education -

Students engaged in art projects and the study of the fundamentals of visual and performing arts, opportunities for careers in art, and the impact of the arts on life in general.

Recreation –

The program provided the students with recreational opportunities, such as soccer, softball, volleyball, and other indoor games.

Educational Field Trip –

The Summer Enrichment Program culminated with a field trip for the students and staff to South Carolina State Museum at Columbia, SC.

Program Schedule:

The Summer Enrichment Program was conducted from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM., Monday – Friday. Students were provided with breakfast and lunch each day. See the program daily schedule in Exhibit 1, page seven (7) below.

Program Funding:

The program was funded in the amount of \$26,828 which was received through donations and grants from individuals, businesses, churches, and community organizations. For more details, see the funding chart in Exhibit 3, page nine (9) below.

Program Expenditures-

The total expenditures for the program were \$23,49. See the expenditures chart in Exhibit 4, page ten (10) below.

Conclusions

The Summer Enrichment Program was a successful community initiative in 2023 in terms of the following:

1. Forty-six (46) students from the Bethlehem Baptist Union service area completed the program successfully.
2. The student body consisted of students from fifteen elementary and middle schools (Exhibit 2 – Student Demographics below).

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3. The program met its objectives in attracting the number of volunteers needed to administer the program successfully. Thirty (30) adult volunteers participated in the programs as administrators, teachers, and in other capacities.
4. The program curriculum was holistic in nature, consisted of instructions and experiences in Life (social) Skills Education, Financial Literacy Education, STEM Education, Career Exploration Education, Art Education, Recreation, and an Educational Field Trip.
5. The program addressed the needs of the students academically, culturally, and socially.
6. The teaching staff was fully certified and was effective in accomplishing its mission.
7. In addition to the designated teaching staff, individuals from local universities, businesses, and individuals of various professional and technical backgrounds participated in the program and provided students with information on their professions. That allowed students the opportunity to interact face to face with individuals of a variety of professions.
8. The program students and staff were given a field trip to South Carolina State Museum.
9. The students were very satisfied with the overall provisions and benefits of the program. That was documented by the analysis of surveys completed by the students and staff at the end of the program.
10. The program staff (administrators, teachers, volunteers, and outside presenters) exhibited a high level of commitment, efficiency, and excellence in administering the program.
11. The program was successful in attracting adequate financial support from various community entities, including individuals, businesses, churches, community organizations, and governmental agencies. See Exhibit 3, below.
12. As a result of the above conclusions and the overall success of Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program from 2019- 2024, Bethlehem Baptist Union has resolved to expand the Summer Enrichment Program to a year-long program so that it can make a greater impact assisting youth in developing the skills they need to be successful in life. The expanded program will be designated as the "Bethlehem Enrichment Academy."

A video of Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program can be viewed on the Bethlehem Baptist Union Website at www.bethlehemunion.org or by clicking on the link below: [Copy of 2024 Bethlehem Baptist Enrichment Program Final \[Autosaved\].pptx](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Lenon G. Brooker

Lenon G. Brooker, Director
Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program

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Exhibit I – Daily Schedule

Summer Enrichment Program Daily Schedule

Time	Activity	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday
8:30-9:00	Breakfast	√	√	√	√	√
9:00-9:20	Opening	√	√	√	√	√
9:20-10:10	Recreation / Art	√	√	√	√	√
10:10-11:00	Life Skills Education	√	√	√	√	√
11:00-11:50	Financial Literacy Education	√	√	√	√	√
11:50-1:00	Lunch	√	√	√	√	√
1:00-1:50	Career Exploration Education	√	√	√	√	√
1:50-2:40	STEM Education	√	√	√	√	√
2:40-3:00	Session Review	√	√	√	√	√

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Exhibit 2 - Demographics

Summer Enrichment Program Student Demographics

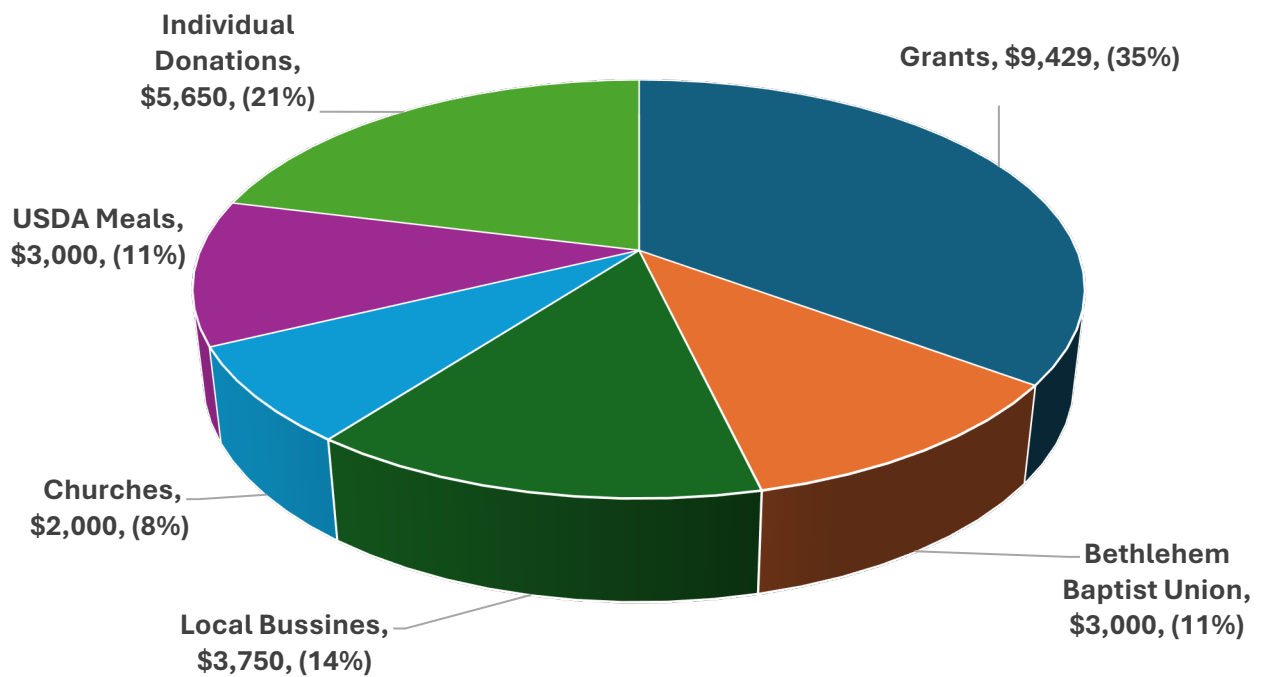
Category	No. Students
Total Enrollment	46
Males	28
Females	18
Grade Level:	
Six	11
Seven	12
Eight	10
Nine	13
Enrollment by School:	
Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School	9
Denmark- Olar Elementary School	8
Denmark-Olar Middle School	12
Macedonia Elementary/Middle School	6
Muller Middle School	1
Rolesville Middle School	1
South Aiken Middle School	1
Edisto Elementary School	1
Guinyard Butler Middle School	2
Abby Hill Academy	2
Palmetto Homeschooling	1
Bayside Middle School	1
Progress Village Magnet School	1

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Exhibit 3 - Funding

Summer Enrichment Program Funding 2024

Total Receipts \$26,828

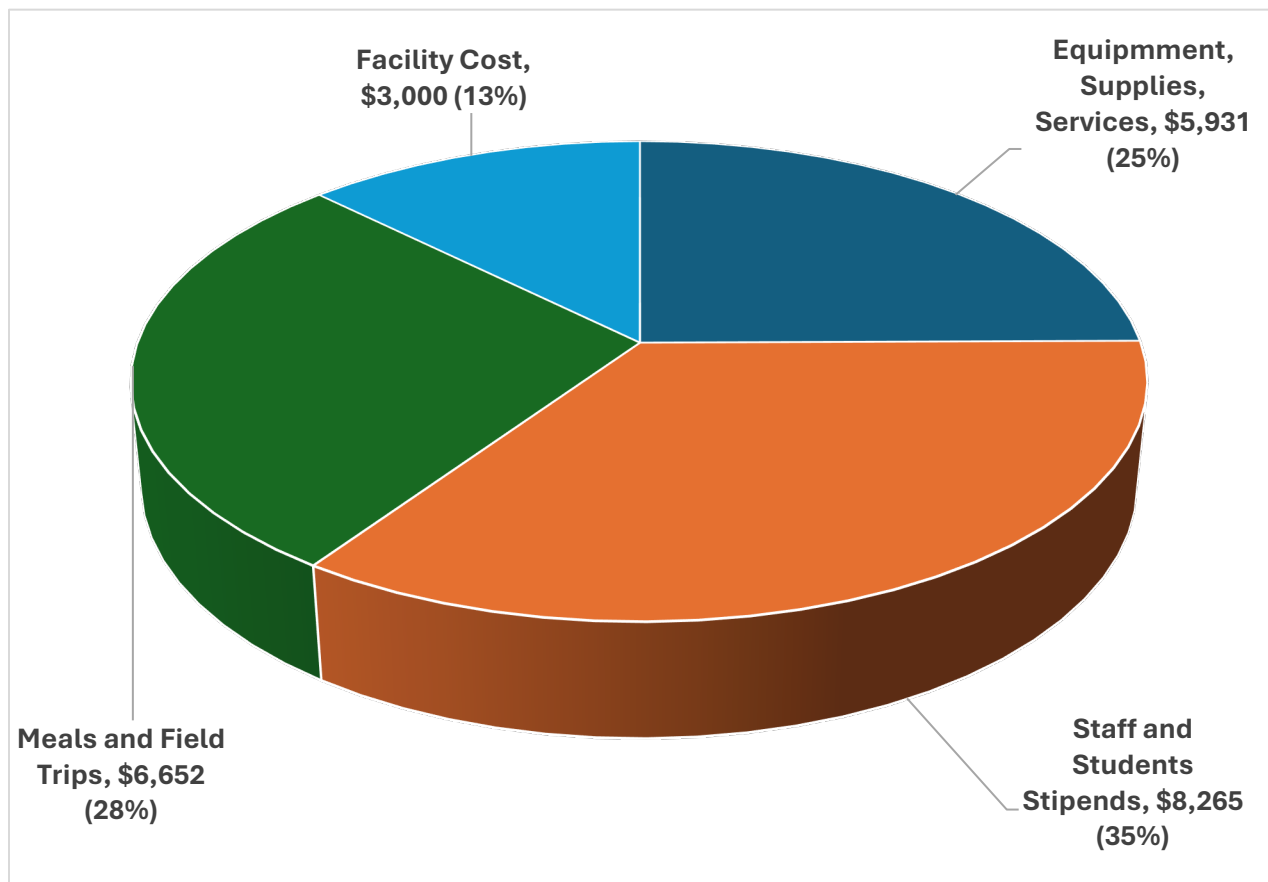


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Exhibit 4 – Expenditures

Summer Enrichment Program Expenditures 2024

Total Expenditures \$23,849



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Exhibit 5

Summer Enrichment Program

Major Sponsors



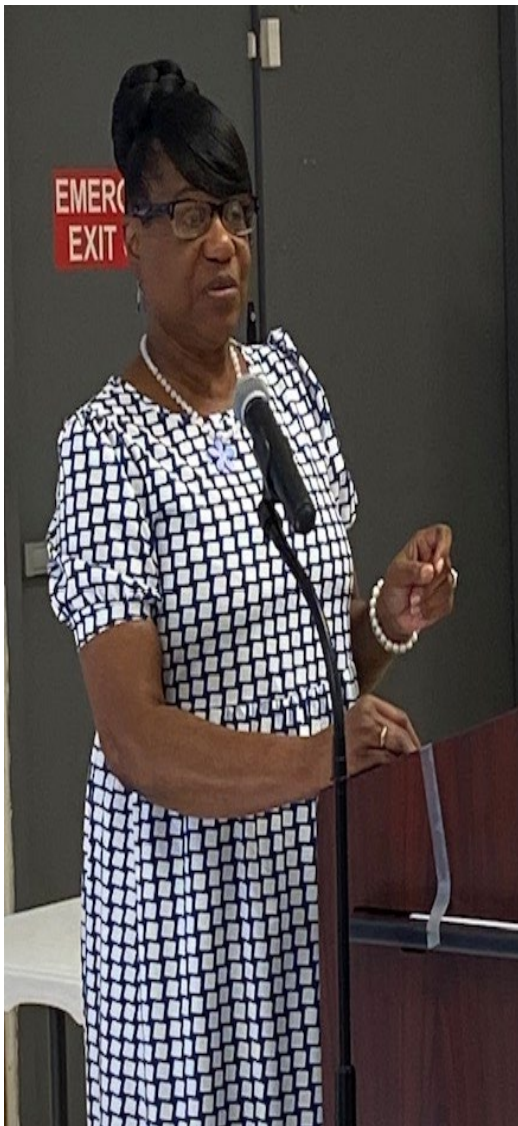
**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**



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Exhibit 6 - Program Photos

Morning Motivational Speakers



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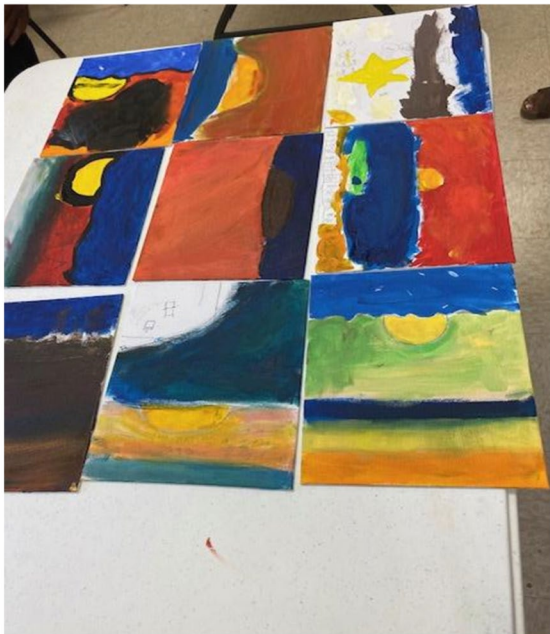
Career Exploration Class

**Mr. Douglas
Mazyk
of
South Carolina
Law
Enforcement
Division (SLED)**



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Art Class Photos



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South Carolina State Museum



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Career Exploration Class

Cybersecurity: Mr. Randolph Johnson



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Financial Literacy Class



**Mr. J. J. Orr,
Financial Advisor
Edward Jones Trust
Company**



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Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College 2024 Robotics Camp



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Closing Ceremony



**Dr. Thelma Sojourner
Encourages Students**

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