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Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program 2023 Performance and Evaluation Report



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THE VISION**

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Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program

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 2023 for a group of forty (40) 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 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 10-21, 2023. The program consisted of youth from various municipalities and communities served by the Bethlehem Baptist Union and other communities as well.

Students -

The student body consisted of forty (40) students who would be grades 6-9 in the 2023-2024 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.

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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 the 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.

+ 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. Cpt. Jeremy Heyward, S.C. State University ROTC Program
2. Dr. Kendall Kirk, Clemson Edisto Research and Education Center

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3. Mr. Willie Morgan of USC Partners for Minorities in Engineering and Computer Science
4. Mr. Sean Poppy of the University of Georgia SRP Ecology Laboratory
5. Mr. Richard Johnson of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
6. Rev. Debra Jamison on Public Speaking
7. Mr. Linel Parker - Trucking Driving Industry
8. Mrs. Owillinda Brooker of Marriott International on the hospitality industry.
9. Mr. Michael Price of A. & H. Plumbing on Entrepreneurship
10. Mr. Dough Long, Anna Beason, and Stephanie Thompson of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Robotics Program.

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 recreational opportunities, such as soccer, softball, volleyball, golf, and other indoor games.

Educational Field Trip -

The **Summer Enrichment Program** culminated with a field trip for the students and staff to Columbia Museum of Art.

Program Schedule:

The Summer Enrichment Program was conducted from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM., Monday - Friday. Students were provided 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 \$21,062 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 \$21,704. See the expenditures chart in **Exhibit 4**, page ten (10) below.

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Conclusions

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

1. Forty (40) students from the Bethlehem Baptist Union service area successfully completed the program.
2. The student body consisted of students from fifteen elementary and middle schools (Exhibit 2 - Student Demographics below).
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 Columbia Museum of Art.
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- 2023, 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:

[2023 Bethlehem Union Enrichment Program ppt final \(2\).pptx](#)

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Respectfully submitted,

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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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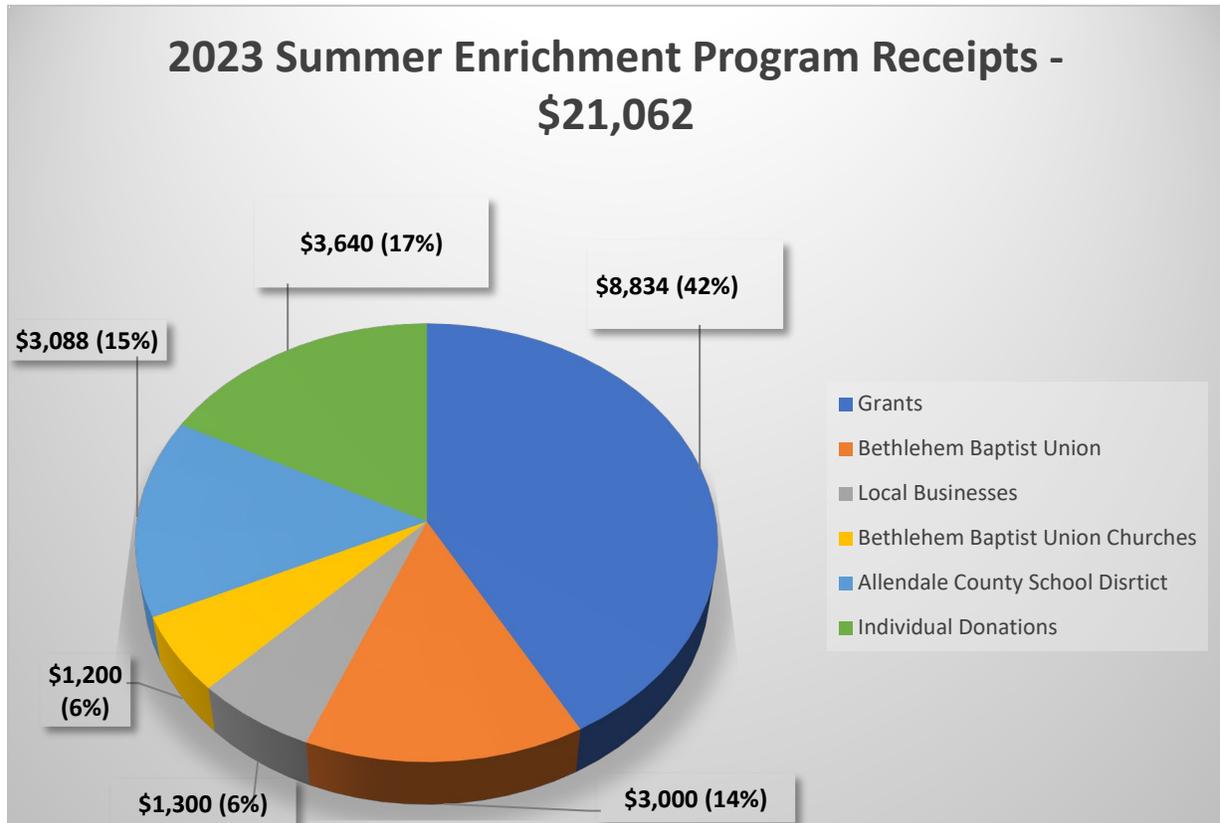
Exhibit 2 - Demographics

Summer Enrichment Program Student Demographics

Category	No. Students
Total Enrollment	40
Males	22
Females	18
Grade Level:	
Six	16
Seven	8
Eight	10
Nine	6
Enrollment by School:	
Barnwell Elementary School	1
Allendale Fairfax Middle School	1
Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School	3
Bamberg Elementary School	5
Denmark- Olar Elementary School	1
Denmark-Olar Middle School	11
Macedonia Elementary/Middle School	6
Hampton Elementary School	1
South Carolina Virtual Academy	5
Carolina Springs Middle Magnet School	1
SC Virtual School	1
Muller Middle School	1
Frances Mack Middle School	2
Anderson Middle School	1
Rolesville Middle School	1

Exhibit 3 - Funding

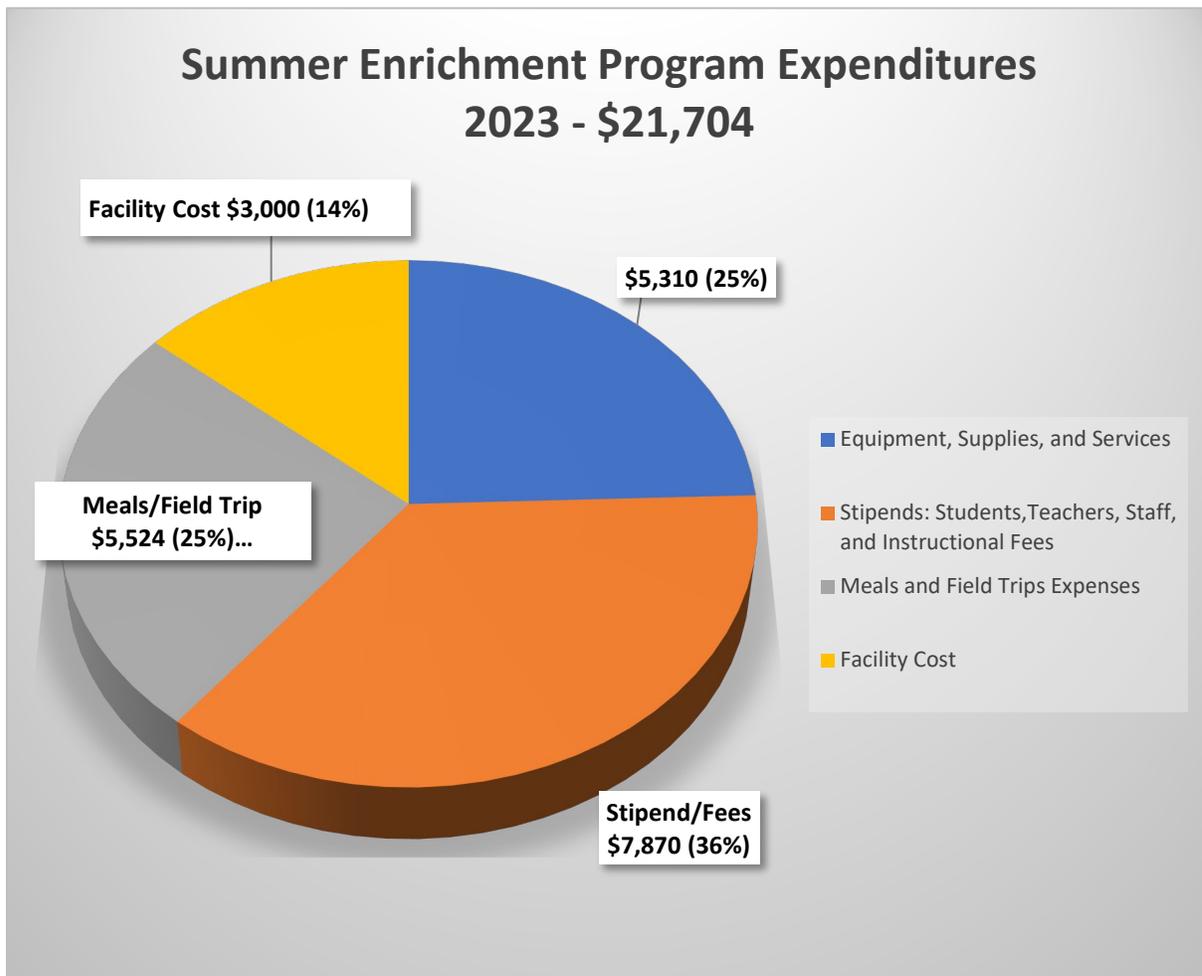
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Exhibit 4 - Expenditures

Summer Enrichment Program Expenditures 2023



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Exhibit 5 – 2023 Budget

Bethlehem Summer Enrichment Program

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST UNION, INC. (BBUI)
BETHLEHEM SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
2023 BUDGET**

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bethlehem Baptist Union Facility Use (Fair Rental Value)	\$3,000.00
Bamberg County School District (Value of Food Provided to the Program)	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Grants and Donations	18,000.00
Equipment Grant - AARP Community Challenge Grant	50,000.00
Total Revenue	\$76,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Program Operation Cost:	Amount
Bethlehem Baptist Union Facility Usage Value	\$3,000.00
Copying and Postage	1,000.00
Program Administrators Stipends: 4 @\$40.00/Day X 10 Days	1,600.00
Teachers Stipends: 7 Teachers @ \$50.00/Day X 10 Days	3,500.00
Student Stipends: 40 X \$25.00/each	1,000.00
Volunteers Stipends: 13 Volunteers @\$20.00/Day X 10 Days	2,600.00
Field Trips Transportation: 500 miles @ \$4.00/mile	2,000.00
Field Trip Meals	500.00
Field Trip Venue Admission Fees	600.00
Food: 60@ \$9.00/Day X 10 Days	5,400.00
Paper/Pencils/ Miscellaneous Materials	300.00
Polo Shirts: 30 @ \$25.00	750.00
Tee-Shirts: 60@ \$15.00/each	900.00
Back Packs: 100@ \$7.50/each	750.00
STEM Materials	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	650.00
Contingencies	450.00
Total Program Operation Cost	\$26,000.00
Equipment: (Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball Court)	\$50,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$76,000.00

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