

EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

We are so proud and grateful to be part of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. With your support we were able to support the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of farmworkers and immigrant families, some of the most vulnerable and marginalized people in North Carolina. By providing direct services, programs for leadership development, and opportunities for advocacy, we seek to affirm the dignity and value of the community members. With our work, we hope to provide information, skills, and a space for action, with the goal of creating systemic change that addresses the inequalities faced by the community. So far in 2021:

- We distributed school supplies to over 1,500 children in the community before the beginning of the school year.
- We supported 8 students with computers and purchased books for 4 college students.
- We visited 100 migrant worker camps, reaching 1,527 workers. We provided them with donations, information about resources, and spiritual care.
- We distributed over 9,000 food boxes to the community.
- We helped immigrant families with home repairs, for damage done by hurricane Florence in 2018.
- We distributed over 1,200 emergency kits to help prepare the community for future disasters.
- We provided immigration services to over 112 people. These include citizenship applications, residency renewals, and TPS and DACA applications. We did over 350 immigration consultation calls.
- Our immigration program has also organized 10 community education and advocacy events, including immigration trainings with members of The Episcopal Church, Public Charge workshops, trainings on how to conduct legislative visits, videos regarding DACA, an advocacy trip to DC, a prayer vigil in Raleigh, testimonial videos from the community, and legislative visits in Raleigh.
- 23 women graduated from the herb garden program, where they learned about sustainability, medicinal and nutritional properties of herbs, making added-value product from the garden, and marketing. 10 of the women are in the process of creating a co-op to sell their products.

- We hosted 24 vaccination events where 2,873 shots were administered. We assisted 7 vaccination events organized by other organizations and visited thousands of people during our COVID outreach efforts. At these events we distributed children’s books, groceries, gas cards, PPE, and other incentives.
- We distributed over \$350,000 in emergency funds to families since the start of the pandemic.
- We have provided mental health services in individual therapy sessions and group sessions.
- Over 2,100 people received our text message alerts in the community.

- **Racial reconciliation:** EFWM provides a space for dialogue and education about racial inequalities, and the way in which the church can be involved in mending the wounds created by agriculture’s long history of injustice.
- **Justice:** EFWM strives to transform the injustices faced by the farmworker/immigrant community by providing direct services, opportunities for empowerment and leadership development, and advocacy.
- **Vulnerable congregations:** We show the love of God by working with farmworkers and their families. We partner with other vulnerable populations to create solidarity between our communities. We conduct spiritual outreach at migrant camps.
- **Collaborations:** EFWM is working to create a community of people who work and worship together in Jesus’ name. We work with other organizations, churches, and individuals to support the farmworkers and immigrants in our region.
- **Lifelong formation:** EFWM’s activities involve children, youth, and adults, encouraging their life-long service to God through the care and support of those suffering injustice, and through their own empowerment.
- **Creation care:** EFWM supports people in the community who are some of the most affected by environmental injustice. We strive to make agriculture more sustainable and healthy for the world, and for those who harvest our food.

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