



# SANDHILLS SANKOFA NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Sandhills Family Heritage Association



## Sandhills Family Heritage Association Blood Drive Hosted by Bethel AME Zion Church Spring Lake, NC



Special Thank you to Rev. Vincent Long and Volunteers from Bethel AME Zion Church, American Red Cross, Blood Donors, SFHA Board Members, and all participants in the successful blood drive held on August 13, 2024.



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD PROGRAM LEADERS Ammie Jenkins and Doris Lucas

As Blood Program Leaders, Ammie and Doris work with groups in the Sandhills area to bring people together in a spirit of teamwork to make blood drive events successful; and promote a cause that could help save thousands of lives each year.

# DR. DENISE MURCHISON PAYTON

## RECIPIENT OF

### NC ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE AWARD



“Becoming the recipient of the State’s Highest Civilian Honor The Order of the Long Leaf Pine by the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina and being recommended by The Honorable Marvin Lucas, NC House of Representatives is wonderful. My work has always been geared toward student success and achievement. I pray I can continue to make a difference in the lives I touch. Thank you for the assurance that my work has not been in

vain —

feeling proud with **Jared Payton** and **Rae Lauren.**”

Dr. Denise Murchison Payton

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Denise Payton is a gifted historian of different music genres, but her love for and passion of Negro spirituals speak loudly to many because of the storytelling that is so hypnotizing to audiences!

Sandhills Family Heritage Association is eternally grateful to Dr. Payton for being so gracious over the years in sharing her music and storytelling at different SFHA events. We consider her gifts as priceless treasures that continue to enrich lives locally, nationally and abroad.

Congratulations on reaching this anticipated milestone in your life! We wish you the best as you explore other interests and seek new adventures!

**Thank You, Dr. Payton**



# SFHA HERITAGE FOOD CELEBRATION THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!!!



Guests from Richmond & Manassas, VA; Detroit, MI; Columbus, OH; Seale, AL; Los Angeles, CA; Springfield, MA; and across the State of NC



Evelyn Frett, MC



Former NC Rep. Marvin Lucas



Mayor Kia Anthony



Ammie McRae Jenkins and Janet Brower



Lonell Smith

# **SPRING LAKE CIVIC CENTER**

## **A BUILDING OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**



The Spring Lake Civic Center site has served the African American community of Spring Lake and Manchester Township since 1945. The building was constructed by community members and funded solely through contributions of time, labor and materials; and through numerous community fundraisers. It was the site of civil rights meetings, voter registration drives, school desegregation planning meetings, youth dances, family reunions, birthday parties, and more. SFHA is committed to restoring the Civic Center to serve as a full-service community center.

The civic center building was closed in 2002, due to changes in building codes. In 2002, the owners of the building gifted the Spring Lake Civic Center to SFHA with the charge to restore this important and cherished resource to its community.

SFHA envisions a fully restored property that enriches the lives of all who come to the site. We are close to completing the work, with plans to reopen the Historic Spring Lake Civic Center in early 2025. The interior building work is done, leaving only the remaining exterior and grounds work to be completed. Your support will help to finish the Historic Spring Lake Civic Center renovation on schedule.

### **Vision for the Future**

- Community Education Center**
- Youth Development Activities**
- Cultural Heritage Tourism**
- Farmers and Heritage Market**
- Native Plant Trail**
- Community Economic Development**
- Sandhills African American History Archive**

# MEMORIES OF OLD CIVIC CENTER ACTIVITIES





## SFHA CHURCH PARTNER

Kingdom Encounters International Ministries

Food Pantry

6430 Wilson Ave., Fayetteville, NC

(910) 494-8000



# Customer

## “ TESTIMONIALS

GOD IS SO AMAZING 🙌🙌🙌 HE MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE...My prayers were "GOD ALL I WANT TO DO IS FEED AND TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY-- GOD WHAT DO YOU HAVE ME TO DO". Second Harvest Food Bank & Sandhills Family Heritage Association in Partnership with Kingdom Encounters International Ministries have OUTDONE THEMSELVES. We can not be to proud to ask when we are in NEED. Organizations like this are needed and necessary in our communities. I have a household of "6" in my family. I now have Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks to FEED EVERYONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD WITHOUT HESTITATION! THANK YOU FOR THE PEACE AND JOY I HAVE RECEIVED!

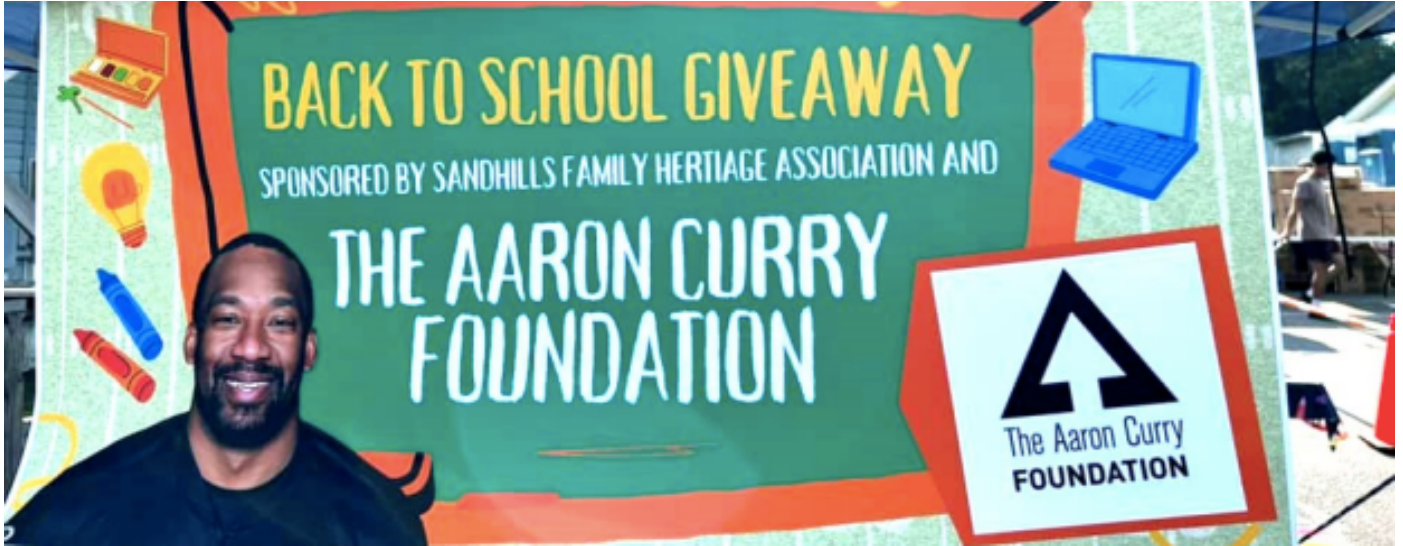
**S. STEWART**

**THANK YOU!**

**SFHA Servant Heart Hunger Heroes**

For making a difference in the lives of families in need.

# CURRY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SFHA'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY >>> THANK YOU, AARON!!!



SFHA Annual Back to School Giveaway on August 17th, 2024 at Anderson Creek Community Church in Spring Lake, NC. Free bookbags, school supplies, snacks, juices, and hygiene items, courtesy of the Aaron Curry Foundation Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina and Sandhills Family Heritage Association Volunteers.





# SFHA IS A SANDHILLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCE



**Building Communities of HOPE**  
**History and Heritage**  
**Outreach and Education**  
**Preservation of Land**  
**Economic Self-Sufficiency**

**You are invited to join SFHA to improve quality of  
life in Sandhills Communities.**

**Schedule** tours for your group  
**Sponsor** fundraising events  
**Support** our local farmers market  
**Give** donations to support our work and building project  
**Volunteer** to give back to community  
**Rent** space for your special events  
**Become** a member of SFHA  
**Share** your knowledge, wisdom and experience  
**Sell** hand-made home-grown products to increase your  
income

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NC Healing Communities Fund  
NC Community Foundation  
NC Humanities  
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Harnett County African American Heritage  
Beverly Parks, Nonprofit Consultant

**Food Distribution Partners**  
**Local Churches in the Sandhills Area**  
**Second Harvest Food Bank**

Thank You! Community Elders, Local Farmers & Vendors, SFHA Project Partners,  
Servant Heart Hunger Hero Volunteers, Sustaining Donors, SFHA Members & Sankofa Youth!

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for an annual fee of only

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