



NCEMGVA 2022 Inspire Connect Empower Project Grant Recipient

Johnston County: Submitted by C. Alberti and F. Chadwick

Project Title: Irrigation for Nutrition

Category: Startup **Funding:** \$500

Description: Johnston County Extension Master Gardeners have volunteered at the Clayton Community Garden in Clayton, NC since 2012. They offer A-Z Gardening classes, which provide hands on training in all phases of gardening from planning through final harvest. The harvest is donated to the Clayton Area Ministries (CAM) food pantry and other local food banks. Over 7,000 pounds of produce were donated in 2021.

Irrigation for Nutrition will provide automatic irrigation for the greenhouse and hoop house at the Clayton Community Garden, resulting in better plant growth which will improve harvest and donations to local food pantries, provide more opportunities for education, and improve the ability of the Johnston County Master GardenerSM Volunteers to raise program funds through their annual plant sale.