

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPACTING YOUTH, LIFE QUALITY, HEALTH, AND COMMUNITIES

PROGRAM IMPACT



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
EXTENSION



Extension Agents enlist the help of Master Gardener Volunteers to assist with meeting the demand for garden-related information requests that Extension offices receive. MGEVs also represent Extension through workshops, demonstration gardens, and with informative displays at numerous fairs and public events. The Georgia Master Gardener Program, continuously active for 40 years under the direction of Extension in more than 60 counties across the state, trains volunteers to assist agents in Extension educational program delivery. As a result, Georgians are able to make environmentally sound gardening decisions. MGEVs ultimately help Extension achieve its mission of helping Georgians become healthier, more productive, financially independent and environmentally responsible.

AT A GLANCE



2,330

active GA MGEVs



179,788

volunteer
service hours



\$4,340,082

given back to
GA communities

GROWING A BETTER GEORGIA FROM THE GROUND UP

- 25 counties recruited and trained 324 new volunteers
- 9,906 hours devoted to continuing education to better prepare for volunteer service
- 240,243 Georgians educated (in person contacts)
- 1,135,384 telephone/email/media contacts
- In perspective:
 - an average of 78 hours of service per active volunteer, or a little more than 1.5 hours per volunteer per week
 - like adding 86 full-time staff to the Extension team
- Extended education focused on 5 Program Priorities:
 - Environmental Stewardship, Gardening with Youth, Home Food Production, Health Benefits of Gardening, and Value of Landscapes