

FORT HARROD AREA  
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Fort Harrod Area has eight very active counties. These include: Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer and Woodford. We are located in the center of the state. Our service and the programs and projects we offer to our communities is diverse and very versatile. Some of the programs reported were: BackPack Project, which has served several hundred children in the area; Food Pantries; Holiday Store – gifts made and purchased for kids; Grandparent Programs; 4-H Camp Scholarships; Project Graduation; Clothing Drives; Hat and Gloves Winter Project; Coats for Kids; Monthly programs for the Assisted Living and Nursing Homes which had Birthday and Holiday parties for them with goodie bags and or prizes when possible; Relay for Life Teams; Ovarian Cancer Fund Raiser projects, and many participating in the Ovarian Cancer screening at UK. Also several counties had 100% participation in the Ovarian Cancer State donation project. Refreshments were sold, bake sales held and crafts made and sold for the money to fund these projects and the scholarships given. Counties reported that they also contributed financially to: the Humane Society, Family Resource Centers for schools, Simon House for single mothers and children, and helped churches buy supplies to fill goodie bags for children.

Jennifer Perry has joined our Area as the new FCS Agent in Jessamine County. Our agents provide very popular, educational, member selected and UK supported leader training classes. They also teach and train our members to be leaders. We have five Champion Food Volunteers in our Area. They have worked very hard and presented lessons for several counties in the Fort Harrod Area.

Membership continues to be a priority for many of our counties. “One on One” recruitment has been the most successful method reported. Some of the activities reported for recruitment were: Make It Take It Night, Fun Night, and Pajama/Game Night. One new club was started for young mothers with school age children which was very successful.

All counties had strong member participation in local and area Cultural Arts contests, parades, local fairs, festivals, quilting shows, community celebrations or community events such as house or farm tours.

One county provides president and vice president training and each attendee was given a copy of the KEHA manual to use and pass on to their successor. Chairperson training was also offered in several counties as well as a member leadership program using the book Juggling Elephants. All counties reported they had members attend Area and State meetings.

A variety of classes were offered at Craft Camp at Jabez, KY and taught by area members and FCS agents. This is always a fun time, to socialize with those outside our own counties and enjoyed by many. Some other community classes taught were: Disaster Preparedness, Firearm Handling and Safety, Healthy Food Choices and Lunch and Learn.

Special projects and programs were offered to Military children and families. Holiday cards were sent to soldiers overseas. Members worked Veterans luncheons and chili suppers and many worked voter registration and the polls. Special events such as Tasting Parties or Tea Parties were held and open to the community. They were very successful and well attended.

Our Area has very dedicated, knowledgeable and generous members willing to serve our communities. We are very proud KEHA members.