

# 2013 Extension Impacts in Shelby County



## ACES

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the primary outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University, delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

## Close to Home

Our commitment is solidified in our ongoing support of offices in all 67 counties. These offices assure our connection to the local needs and issues of all citizens.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 5.31 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Shelby County**. These professionals deliver educational programs throughout the year. Programs are developed statewide and delivered locally in each county. Extension regularly partners with the people of Alabama to assess the educational needs in all walks of life.

## Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources

- By using fire baits, the American Village fire ant project **saved the county more than \$9,000** in labor and contact pesticide costs.
- Shelby County Master Gardeners volunteered 640 hours **worth \$11,520 to their communities** throughout the county.
- 16 Shelby County residents completed **Master Gardener Classes** and passed all the exams with a class average of 98 percent.
- Alabama Department of Agriculture and ACES conducted a Pesticide Clean Day for central Alabama when **39,570 pounds of unwanted/unused pesticides were collected** for proper disposal.

## Economic and Community Development

- 126 students from the Shelby County School of Technology participated in **broadband work force development training**.
- 34 individuals representing more than 4,000 acres of property participated in an **estate planning workshop**.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- Extension taught more than 100 people how to **shop smarter using coupons**.
- 125 clients learned how to **preserve the foods that they grew** in their gardens or purchased from local farmers markets; 85 percent indicated that they had gained new knowledge about canning.
- 60 individuals learned about **growing their own vegetables** in the Salad Bowl program conducted in various locations in Shelby County.
- Extension and the Shelby County Library grant project conducted training on **money management, identity theft, and college planning** with more than 500 participants.
- 800 young people took part in Reality Check, learning **financial management skills**.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- 4-H volunteers gave more than 965 hours, **saving Shelby County \$21,365 in labor costs**.
- **3,364 young people** experienced Alabama 4-H through in-school group enrollment and enrolled memberships.