

# From the County Directors

Placer and Nevada Counties' UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) advisors and staff provide research-based information and education to meet the needs of local residents. Our 4-H, Master Gardener, nutrition, horticulture, livestock, and forestry/fire programs provide hands-on learning with an emphasis on "helping people help themselves." In 2019-20, UC Cooperative Extension helped local residents by providing information, educational opportunities, and technical assistance. Programs have continued virtually since the COVID-19 shelter-in-place.

## **4-H Youth Development**

- 20 4-H clubs served 986 youth members in Placer and Nevada Counties.
- 1,155 youth enrolled in group and short-term activities.
- 283 dedicated adult 4-H volunteers facilitated program delivery.

## **Master Gardener**

- Outreach and education activities, including 44 workshops, reached over 19,000 people with gardening and composting information.
- 250 Master Gardener volunteers gave over 18,000 service hours, valued at \$450,000.

## **Nutrition Education**

- 2,800 low income Placer and Nevada Counties schoolchildren participated in nutrition education.
- 1,037 students participated in school garden activities.
- \$580,948 in USDA grant funds supported nutrition education for low-income youth.

## **Horticulture and Small Farms programs**

- 299 producers improved business, soil, water, and pest management skills through 17 UCCE workshops.
- 140 farmers improved farm sustainability by adopting new practices.
- On-line research-based information reached 53,422 producers.

## **Livestock and Natural Resources**

- 150 people gained hands-on experience through UCCE livestock and pasture/ rangeland management workshops.
- Virtual outreach via webinars and podcasts reached more than 1,000 people since the start of COVID-19.

## **Nevada County Fire and Forestry**

- 350 Nevada County residents attended Forestry and Fire educational events and increased their knowledge of fire-resistant homes and natural areas.
- 90% of event participants stated their intention to implement new fire preparations.

Collaboration with county governments, community partners, and volunteers allows us to provide these educational opportunities. We are grateful for their support and assistance.

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