

2020 IMPACT REPORT

The **Friends of Oberlin Village** advocates to preserve and honor the historical, physical and strong community presence of Oberlin Village the largest African American reconstruction-era settlement in Wake County through education and community engagement. Founded in 2011, FOV is an entirely volunteer based non-profit organization. We are grateful to our dedicated 100 + volunteers.

Oberlin Village is a thriving diverse and celebrated community whose strengths and struggles continue to inform history and influence racial reconciliation.

PRESERVE

October 2020 Regency Centers pledges \$80K

Regency Centers' generous commitment will enhance FOV's preservation efforts for Oberlin Cemetery, listed as a National Historic Landmark. Regency's pledge will begin in 2021, allocating \$10,000 per year for five years towards cemetery maintenance which includes hiring arborists to re-establish the health of the native floral. Phase two of the preservation includes restoration of headstones, infilling sunken gravesites and creating safe pathways for visitors. \$30K will be dedicated to public art that celebrates and informs the history of our beloved community.

HONOR

June 2020 Oberlin Magnet Middle School

With FOV's advocacy, the Wake County school board voted to rename Daniels Middle Magnet School in honor of the community in which it resides and as a tribute to the original brick Oberlin Middle school built in 1916 and located at 1012 Oberlin Road. FOV will install a display of Oberlin's timeline at the school.

EDUCATE

August 2020 \$5K NC CARES; Humanities Relief Grant

The North Carolina Humanities Council awarded FOV a \$5,000 NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grant. This important funding will support the enhancement of FOV's website navigation, design and content as recommended by North Carolina State University's Human Factors class incorporating research and surveys. This is FOV's sixth collaboration with area universities NCSU, William Peace and UNC Chapel Hill.

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The Turner House

BY THE NUMBERS

In response to COVID-19, FOV cancelled its signature annual BBQ event and successfully modified our community activities.

OBERLIN CEMETERY

3

Cemetery Cleanups

73

Volunteers participated

ORAL HISTORIES

14

Recordings

TOURS

11

**Walking tours of
Historic Oberlin Village,
Historic Oberlin Cemetery,
Latta House and University**

146 Participants

PRESENTATIONS

200 Attendees

**Schools, Civic groups
and Churches**

HISTORIC NOTECARDS

125

Orders placed