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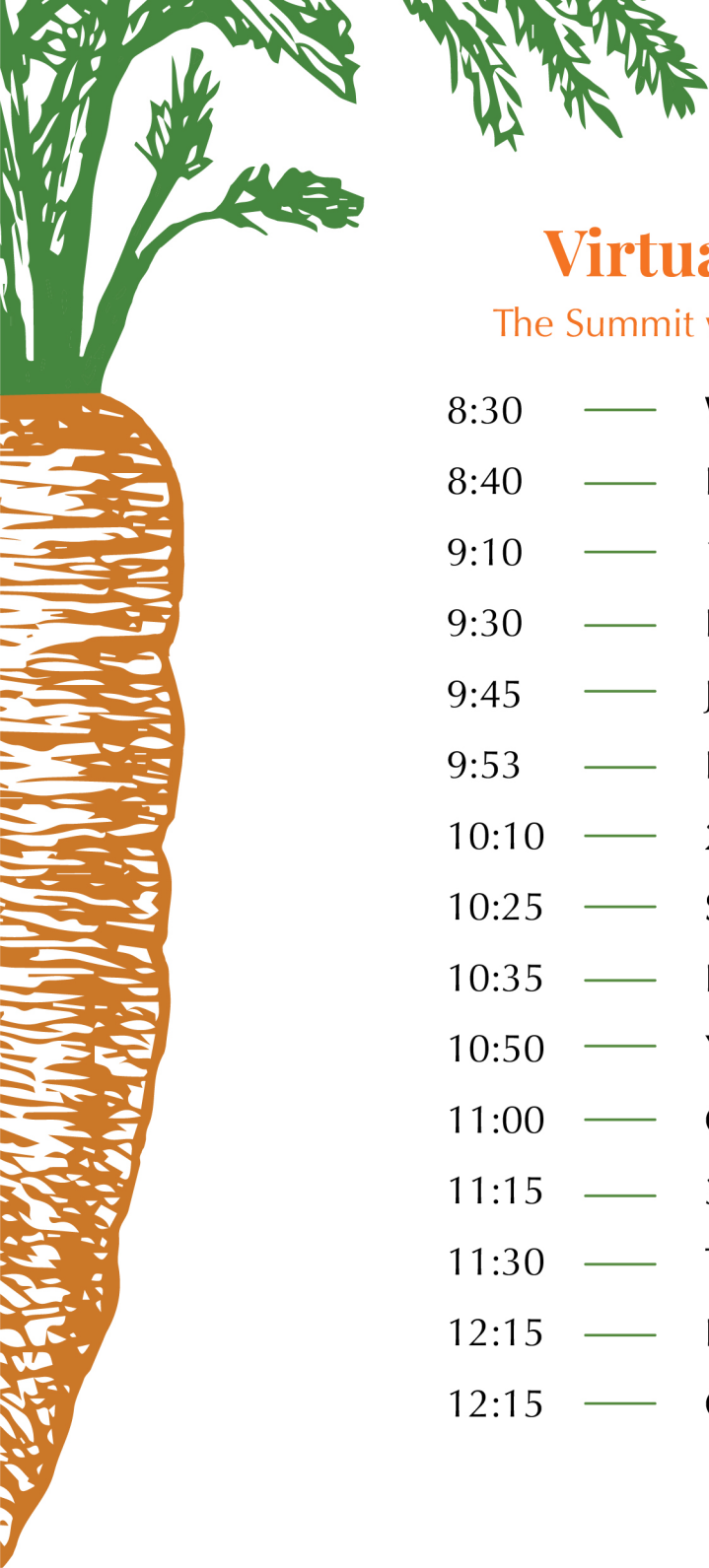
Thank you for joining us for one of the most important Food Security Summits the Greater High Point Food Alliance has hosted. As a first, we are collaborating with Resilience High Point to talk about the impact of poverty on health, education, food security, seniors, and housing. Food insecurity is a symptom of a much deeper problem of poverty. Most every community ill can be traced back to poverty. Our hope is that by working with Resilience High Point, that we can start a broad-based community conversation about how we can address poverty together in High Point. Beyond having a conversation, we would like to leave our time together with some action items and planning for further conversations that will result in the beginning of transformation. The feedback we receive today will be shared with community leaders. Only together can lasting change take place.

Grace & Peace,
Carl W. Vierling, Executive Director
Greater High Point Food Alliance

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Virtual Food Summit Agenda

The Summit will open at 8:15 and start promptly at 8:30

- 8:30 — Welcome and intro of keynote
- 8:40 — Keynote Speaker: Gene Nichol
- 9:10 — 1st Breakout Session: Introduction/Shared Stories
- 9:30 — D. Renee Norris, J.D. on Housing
- 9:45 — Jerry Mingo on Seniors
- 9:53 — Dr. Rachel Zimmer on Food Security
- 10:10 — 2nd Breakout Session: Questions & Discussion
- 10:25 — Stretch Break
- 10:35 — Hector Gomez on Education
- 10:50 — Youth Perspective Video Compilation
- 11:00 — Curtis Holloman on Health
- 11:15 — 3rd Breakout Session: Questions & Discussion
- 11:30 — Tasha Logan Ford: City of High Point Speaker
- 12:15 — Resilience High Point brings it together
- 12:15 — Closing: Going Forward - Greater High Point Food Alliance

Meet our Speakers:



Gene Nichol is the Boyd Tinsley distinguished professor at the University of North Carolina. He was director of the UNC Poverty Center (2008-2015) until it was closed by the Board of Governors for publishing articles critical of the governor and General Assembly. Nichol was president of the College of William & Mary (2005-2008), law dean at the University of Colorado (1988-1995) and dean at UNC from 1999-2005. He is author of *INDECENT ASSEMBLY: The North Carolina Legislature's War on Democracy and Equality* (2020); *THE FACES OF POVERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA: Stories from our Invisible Citizens* (UNC Press, 2018), and *FEDERAL COURTS* (2015). He's published articles in the Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Duke, California, and Virginia law reviews and been a columnist for the Raleigh News & Observer for almost twenty years. In 2008 Nichol was inducted into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor. In 2014, he received UNC's Thomas Jefferson Award – the university's highest faculty honor and the McCall Teaching Award from the UNC Law School. Nichol's poverty book won UNC's Wettach Award for research excellence.



Renée Norris is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park with Bachelors of Art degree in Urban Studies. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore and is a member of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. Renée served as mediator for courts in Maryland and Pennsylvania during almost ten years of solo practice. More recently she held the position of Deputy Director at Greensboro Housing Coalition where she worked on various housing programs. She has had a long-time interest in addressing housing issues and preventing homelessness. Renée believes that housing impacts so many areas of life from health to education to income. She also believes that mediation can be of great benefit to tenants and landlords in resolving housing and eviction issues.



Jerry Mingo was born and raised in High Point and is a proud graduate of William Penn High School. He attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. After serving three years in the United States Army with the 66th Military Intelligence Group, in Munich, Germany Jerry exited his military service with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jerry retired from Banner Pharmaceuticals, in 2008, after serving thirteen years as supervisor of the Medicine Department. Jerry's roots in High Point runs deep. Since his retirement, he has become widely known for his tireless involvement in community affairs which has led him to several leadership roles. As president of the Burns Hill Neighborhood Association, Jerry has been a powerful force in establishment of the Burns Hill Community Food Pantry and the Burns Hill Community Garden. He uses his tireless energy and positive attitude to encourage others to work hard and succeed. His favorite motto is "he will give out before he gives up." Jerry is currently a member of the Neighborhood Leaders Council, Youth Summit on Violence Committee, High Point Police Department Community Collaborative Group, High Point Historical Society, Growdega Advisory Council, Growing High Point Board, and the Greater High Point Food Alliance which awarded him the Food Security Advocate of the Year in 2016. He formally was a candidate for High Point City Council and served as Chair of the High Point Citizens Advisory Council and Vice Chair of the High Point Historical Preservation Commission. He also volunteers with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) since its beginning in High Point. Jerry is currently working on a collection of books, about his community, to be published in late 2022.



Dr. Rachel Zimmer is a nurse practitioner on faculty in Geriatrics at Wake Forest Baptist Health. Dr. Zimmer founded a mobile health program that serves the uninsured and a food prescription program for older adults with food insecurity. Dr. Zimmer also provides medical care in the Wake Forest House Call Program, to older adults. She receives funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration to develop programs and education addressing the impact of social determinants of health on older adults. She serves locally on the Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods Health Equity committee, and as Chair of the Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council. She also has national leadership positions on the American Academy of Home Care Medicine Editorial Board, and Education Committee. She has a passion for addressing health inequities and food insecurity.



Héctor Ancizar Gómez-Argote, a native of Colombia, graduated from the University of Caldas with a bachelor's in Modern Languages (English - French); Héctor teaches Spanish for Guilford County Schools since 2007. He was awarded the Teacher Of the Year at Penn-Griffin School for the Arts in 2017 and 2019. Héctor is part of the board of directors for FaithAction International House and Fuerza Latina Unida para Triunfar (FLUT). He is the coordinator of the Stranger2Neighbor initiative for Definition en Español Church in collaboration with Temple Emanuel. In addition, Héctor teaches ESL classes to GCS parents with the Real-World English program on Saturdays at Allen Middle. Mr. Gómez-Argote is currently studying at UNCC, pursuing a master's degree in School Administration.



Curtis Holloman joined the Foundation in January 2021 and serves as the Executive Director. He comes to the Foundation with 20 years of philanthropic experience, working with communities to address conditions that influence health. Before joining the Foundation, Curtis served as a Senior Advisor and Senior Director of Grants and Programs for the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg during its start-up. Curtis was the Deputy Director for two Robert Wood Johnson national program offices, including the Local Funding Partnerships, based at the Health Research Education Trust at the New Jersey Hospital Association, and Southern Rural Access Program, based at the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Penn State College of Medicine. He served as the Health Director for both Scotland County and Sampson County Health Departments and started his career working with a group of community rural health clinics in Robeson County.



Tasha Logan Ford is well known in the Piedmont Triad region, having served as Assistant City Manager in Winston-Salem since early 2018. She worked for a community development credit union in Durham early in her career before moving to municipal government. She served the City of Goldsboro as an Administrative Assistant, Assistant City Manager, and Interim City Manager from 2004 to 2013. Then she served as Assistant City Manager in Rocky Mount from 2013 to early 2018. She has been actively involved in civic affairs in all of the communities where she has lived and worked. Logan Ford earned a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies at UNC- Greensboro and a Master of Public Administration degree from NC State University. She achieved the coveted Credentialed Manager designation through the International City/County Management Association and is a Past President of the NC City/County Management Association. She completed several highly regarded public leadership and management training programs. Logan Ford was born in Charleston, SC, has lived in several communities and internationally during her father's Air Force service but considers North Carolina home.