

The New Rural Project is a year old!



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Dear Steve,

On Wednesday, we celebrated the New Rural Project's first anniversary by gathering for a wonderful virtual event to support our mission. Whether or not you were able to attend, we are so thankful for your support of our organization as we enter our second year! From hosting vaccination clinics to deep canvassing through our Front Porch Conversations program, we have a lot to be proud of.

It was lovely to celebrate and share highlights with friends new and old, and [I hope you will take a moment to watch this video recapping our first year!](#)



During the event, Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson and Senator Natalie Murdock gave excellent remarks on the importance of our work to engage and serve rural communities. Justice Timmons-Goodson said, "New Rural Project, I thank you for the vision, for the important work, and walking with the wind and clasping hands— as you are encouraging us to do— ensures our beloved state is going to be a better place."

Governor Cooper also shared a special message with our organization— it was a huge honor to have the New Rural Project's work highlighted in this way. He said, "The work that you are doing is critical to uplifting the voices and needs of our rural communities of color... keep up the great work, guys!"

We are both incredibly proud and grateful for all the progress we have made thanks to our supporters, donors, volunteers, and staff. Thank you so much for your commitment to engaging young and marginalized folks in rural communities. We are honored to have you on our team, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with you!

With gratitude,
Cynthia & Helen
Co-founders of New Rural Project



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