



Teamwork moment: Jimmy Townsend once remarked, “Anybody who can still do at sixty what he was doing at twenty wasn’t doing much at twenty.” That’s true—if you work alone. You see, the bad news is that people don’t have the energy to do more personally at sixty than at twenty. The good news is that if you’re part of a team, you can do more collectively at sixty than you could at twenty. From Teamwork Makes the Dream Work by John Maxwell

**March 1: State Projects due to State VP of Programs K. Smith**

**March 1: TAFCE College Scholarship Application due to State VP of Programs K. Smith**

**March 1: Region County Character Counts Winners to State President E. Gordon**

**March 1: Region Heart of FCE due to State President E. Gordon**

**March 1: Spirit of FCL Nominations due to State President E. Gordon**

**March 2: Read Across America**

**March 11: FCL Class List due to State VP for Public Policy P. Albaro**

**April 7-8** FCL (Family Community Leadership) at Lebanon Comfort Suites Western: 6 Central: 6 Eastern: 9  
To be added to the waitlist for spring session, contact VP for Public Policy, Pam Albaro, [pamela.m.albaro@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.m.albaro@gmail.com)

### Read Across America

**What and Why?** Reading is a fundamental skill that opens doors to learning, creativity, and understanding the world around us. This program helps highlight the importance of literacy by encouraging kids to develop a love for books early on. Studies show that students who read regularly perform better in school, have stronger problem-solving skills, and develop greater empathy.

**How to implement?** Host a Reading during the week of March 2- Contact Kindergartens, Daycare facilities, Head Start Programs, Healthcare facilities, Sunday School Classes, and grandchildren.

**Promote Reading and FCE:** Take a picture of your adventure and send it to your local paper.



### Announcements

Is your club or county working on a Food Security project? Let’s hear about it! Send an email or text to Emily Gordon [emilygtafce@gmail.com](mailto:emilygtafce@gmail.com) or 931-359-7074 with your Club Name, County, Project Name, and monetary value of the donation. Latest projects include:

- Defeated FCE Club (Smith County) raised \$1,453 during their Painters Retreat Fundraiser.
- Central Region FCE Leadership Retreat attendees donated items to stock the Food Pantry at UT Southern, valued at \$2,000.
- Oakland FCE Club (Wilson County) Senior Citizen Food Pantry valued at \$100+.

**TAFCE Mission statement:** “To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.”