



Celebrating 5 Years of AfriThrive: A Journey of Growth and Community Impact



Dear Friends and Supporters of AfriThrive,

As we transition into September, we reflect on a momentous occasion—August marked AfriThrive's fifth anniversary. For five years, we have been dedicated to empowering underserved communities by providing access to fresh, culturally appropriate food, education, and resources that help families thrive. Our journey has been one of growth, learning, and impact, made possible by the unwavering support of people like you.

5th Anniversary Celebration and Facebook Live Q&A

To celebrate this significant milestone, we hosted a special Facebook Live Q&A session with our CEO. This event was an opportunity to connect with our

community, reflect on our journey, and share our vision for the future. During the session, our CEO discussed the challenges and triumphs we've faced over the past five years and how these experiences have shaped our mission and approach. The event was a success, with engaging discussions reinforcing our commitment to continue growing and serving our communities. [Click here to watch.](#)



[Missed the Session? Watch it Here](#)

Cultural Farm Tour & Media Interview (August 14, 2024)

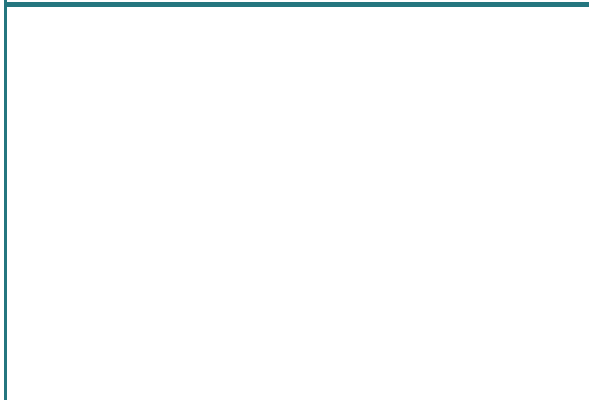
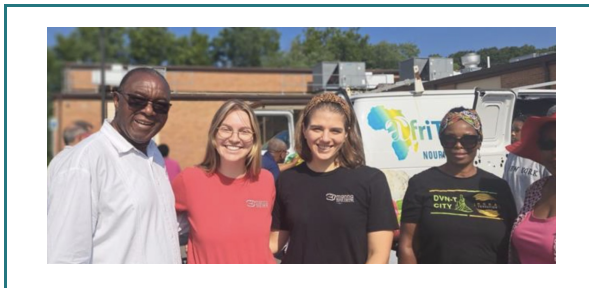
In the spirit of transparency and community engagement, we welcomed Montgomery County Media to our Poolesville Cultural Farm earlier in August. This farm is the heart of our operations, where much of the fresh, culturally appropriate produce we distribute is grown. **The tour allowed us to share the story of AfriThrive's impact over the past five years and**





FaithLands National Conference (August 6-8, 2024) Earlier in August, we had the privilege of attending the FaithLands National Conference in Ohio. This conference brought together leaders in faith and farming to discuss how faith-based land can be used to grow food and build stronger communities. The insights gained from this conference will inform and inspire our future work, particularly in supporting beginning, immigrant, and BIPOC farmers through partnerships with faith communities.

Ongoing Food Distribution Program





As we celebrated our 5th anniversary, our commitment to our food distribution program remained stronger than ever. This program is central to our mission, ensuring that families in Montgomery and Baltimore Counties have consistent access to fresh, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods—helping our communities thrive.

In August, we continued these vital efforts with several distribution events. On August 16 and 23, we served over 180 clients at Aspen Hill, providing fresh produce like pumpkins from our Poolesville Farm and tomatoes from Sandy Spring Gardens. On August 22, we reached 40 families in Essex/Baltimore with essential items like cooking oil, rice, and culturally appropriate fresh vegetables. *These ongoing efforts are crucial in supporting the well-being of our community members, and we are proud to play a role in helping them thrive.*



Green Castle Elementary School Resource Fair (August 23, 2024)

On the same day as our second Aspen Hill event, we participated in the Green Castle Elementary School Resource Fair.

The event brought together 300-400 parents, students, partners, and donors, all eager to learn about the resources available to them.

While we made great connections, we also recognized the need for better table placement to ensure we reach as many families as possible in future events.

It was a valuable lesson in how the little things—like where we set up—can

have a big impact.



Fall Community Garden Day (August 25, 2024)

We closed the month with an enriching day at our Poolesville Farm. The Fall Community Garden Day was intimate and impactful. Attendees included our CEO and dedicated volunteers.



We captured the essence of our daily farm operations through a photoshoot led by Rebecca Drobis, a talented visual storyteller.



The community members who joined us shared their connections to the land, making this event not just about agriculture but about community, history, and the future we're building together.

Looking Ahead

As we celebrate five years of service, we are more determined than ever to continue our mission. Your support has been the cornerstone of our success, and together, we will continue to grow, innovate, and make a lasting impact.

Virtual Meet & Greet
(September 11, 2024)

AfriThrive Inc.
Meeting Invitation

It Takes a Village Conference + GALA
Empowering Communities Together



MEET & GREET INVITATION

If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far, go with others - African Proverb

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ Noon ET

You're invited to a virtual Meet and Greet for African diaspora and minority community leaders in the DMV area!

RSVP TO ATTEND

This gathering is an opportunity to connect, share the scope of our work, and explore collaborative efforts to uplift and strengthen our communities.

Join us as we build relationships and forge partnerships for positive change.



SCAN TO REGISTER

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We're hosting a virtual gathering for African diaspora and minority community leaders in the DMV area. It's an opportunity to connect, share what we've been working on, and explore how we can collaborate to make an even bigger impact.

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AfriThrive WEBINARS

INVESTING FUNDAMENTALS
Understanding the Basics to Help Achieve Your Goals

SPEAKER



Robert Kamyra, CIMA, ChFC, CLU
Wells Fargo Advisors

MODERATOR



Lydia Owili-Otienoh
AfriThrive Inc

Take control of your financial future and build a lasting legacy! Join our webinar on investing fundamentals, where we'll cover the basics you need to reach your financial goals. Whether you're new to investing or looking to deepen your knowledge, this session will explore the importance of investing, different asset types, and strategies for creating generational wealth.

Our speaker, Robert Kamyra, a Senior Financial Advisor and VP of Investments at Wells Fargo Advisors, will guide you with his extensive experience and client-focused approach.

Key Takeaways:

- Understand the importance of investing.
- Learn about asset types and portfolio diversification.
- Discover strategies for generational wealth.
- Participate in a live Q&A.

Don't miss this chance to make your money work for you and secure a prosperous future!

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS WEBINAR

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

2:00 PM ET START

4:00

REGISTER NOW

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Investing Fundamentals Webinar (September 15, 2024)

We're excited to offer a webinar on investing led by Robert Kamyra, a Senior Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors. This session is perfect for anyone looking to understand the basics of investing and how to make their money work for them.

REGISTER TO ATTEND | READ ROBERT'S BIO

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

AfriThrive WEBINARS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH
PART III

Join us for a vital discussion focused on the unique mental health challenges faced by African immigrants and minorities in the diaspora. This gathering aims to create a safe space for sharing experiences, breaking down stigma, and exploring culturally relevant support strategies. Let's come together to foster well-being and resilience within our community.

PANELISTS



Dr. J. Robina Onwonga
Business and Organizational Psychologist



Dr. Juliet Nyanamba
Educational Psychology (Developmental Science)



Ms. Kelly Ngigi
Doctoral Candidate Human Development and Family Studies

21 SEPTEMBER 2024

5:00 PM ET START

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Mental Health Webinar Series - Part III (September 21, 2024)

Join us for the third installment of our mental health webinar series, where we'll dive deep into the unique challenges faced by African immigrants and minorities. Our expert panelists will provide strategies and insights to help foster well-being and resilience in our communities.

REGISTER TO ATTEND | GET PANELISTS BIOS



WE ARE
HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

FARM
PRODUCTION
MANAGER

Join Our Growing Team

We are excited to announce a new opportunity within AfriThrive.

As we continue expanding our operations and impact, we seek a passionate and experienced **Farm Production Manager** to join our team.

This role is crucial to the success of our 2-acre cultural farm in Poolesville, which is the heart of our efforts in cultivating healthy, fresh, and culturally appropriate produce.

About the Role: The Farm Production Manager will oversee all aspects of farm production, including planting, cultivation, and harvesting, while championing sustainable farming practices. This position is ideal for someone with a strong background in sustainable agriculture and a commitment to food justice.

Key Responsibilities:

- Overseeing all farm activities to ensure optimal yield and quality.
- Implementing sustainable practices and maintaining high standards of food safety.
- Leading and training a diverse team of staff, interns, and volunteers.
- Managing the farm's budget and resources efficiently.

If you or someone you know is passionate about sustainable agriculture and community impact, we encourage you to apply or share this opportunity. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Looking Far Ahead

Join us for a transformative conference dedicated to professionals working with African immigrant families and children. Gain valuable insights and explore best practices to support this vibrant and diverse community better. Network with experts, participate in interactive sessions and enhance your skills to make a meaningful impact. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and *thrive* together!



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Conference + GALA

NOV 1 - 2, 2024

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- Objectives
- Hypothesis
- Methodology
- Implementation
- Results
- Analysis
- Conclusion
- Recommendations
- References

Your Role in Our Story

Every event, every success we share, is a chapter in a larger story that we're writing together. Your support is the foundation of everything we do. Whether it's through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, you're helping us build a healthier, stronger community.

Thank you for being an essential part of the AfriThrive family. We look forward to continuing the next 5 years (and then some) with you as we work together to help families *thrive*.

With gratitude,
AfriThrive Inc. Team



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