The mission of Green Opportunities is to train, support, and connect people from marginalized communities to sustainable employment pathways. Learn more at greenopportunities.org.

by the numbers

**2008**
The Year our Co-Founders Dan Leroy & DeWayne Barton founded Green Opportunities (GO) by piloting a green jobs training program for eight young adults. Our founders sought to create meaningful local changes at the intersection of social justice, economic opportunity, and climate action.

**300+**
Local businesses and organizations that have hired students and graduates of GO for apprenticeships and jobs.

**600 (& growing!)**
Our alumni community of youth and adults who have completed a GO training program in preparation for a job in the green, culinary, or construction industries.

**445**
Technical credentials awarded to GO trainees. The industry-aligned certifications we currently offer to training participants include ServSafe® Food Handling, CPR, OSHA Construction Safety, and Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) in Carpentry.

**$10.76**
The average hourly starting wage secured by GO students and graduates through job, apprenticeship, and temp labor placements during fiscal year 2018. That’s $3.51 more than NC’s state minimum wage rate of $7.25.

**$2.4 million**
Earned income from GO’s three social enterprises. Our catering, carpentry and staffing businesses provide transitional employment to GO graduates and generate revenue to increase the sustainability of our training programs.

**8**
The number of young adults, ages 16-24, who earned their High School Equivalency Diploma with support from GO in 2018.

**Removing barriers**
Most incoming students face at least one significant barrier to employment. Last year:

- **45%** had a criminal record
- **41%** lacked transportation
- **36%** lacked a HS diploma
- **29%** were homeless or lacked stable housing

GO works to mitigate barriers and help students proactively navigate their job search.

**40,000+**
Nutritious community meals prepared by Southside Kitchen in 2018. Meals are delivered to partner agencies for after-school programs and served weekly at the Edington Center.

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