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## FORK UNION JABA THEMES

### Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor recreation was a theme because of photos of nature, including trails, fields, and rivers along with conversations about dog parks, trails, fishing, and exercise. Pleasant Grove was highlighted as an asset that many of them used.

- **How can we make sure everyone has access to safe outdoor recreation?**

### Community Centered Areas

Community centered areas was a theme because of conversations about pulling together as a community, volunteer opportunities, and gathering spaces for socializing, receiving education, idea exchange, and recreation.

- **How can we expand community centered areas to better foster relationships among the community?**

### Youth

This was a theme in conversations and photographs about intergenerational learning, respect for elders, educating youth on history and protecting the environment.

- **How can we support youth development and growth to prepare them as future leaders?**

### Community Resources

Community resources was pulled as a theme because of conversations regarding access to medical care, opportunities to remain mentally and physically active, and the ability to connect with people through community places, programs, and events. Photos captured group activities, a clinical setting, a creative way to remain active at home, and unique ways neighborhoods came together.

- **What programming can we provide to support current and future community resources that foster a healthy connected community and encourage intergenerational learning?**

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## FRIENDSHIP COURT THEMES

### Youth

Youth was a theme because of photos of safe play areas; childcare; activities; and safe, open outdoor spaces. The group talked about activities for children and teaching them resiliency through honoring yourself.

- **How can we create opportunities for children to flourish?**

### Community Resources

Community Resources was a theme because of conversation and photos regarding faith communities and their outreach (Portico); garden programs (City Schoolyard Garden and Urban Agriculture Collective of Charlottesville); the Jefferson School City Center (The YMCA child care, Carver Recreation Center, African-American Heritage Center, Pearl Island, Vu Noodles), IX Park, and Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center.

- **How can we make sure community choices drive initiatives/programming?**

### Access to Healthy Food

This was a theme because of pictures and conversations around increased mental and

physical health from healthy food, access to health food through the garden program, the ability to try new foods, and increased health education.

- **How can we support access to healthy foods?**

### Educational Opportunities

Educational opportunities was a theme because of conversations and photos around the General Education Development tests, educational choices instead of being assumed (option to become an RN, BSN, or LPN instead of CNA), and classes/session on topics that they want instead of assumed.

- **How can we provide education opportunities and choices community members want?**

### Safe Spaces

This was a theme because of the pictures and conversations around safe play areas, open spaces (where kids could be kids), and where adults felt at ease for themselves and families.

- **How do we create opportunities and spaces that foster positive community relations?**

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## GREENE CARE CLINIC THEMES

### Transportation

Transportation was pulled as a theme because of photos of cars and talks around access to cars/public transportation as a way to have freedom and access to various locations.

- **In what ways can we support and improve access to transportation so everyone has the freedom to travel places they need/want to go?**

### Housing

Housing was a theme because of the safety, security, and freedom that people felt when they had access to their own space.

- **How can we provide more affordable housing options so everyone has the safety, security, and freedom of their own space?**

### Access to Healthcare/ Medication

This was a theme when talking about affordability and access to care. People talked about places that support access and affordability.

- **How can we increase knowledge about services providing affordable care?**

### Community Centered Areas

Community centered areas were a theme because of the talks around getting to know your community and community members and finding ways to support other people through community programming (such as having a suggested donation to participate in a community event).

- **How can we create spaces that support and further build community relationships?**

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## LOUISA RE-ENTRY THEMES

### Housing

Stable, affordable housing was a theme because of talks about the pride in ownership and taking care of a residence along with the responsibility of paying bills.

- **How can we create systems that promote stable housing?**

### Community Resources

Community resources was a theme because of photographs and conversations about the Department of Human Services (specifically the Louisa Re-entry program), Louisa County Counseling Center, Medicaid Expansion, University of Virginia Health System Financial Services, and churches. The group conversed about how having someone to support, believe in, and push them to their goals was key for their and families well-being and survival. They were able to feel a sense of belonging and community from these resources and the programs they provided.

- **How can we expand education, knowledge, and capacity to better connect people to community resources?**

### Community

Community was a theme because of conversations and photos involving neighbors and community members helping each other and swapping services. They talked a lot about supporting and sharing skills with youth. Specifically involving car repair, landscaping, and job training.

- **How can we come together to better support community and families, especially our youth?**

### Job Opportunities

Job opportunities was a theme because of the conversations and photos around independence through being able to work. The group also talked about the appreciation of the job opportunities available to them.

- **How can we offer more employment and training, especially to those in need of these opportunities?**

### Nature

Nature was a theme because of photographs and conversation surrounding fishing, swimming, hunting, outdoor recreation, gardening, and generally experiencing nature.

- **How can increase access to nature, so it is truly available to all people?**

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## SCOTTSVILLE & ESMONT JABA THEMES

### Community Centered Areas

Community was pulled as a theme because of photos of gathering spots and the many opportunities that people identified to give back by volunteering and connecting with others.

- **How can we create gatherings and spaces that further build community relationships and help people connect?**

### Community Resources

Community Resources was a theme because of the senior centers, community building in churches, repurposed buildings, and community advisory boards.

- **How can community voices and ideas be used to expand the capacity of and further develop our community's resources?**

### Transportation

This was a theme when talking about freedom and independence

from having access to affordable and accessible transportation.

- **In what ways can we support and improve access to transportation so everyone has the freedom and independence to travel?**

### History

History was a theme because of the need to preserve African-American history (Yancey Elementary School, Carter G. Woodson Complex), embrace the history of Scottsville, and passing on the history to the next generation.

- **How can we preserve our community's rich and diverse history while supporting the current history we are creating?**

### Access to Nature

This was a theme because many people talked about gardening and local trails.

- **How can we help support access and use of our outdoor areas?**

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## SOUTHWOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB THEMES

### Family and Friends

Family and Friends was pulled as a theme because of many conversations and photographs about them. Specifically they highlighted the unconditional love and support and always having someone to play with. Specifically mentioned: sisters, brothers, grandmothers, cousins

- **How do we support parents/guardians so they can continue to support their children and friends?**

### Mentors

Mentors was a theme because of the support the youth felt from leaders. Specifically Boys and Girls Club leaders were mentioned because they helped them learn new things and supported them in a number of ways.

- **In what ways can we support existing organizations that focus on educating and helping youth?**

### Activity

Activity was pulled as a theme because of conversation and photos of various activities they participated in. They said it helped them make and sustain friendships while increasing their physical activity. Soccer and dance were two of the main activities mentioned.

- **How can we increase access to activities that get children moving and active in the community?**

### Nature

Nature was a theme because of the joy that they felt seeing nature, being in nature, and spending time in nature. Specifically trees, mountains, and gardens were mentioned.

- **How can we create more opportunities for children to experience nature?**

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