

Public Service



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In his role as the director of community and civic engagement at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Sandy Jacobs is responsible for developing and implementing opportunities for community engagement, civic development, co-curricular service, and academic service learning across campus. The embodiment of what it means to lead through service, Jacobs' commitment to others extends far beyond his office into the walls of his home.

Jacobs has made outstanding contributions to his community by participating in and implementing initiatives that have changed the lives of one of North Carolina's most in-need populations – foster children. Over the past six years, Jacobs has provided support and protection for children in need as a foster parent with the Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Social Services (DSS). Along with his wife, Jordan, Jacobs has fostered five children and permanently adopted three. From 2017 to 2020, Jacobs also served as a committee member for the DSS foster care program, during which he and his wife led monthly meetings for individuals interested in learning more about foster care.

Jacobs recently launched a foster care action committee with the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to bring stakeholders together to serve youth and foster parents in the community. Initiated in January 2023, the committee



has already gained traction on increasing the number of tribe-affiliated foster parents for American Indian youth. Jacobs also serves the children in his Pembroke community through his work with the newly established charter school, Old Main STREAM Academy. He has served on the school's advisory committee since its inception and continues to volunteer his time with the school through coaching roles.

Sandy Jacobs' work to care for children in his community ensures happier, healthier North Carolinians for generations to come. His passionate approach to service and his generous commitment to finding foster children the homes they deserve are honorable qualities. The State of North Carolina is proud to call Jacobs a state government employee.