

The Navigator



A Guide to Philanthropy in the Pee Dee

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We are pleased to present *The Navigator: A Guide to Philanthropy in the Pee Dee* to our community. We have enjoyed learning about the many organizations that serve the Pee Dee and hope our book inspires you to contribute your time, talent, and financial resources to these worthy causes.

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AUTISM

All 4 Autism

A Focus on Health, Family, and Children with Disabilities

Mission: Our mission is to increase awareness, resources and support for those of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their families, throughout the Pee Dee Region.

Who We Serve: People with autism and their families

What We Do:

- Provide information to families who want support
- Help provide services for autistic children, men, and women
- Work with community to raise support for Autism

Our Achievements:

- We created Pacing for Pieces, which is an annual 5k and half marathon.
- We held a charity event called Bandwagon, which raised money for autism.
- We created Autism Avenger Camp.
- We opened the Autism Resource Center of the Pee Dee.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Amazon Smile, holiday card inserts, and regular cash donations
- Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are used for many events such as Pacing for Pieces and Autism Avenger Camp.

Contact Information

All 4 Autism, 183 Cheves St, Florence, SC, 29504 843-471-6295 All4Autism.org Amy Pennington, Outreach Coordinator, apennington@all4autism.org



American Heart Association

A Focus on Health

Mission: To build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. That single purpose drives all we do. The need for our work is beyond question.

Who We Serve: all Americans

What We Do:

- Research heart disease
- Provide public health education
- Provide professional education & training
- Conduct community services
- Fundraise for heart diseases

Our Achievements:

- Nationwide, we invest over \$132 million a year (\$3.2 billion since 1949) in heart and stroke research that has led to recent breakthroughs such as clot-busting drugs and drug-eluting stents.
- Healthcare providers learn about medical advances and new treatment guidelines through our journals, conferences and online courses.
- We received a Collaborative Sciences Award, an Established Investigator Award, and a Mentored Clinical & Population Research Award.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: on our website
- Volunteer Opportunities: http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/volunteer/volunteerForm.jsp
 - Become a lifesaver. Watch our one-minute Hands-Only CPR video to learn to save a life, and share the link with family and friends.
 - Walk in your local Heart Walk and team up with colleagues, family and friends to raise funds fighting heart disease and stroke.
 - Volunteer at our Luncheon, a women's event to unite against heart disease in women.
 - Assist your workplace in offering healthier food and beverage options using our toolkit to promote a healthy food environment.

Contact Information

American Heart Association, 181 E Evans Street, Florence, SC, 29506 843-665-0985 www.Heart.org Debby Ivey, Special Events Administrator, Debbie.ivey@heart.org





The American Red Cross

A Focus on Community and Health

Mission: The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Who We Serve: We serve anyone who is in need of help from emergencies across the world.

What We Do:

- Training people to help in first aid and other medical practices to help in times of disaster
- Responding to and helping communities to get on their feet in times of disasters through donations and volunteers
- Gathering blood from donors to help those in need of transfusions and those who have disorders that can harm said person

Our Achievements:

- We helped save twenty lives through the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign.
- We have supported families that were affected by Hurricane Matthew.
- We have given free smoke alarms to Clemson University to help save lives.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donation: Visit https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.
- Donated Goods: items such as meals, clothing, water, and blood donations.
- Volunteer Opportunities: These can be found by applying to your local Red Cross or by going to the website and searching.

Contact Information

The Red Cross, 1601 W. Lucas St # A, Florence, SC 29501, Florence, SC, 29501 843-662-8121 www.redcross.org Catherine Shranko, catherine.shranko@redcross.org



Boys & Girls Club of the Pee Dee Area A Focus on Youth Development

Mission: To inspire and enable all young people from throughout the Pee Dee Area, especially those who need us most, to become productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Who We Serve: Youth of the community

What We Do:

- CORE PROGRAMS We provide programs to enhance youth's learning , build self-esteem , and help with career & leadership development .
- PROJECT LEARN We use multiple methods to incorporate educational activities into a child's lifestyle such as homework groups, tutoring, and High Yield Learning activities.

Our Achievements:

- Project Learn participants increased their overall grades by 11% and had 15% higher grades overall compared to non-Club youth.
- Participants decreased their absences by 66% and missed 87% fewer days compared to non-Club youth.
- 57% said that the Club saved their lives, meaning they believe they would probably be dead, or in jail, had it not been for their Club experience and the guidance of the Club staff.
- Two-thirds stated that the Club positively impacted their choices about drugs and alcohol.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Send a check to BGCPDA, PO Box 93, Florence, SC 29503.
- Support our Champions For Youth Tribute (usually in August) or Carolina Classic Basketball Tournament (during the Christmas vacation). These two special events together raise nearly \$150,000 to run our Clubs.
- Give an In-Kind Gift of goods or services that address a specific programmatic or administrative need. Make a "planned gift" by naming us in your will, trust, or other financial instrument. Donate securities or other property that can be designated for annual program operations or restricted to our Endowment Fund.
- Volunteer opportunities: Serve as a mentor or program volunteer. For details, contact the local Club Director. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Contact Information

Boys & Girls Club, 310 West Roughfork St, Florence, SC, 29501 843-662-1471 http://bgcpda.org Marchelle Rodwell, Club Director, mrodwell@bgcpda.org



Build-a-Bed Ministry

A Focus on Housing and Children

Mission: Our Mission is to provide a bed to children and students who need one. It is essential for a child to have a good bed to get a good night's sleep, so that they can perform adequately outside of home.

Who We Serve: Children and students in need

What We Do:

- Provide beds to children and students
- Improve children's sleep and performance outside of home
- Distribute beds along with items including linens, books and stuffed animals

Our Achievements:

- We have held a Build-a-Bed event five times, and each time we build about 30 beds.
- We have provided around 150 beds in our 2 years of service.

How You Can Help:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Anyone can help build beds.
- Monetary Donations: Contact Mr. McMurphy.

Contact Information

Build a Bed Ministry, 67 N Irby St, Florence, SC 29501, Florence, SC, 29501 843-662-3218 http://www.centralmethodist.net/local-missions/ Nathan McMurphy, Director of youth ministries, nmcmurphy@centralmethodist.net













The CARE House of the Pee Dee

A Focus on Maltreatment

Mission: As a children's advocacy center, CARE House of the Pee Dee's mission is to promote healing in a nurturing environment to child abuse victims and their families through supportive services and prevention

Who We Serve: Children under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults and their families

What We Do:

- Provide forensic medical evaluations
- Conduct forensic interviews
- Counsel at the request of law enforcement and the department of social services
- Provide education/awareness
- Advocate

Our Achievements:

- We have helped over 328 children in the year of 2014.
- We have hosted events and fundraisers such as the Capes for Kids Run to raise awareness for child abuse.
- We are a National Children's Alliance Member.
- We have therapists trained in evidence based treatments including Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent Child Interaction Therapy, and Alternatives for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Go to the website or contact the organization to help.
- Donated Goods: fast food gift cards, gas gift cards, individually wrapped snacks, new toys for children, office supplies (permanent markers, expo markers, CDs, DVDs, etc.)
- Volunteer Opportunities: Help at events such as the Cape for Kids Run.

Contact Information

The CARE House, 1500 Patton Dr, Florence, South Carolina, 29501 843-629-0236, www.facebook.com/carehousepeedee, www.thecarehouse.com Meg Temple, Executive Director, mtemple@thecarehouse.com



CareFIRST Carolina Foundation

Mission: The mission of CareFIRST Carolina is to serve as a conduit of support and investment that enhances CareSouth Carolina's efforts to improve lives.

Who We Serve: The underserved population in five counties: Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Dillon, and Lee

What We Do:

- Help CareSOUTH Carolina and the Roads Team, who travel to the five counties above to give health services to the people there
- Provide health services through CareSOUTH Carolina Foundation
- Provide the following CareSOUTH Carolina services: family practice, pediatrics, pharmacy, women, counseling, dental, chiropractic, seniors, HIV/AIDS, and community outreach

Our Achievements:

- We began the school based dental program in 2010. The program now serves over 2,600 children.
- We purchased the ROADS mobile unit, and it now serves 1,550 children.
- We began the fund "Friends and Neighbors" in 2008, and it has helped over 4,800 individuals.

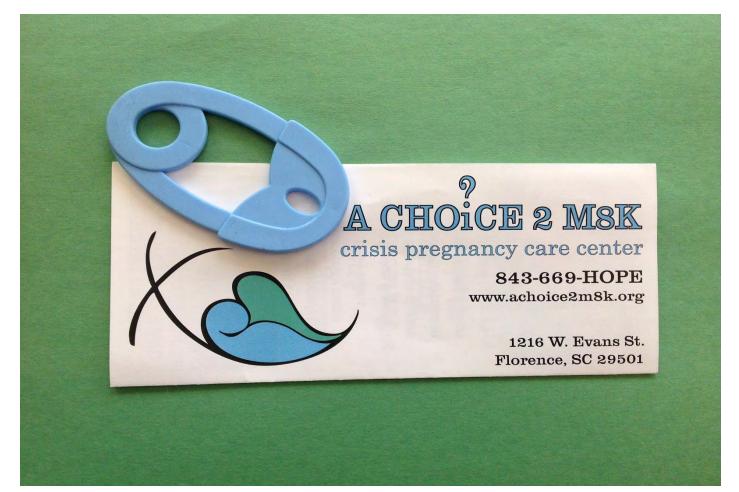
How You Can Help:

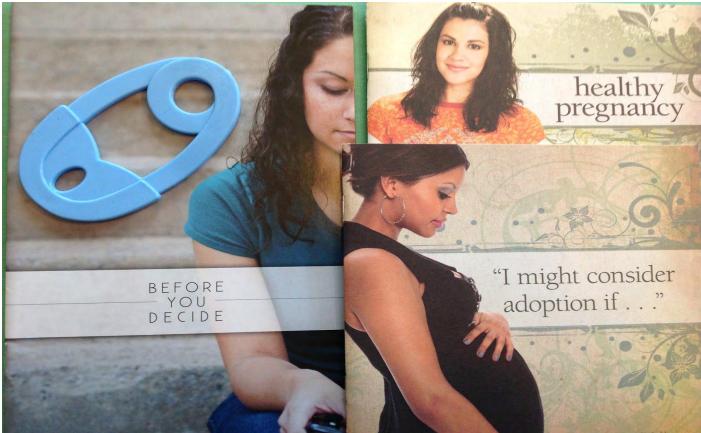
• Monetary Donations: CareFIRST Carolina accepts the following: simple contributions, appreciated securities/stocks, memorial funds, charitable lead trust, gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, life insurance, and bequests. You can make a simple money donation on our website.

Contact Information

CareFIRST Carolina, 201 South Fourth Street, Hartsville, SC, 29551 843-332-3422 Extension #172 http://www.caresouth-carolina.com/about-us/foundation/

Mark Sobiski, Foundation Director, mark.sobiski@caresouth-carolina.com





A Choice 2 M8k

A Focus on Faith and Parenting

Mission: A Choice 2 M8k offers non-condemning, non-judgemental counsel by showing God's love and forgiveness to everyone involved with the pregnancy.

Who We Serve: Primarily women and couples who have unplanned pregnancies

What We Do:

- Give free Ultrasound Referrals
- Give free and confidential pregnancy testing and counseling

Our Achievements:

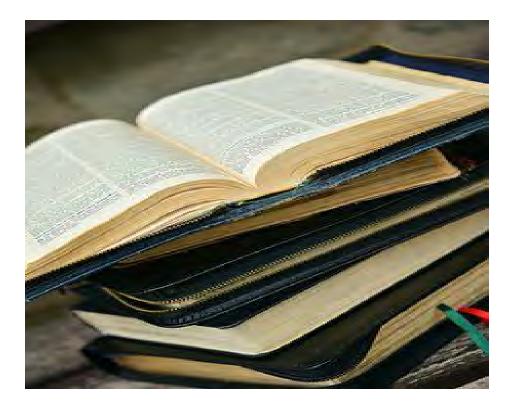
- We helped over 700 clients in the year 2016.
- We partnered with Lighthouse Ministry and Manna House.

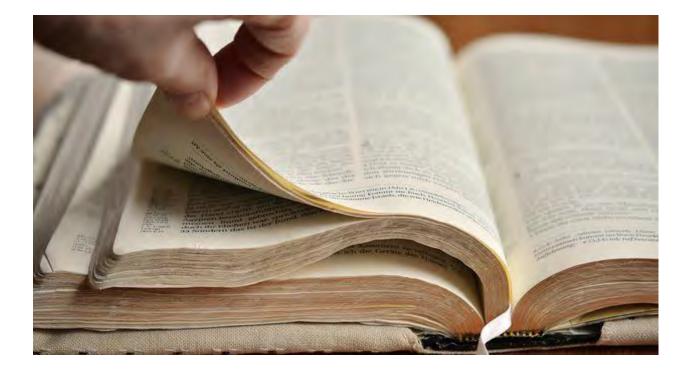
How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: monthly financial support
- Donated Goods: new and gently used maternity and baby items
- Volunteer Opportunities: counseling
- Pray For Our Organization: counselors, clients, and financial support

Contact Information

A Choice 2 M8k, 1216 West Evans Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-669-4673 (HOPE) http://achoice2m8k.com Theresa Leach, Center Director, theresa@achoice2m8k.org





Christian Learning Center of Florence County

A Focus on Faith

Mission: The Christian Learning Centers of Florence County (CLC) provides the opportunity for students to receive Biblical teaching during the school day with parental permission. Off campus Bible classes offer a haven for students to be nurtured, encouraged and guided by God's truths in everyday choices. These classes offer hope in times of crisis and confusion and enable students to find God given worth and purpose in life. As a result, core values of our society such as family relations, healthy friendships, work ethics and a sense of personal responsibility are strengthened. We seek to glorify God by empowering students to reach their fullest potential. Therefore, our vision is that every child in Florence County would have the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ, examine His teachings, and make their decision regarding Him.

Who We Serve: Middle school students at Williams, Southside, and Sneed

What We Do:

- Teach children values that will lead them to be a positive part of the community
- Give children safe venues where they can ask deep, challenging, and sensitive questions without fear or censure
- Give Bible education that prepares them to be responsible adults and contributing citizens
- Give Purpose and meaning for their lives beyond the accumulation of wealth or the cultivation of status

Our Achievements:

- We have given children faith in the Bible.
- We have raised awareness about God.

How You Can Help:

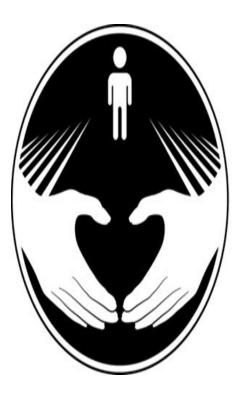
- Monetary Donations: used for paying the bills and buying new supplies
- Donated Goods: Bibles

Contact Information

Christian Learning Center, P. O. Box 13071, Florence, SC, 29504

843-662-5921 http://www.florenceclc.org/

Louanne Stewart, Director, clc@florenceclc.org



The Compassionate Friends

of the Pee Dee Area Supporting Family After a Child Dies



The Compassionate Friends of the Pee Dee

A Focus on Family

Mission: Our mission is to support families after a child, grandchild, or sibling dies.

Who We Serve: Families in mourning

What We Do:

- Host monthly support groups for people who have lost a loved one at the Golden Corral every third Saturday of the month from 9:30 11:30 AM
- Meet with others who have lost loved ones

Our Achievements:

- We have an annual "I love you, I miss you" Balloon Release as a celebration of life.
- We hold an annual Worldwide Candle Lighting as a remembrance.
- We will post a memorial on our Facebook page for someone's loved one with a minimum \$20 donation.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations:
 - Accept donations at both the Balloon Release and the Worldwide Candle Lighting
 - Post a memorial on our Facebook page when someone give a minimum \$20 donation
 - Make a purchase through any of iGive.com's stores (they will donate up to 26% of the purchase price): https://www.igive.com/welcome/lp15/wr35.cfm?c=38634
 - Donate online, over the phone, or by mail from this website https://www.compassionatefriends.org/how-you-can-help/donating-to-tcf/
- Volunteer Opportunities: Help setup and cleanup at any of the events

Contact Information

The Compassionate Friends of the Pee Dee 843-496-3254 www.compassionatefriends.org Barbara Keller, Chapter Leader, TCFofthePeeDeeArea@yahoo.com













Connie Maxwell Children's Home

A Focus on Family, Faith, and Housing

Mission: The mission of Connie Maxwell Children's Home is to care for children while developing and strengthening positive relationships in a Christian environment. Connie Maxwell accomplishes its purpose by offering hope and healing to children and families through child care, counseling, and family service programs designed to meet physical needs; to improve personal, family and spiritual relationships; to teach the skills needed for wholesome and productive living; and to encourage acceptance of and growth in the Christian faith.

Who We Serve: Children and families in South Carolina

What We Do:

- Provide safety and a sense of peace for children
- Create a Christian environment for troubled children and teens
- Reach many families on a large scale through our main campus in Greenville and 4 satellite campuses in Florence, Chesterfield, Orangeburg, and Simpsonville.

Our Achievements:

- Established in 1892, Connie Maxwell Children's Home is celebrating 125 years of ministry.
- In 2016 we served 183 children on our campuses as part of our Residential Care program.
- We are currently ministering to 28 families in our Foster Care program.
- For 125 years Connie Maxwell Children's Home has positively impacted more than 17,000 families and children throughout the state.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations can been made here:
 - http://www.conniemaxwell.com/Edonation/edonation.html
- Donated Goods: household goods and toiletries
- Volunteer Opportunities: maintenance and construction for our campus locations

Contact Information

Connie Maxwell Children's Home

1924 Durant Dr, Florence, South Carolina 29501

843-665-9417 www.conniemaxwell.com

Barbara Moore, Director of Pee-Dee Campus, barbaram@conniemaxwell.com





Wealth enough to support your needs and those in need & determination to make each

day better than the day before.



Eastern Carolina Community Foundation

A Focus on Charitable Giving

Mission: Eastern Carolina Community Foundation is incorporated to build permanent charitable assets for the benefit of the Pee Dee.

Who We Serve: We serve the area of the Pee Dee and other local surrounding areas.

What We Do:

- Work with families, individuals, attorneys, estate and financial planners to design charitable giving options
- Invest in several non-profit organizations in the Pee Dee
- Provide easy access to creating funding accounts for newcomers

Our Achievements:

- We have established the Regional Enrichment Fund from unrestricted assets.
- Began the Women in Philanthropy, a giving circle, to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy.
- We awarded \$20,000 from the Regional Enrichment Fund to two organizations whose services impact a broad range of citizens in the Pee Dee region.
- Over the years we have grown from a two million dollar corporate, to an eight million dollar corporate.

How You Can Help:

- There are various ways to get involved with things within ECCF. If you go to the website, and click on the link that says Give, there will be a drop box where you can choose where
- Another way to get involved is by volunteering in the local community, helping out at charitable events, or donating goods to charities.

Contact Information

Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, 154 West Evans St., Florence, SC, 29503 843-667-1131 http://www.easterncarolinacf.org/ info@easterncarolinacf.org Ms. Sarah Shelley, Executive Director





Empowered to Heal

A Focus on Maltreatment, Recovery, and Faith

Mission: Our mission is to provide long term support for adult survivors of sexual abuse. We strive to restore individuals and families by providing resources that help with the healing process following trauma.

Who We Serve: Adult survivors of sexual assault

What We Do:

- Hold free monthly support groups
- Provide free counseling
- Offer free private mentoring sessions
- Sponsor free events (such as art therapy)
- Raise community awareness through luncheons and galas

Our Achievements:

- We have been honored with Empowered to Heal Day, April 25th, in Florence which brings awareness to the issue of sexual assault.
- We have received the Outstanding Service to Underserved Victims Award from SC Victims Assistance Network.
- We have been featured in *SHE Magazine*, *Diversity Works Magazine*, *Florence Morning News*, and on WPDE News.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: All donations pay for counseling sessions for survivors and will help us expand to Horry and Marion Counties. Visit https://www.paypal.me/EmpoweredtoHeal.
- Volunteer Opportunities: administrative duties, fundraising, mentors, facilitators, social media, client intake, and help with special events (such as banquets or art therapy sessions)

Contact Information

Empowered to Heal, 525 S. Dargan St, Florence, SC 29506 843-779-5638 http://www.empoweredtoheal.org/ Jennifer Robinson, Director, empoweredtoheal@gmail.com





Family Promise of Florence

A Focus on Homelessness

Mission: Our mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence.

Who We Serve: Families that are homeless throughout Florence County

What We Do:

- Provide food, clothing, and shelter for families
- Help families find jobs
- Hold various events throughout the year such as Cardboard Box City in order to help raise awareness for homelessness
- Talk and guide families that we are hosting to help them become independent
- Provide transportation for guests to and from the day center (the day center also serves as a mailing address for the families since they do not have mailing addresses)

Our Achievements:

- We helped 13 families find homes in 2016 (54 individuals).
- We are one of 202 other affiliates within 42 states that have contributed to helping homeless families find homes and develop independence.
- We have successfully raised awareness for this cause through our various annual events.
- We have brought in many volunteers throughout the county to help raise awareness for homelessness.
- We have collected a large quantity of clothing, food, and shoes from people in Florence.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Go to: www.familypromiseofflorence.com/donations/.
- Donated Goods: Clothing, food, shoes, bookbags, medications, toys, furniture, and cars.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Go to: www.familypromiseofflorence.com/get-involved/.

Contact Information

Family Promise, 1022 West Darlington St., Florence, SC, 29501 843-407-5745 www.familypromiseofflorence.com Jo Ellen Schneider, Executive Director, familypromiseofflorence@gmail.com





The Florence Area Humane Society

A Focus on Animals

Mission: Our goals are to save the homeless, care for the sick and injured, and find loving homes for those animals within our care.

Who We Serve: Animals without a loving home

What We Do:

- Take in homeless, neglected and abused animals including dogs, cats, and horses
- Sponsor events throughout the year to raise money for the shelter
- Try to find homes for animals

Our Achievements:

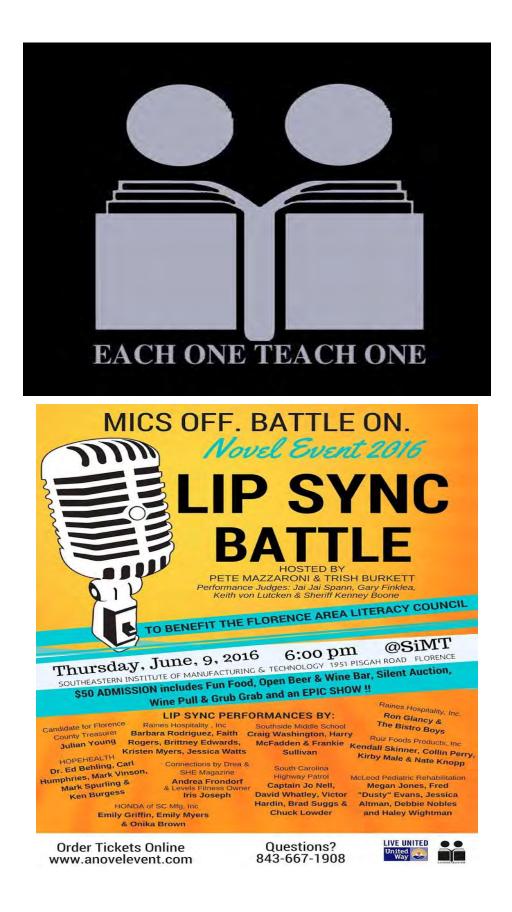
- We are proud of building a new facility where more animals can be taken in.
- We work diligently to give every animal that enters our facility a sense of security and serenity.
- We work to get the community involved with the Humane Society by hosting events such as off-site adoptions, Grateful Dog, Dog Daze, Howl-o-ween, Mutts & Mistletoe, and the Bone-E-Fit that are held throughout the year.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Buy a brick, sponsor a cage, make monetary donations on our website.
- Donated Goods:
 - Dry or canned dog & puppy food (Purina or Pedigree)
 - Dry or canned cat & kitten food (Purina or Pedigree)
 - $\circ~$ Dog bowls (The double kind for food and water)
 - Kong dog toys and cat toys
 - Dawn dish soap, bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, old towels, and fleece bedding
- Volunteer Opportunities: All volunteers are welcome for both the events we host and at the shelter. The volunteers can help us take care of the animals, but we require people who want to volunteer and to attend one of our Saturday orientations on the second Saturday of each month.

Contact Information

The Florence Area Humane Society, 1434 McCurdy Rd, Florence, SC, 29506 843-629-5456 http://florencehumanesociety.org/ Jayne Boswell, President, LetMeHelpFAHS@gmail.com



Florence Area Literacy Council

A Focus on Education

Mission: The mission of the Florence Area Literacy Council is to provide One-on-One adult literacy instruction, to build student capability and self-esteem, through the use of trained volunteer tutors serving the greater Florence area.

Who We Serve: Illiterate adults in the Florence community

What We Do:

- Teach the importance of education
- Provide education in reading, writing, spelling, mathematics and PRE-GED.
- Raise 50% of the budget used (the other 50% comes from government funding)
- Host events such as a 5k run and a lip sync battle

Our Achievements:

- We help around 100 adults per year.
- Illiteracy in Florence county has not risen above 33% since we began operating.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations
- Donated Goods: basic literature books and math and English workbooks.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Anyone who would like to tutor adults in reading and math will receive training before giving one-on-one tutoring.

Contact Information

Florence Area Literacy Council, 240 S. Dargan Street Florence, SC 29506 843-667-1908 http://www.florencearealiteracycouncil.com Christina Lawson, Manager, florenceliteracy@yahoo.com





Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

A Focus on Disabilities

Mission: Our vision is to be the premier provider in promoting and supporting self-determination, personal growth and inclusion for people to achieve their desired outcomes. Our mission statement is centered around RESPECT: **R**especting; **E**ducating; **S**upporting **P**erson's **E**xpectations and; **C**hoices with **T**rust.

Who We Serve: The intellectually challenged, the autistic, and those suffering from head and spinal cord injury

What We Do:

- Solicit and collect funds through our foundation
- Coordinate developmental activities
- Provide service and support to the intellectually challenged
- Offer family support

Our Achievements:

- We operate self-supporting businesses that provide employment and training for individuals with disabilities.
- We have sponsored many events including summer camps, talent shows, holiday meals and other activities for the intellectually challenged.
- We offer help to over 14,000 people in Florence county

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Contributions: annual contributions such as stocks, bonds, and life insurance
- Donated goods: "Making a Difference Tree" gifts to the needy during the holidays; clothing such as shirts, pants, socks; paper goods such as magazines, paper, newspapers, books
- Volunteer opportunities: events such as the annual BBQ and dance

Contact Information

Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs 1211 E National Cemetery Rd, Florence, SC 29506 843-394-7852 https://www.fcdsn.org/index?a0=active BeaBea Whitlock, Volunteer Specialist, Bwhitlock@fcdsn.org



FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM

Florence County Museum

A Focus on Art and History

Mission: The mission of the Florence County Museum is to provide a dynamic sanctuary for the preservation, interpretation and exhibition of objects of scientific, historic, and artistic significance that are unique or of special interest to the people of Florence County and the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

Who We Serve: People who are more interested in the arts and local history

What We Do:

- Teach local history
- Showcase local art

Achievements:

- We are considered one of the premier museums in the Pee Dee Area.
- We have featured several events of historical significance: Cretaceous period reptile material, an 18 foot tall Ancient Bald Cypress trunk sub-fossil, Native American and Colonial period artifacts, Civil War artifacts from the Florence Stockade prison camp and Confederate Naval Yard at Mars Bluff, artifacts related to the life and career of a former FBI agent and Florence County native Melvin Purvis, and fragments of the MK-6 atomic bomb that was accidentally dropped on the Mars Bluff community in 1958.

How You Can Help:

- Become a docent (A docent is someone with a passion for art and history that goes through training to further help the museum with their work).
- Become a member with the different levels of membership: student, individual, family, donor, patron, sustainer, or corporate. Each level has different benefits for the museum.
- Become a volunteer. There are several opportunities to help at http://www.flocomuseum.org/.

Contact Information

Florence County Museum, 111 West Cheves Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-676-1200 http://www.flocomuseum.org/ Kimberly Washburn, Curator of Education, flomus_edu@me.com







The Florence-Darlington Technical College Educational Foundation

A Focus on Education

Mission: The mission of the Florence-Darlington Technical College Educational Foundation is to support the College in all its efforts to provide comprehensive technical education, workforce development, and educational services to students, business & industry and the market it serves.

Who We Serve: The FDTC community

What We Do:

- Raise funds from private sources to provide scholarships
- Recognize outstanding teaching and leadership
- Fund special capital projects and facilities
- Raise support for other special projects relating to Florence Darlington Tech
- Enhance the quality of education

Our Achievements:

- We built a new building to raise a million dollars towards the organization.
- We have increased the number of students to conserve and to expand different services where they operate.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Visit our website listed below to learn more.
- Fundraising Opportunities: Sign up at https://www.fdtc.edu/student-life/student-organization-approval.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Help students with their school work, offer to rake leaves, shovel the walk, or clean areas around the environment, and help with guided tours.

Contact Information

FDTC Foundation, 2715 West Lucas Street, Florence, SC, 29502 843-661-8111 https://www.fdtc.edu/foundation/contact Celeste Kahn, Manager, Celeste.Kahn@fdtc.edu





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Florence Regional Arts Alliance

A Focus on the Arts

Mission: Florence Regional Arts Alliance's mission is to promote the arts as a catalyst for community cohesiveness, educational advancement and economic growth.

Who We Serve: Florence County

What We Do:

- Provide grants to artists, individuals, and businesses through awards and scholarships
- Offer community programming that showcases the performing, visual, and literary
- Serve as an advocate for the arts to business, civic, and government leaders
- Recognize students, individuals, and businesses through awards and scholarships
- Fund local artists with money to buy supplies and be exhibit in art showcases

Our Achievements:

• We give out these awards to recognize and help local artists; John W. Baker, Business and Partnership, Greg Fry Arts, Betty Ann Darby, The Outstanding, and Frank H. Crow.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Donate online at florenceartsalliance.org.
- Support local artists by going to their public events and making donations in order for them to flourish.
- Spread awareness in the community.

Contact Information

Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 135 S Dargan Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843.407.4032 florenceartsalliance.org Sandy Cook, Executive Director, director@florenceartsalliance.org







The Florence Symphony Orchestra

Mission: The mission of the Florence Symphony Orchestra is to entertain, to educate and to broaden the cultural horizons of the citizens of Florence and the surrounding area of the Pee Dee region.

Who We Serve: the Florence Community

What We Do:

- Attract businesses to the area as patrons of our organization
- Provide entertainment for the community through our symphony concerts
- Offer free tickets for students to attend shows

Our Achievements:

- We are the second oldest continuously operated symphony in South Carolina.
- We are a member of the American League of Orchestras.
- We have musicians in the orchestra who have played for more than 40 years.

How You Can Help:

- Audition to be a part of the symphony or attend concerts.
- Monetary Donations: by mail or online at http://www.florencesymphony.com/donate
- Volunteer Opportunities: execute fundraisers and concerts

Contact Information

The Florence Symphony Orchestra FMU Performing Arts Center 201 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC, 29506 843-661-2541 http://www.florencesymphony.com/ Heather Greenberg, Executive Director, manager@florencesymphony.com





Foster Care Closet

A Focus on Family

Mission: The mission of the Foster Care Closet is to assist foster children in need through providing them with clothes, toys, and other physical materials and through providing them with any guidance or help in life that is needed.

Who We Serve: Foster families and children

What We Do:

- Provide foster children with the clothes and other materials they need
- Assist foster children in moving on from their foster home into the real world, whether it be physical supplies they need or help in becoming an adult
- Strive to create a more nurturing community and environment for the children
- Assure that, above all, the children know that they are loved

Our Achievements:

- We have gained statewide popularity and recognition over time.
- We started as a single closet and grew enough to have a dedicated building and a 24/7 ability to help those in need.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: We accept donations to help pay for bills and other expenses, as we are a nonprofit organization. We also have fundraising events including things such as 5k runs and others, which help to cover expenses as well.
- Donated Goods: We will take donations of things including but not limited to toys, clothes, shoes, books, dresses, etc.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Anybody can get involved with volunteering for tasks such as sorting through donated materials, deciding what to keep and what to donate to Hope House, and for any events we host.

Contact Information

Foster Care Closet, 1811 S Irby St. Suite 107, Florence, SC, 29501 843-372-0086 Jennifer Gray, Founder



Francis Marion University Education Foundation





Francis Marion University Education Foundation

A Focus on Education

Mission: The Francis Marion University Education Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of Francis Marion University.

Who We Serve: The Francis Marion University community

What We Do:

- Provide scholarships for students
- Provide financial need for students
- Built a faculty research building

Our Achievements:

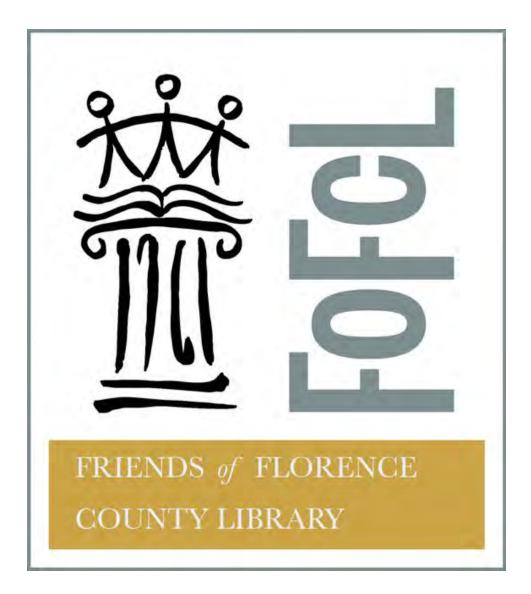
- We have built a new research facility for faculty.
- We have provided scholarships for students.

How You Can Help:

• Monetary Donations: All donations go to funding scholarships for students; visit http://www.fmarion.edu/foundation/foundation

Contact Information

Francis Marion University Education Foundation, 121 South Evander, Florence, South Carolina, 29506 1-800-368-7551 http://www.fmarion.edu/foundation Mr. Darryl Bridges, Executive Director, dbridges@fmarion.edu





Friends of the Florence County Library

A Focus on Education

Mission: Friends of Florence County Library is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that enhances the Florence County Library System by supplementing public funding for books, materials and programs.

Who We Serve: Patrons of the Florence County Library

What We Do:

- Raise money for the library
- Supply and pay for new technologies
- Support the children's' summer reading programs as well as many other programs
- Meet the library's needs
- Organize fundraising events: author meetings, dinners, talks

Our Achievements:

- We have been functioning since December 1965.
- We have almost 400 active members.
- We are a completely volunteer operated organization.
- We have raised millions of dollars to support our purchases.
- We have payed for a complete software update of the library.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: donate directly to Friends of the Florence County Library to help with purchases
- Volunteer Opportunities: helping with fundraising events
- Become a Member: pay a small annual membership to the Friends of the Florence County Library

Contact Information

Friends of the Florence County Library, 509 S Dargan St, Florence, SC, 29501 843-413-7065 http://www.florencelibrary.org/ Mary Wiser, Coordinator, mwiser@florencelibrary.org

























Habitat for Humanity

A Focus on Eliminating Substandard Housing

Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Who We Serve: Qualified low-income families seeking affordable housing with a no interest mortgage and willing to partner with Habitat's home program to include 300 sweat equity working hours

What We Do:

- Eliminate substandard housing with a hand up not a hand out concept
- Build strength, stability, self- reliance through shelter to promote dignity and hope
- Educate partner families on basic home maintenance, budget and financial management

Our Achievements:

- Since 1991, we have completed 47 home builds serving over 60 children, averaging one to two houses a year.
- We successfully created The Habitat ReStore that sells pre-owned donated goods at affordable prices to the public so that it would help with operations.
- We have formed numerous partnerships with corporate, civic organizations, and foundations to sponsor houses and volunteer employee work programs.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Contact Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity. Become a member of the Hammer Society by giving monthly. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Giving builds even more homes for those in need. All donations will be put to work right here in your community.
- Donated goods: Habitat ReStore accepts small and large donations of new or gently used furniture, appliances, housewares, home goods, building materials, clothing and much more. Metal items are acceptable for the recycling program.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Help collect donations, work at the store, or build homes (see full list of
 opportunities and requirements online).

Contact Information Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity 612-B S. Irby St, Florence, SC, 29501 843-665-1624 http://florencehabitat.com Debbie Edwards, Executive Director, Dedwards@florencehabitat.com



Harvest Hope

A Focus on Hunger

Mission: To provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education.

Who We Serve: The hungry in 20 counties across South Carolina including Florence County, Darlington County, and Marion County.

What We Do:

- Collect food and distribute it to feed the hungry
- Have mobile food pantries (business sponsored), where we take a truck and go to needy areas, such as an area without grocery stores, to feed the people
- Have backpack programs to serve needy kids over the weekends and other programs, such as "Totes of Love" and Commodity Supplemental Food Program(CSFP), to help low-income senior citizens

Our Achievements:

- We distributed over 27 million pounds of food in 2015.
- We fed approximately 38,000 people a week in the year of 2015.
- We served over 2 million people in the fiscal year 2014-2015.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: You can donate money online on our website, or you can mail your donation to us. We dedicate 98¢ out of every dollar to feeding the hungry.
 - Website: https://donate.harvesthope.org
 - Address: PO Box 451 Columbia, SC 29202
- Donated Goods: We do not accept home canned or jarred products. This includes homemade food and cans without labels. Our most needed items are: Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats, Dry Goods, Detergent, Diapers, Plastic Bags, Toiletries, Paper Bags.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Anyone who wants to volunteer can sign up on our website. People who volunteer will be doing activities such as packing boxes and helping in product recovery.

Contact Information

Harvest Hope, 2513 West Lucas Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-661-0826 http://www.harvesthope.org Donna Lollis, Donor Relations Manager, dlollis@harvesthope.org







Help 4 Kids

A Focus on Childhood Hunger

Mission: To fill the weekend hunger gap for the children in Florence County elementary schools receiving free or reduced breakfast/lunch during the week and who are identified as being "food insecure" on the weekend.

Who We Serve: Florence County's hungry elementary school children

What We Do:

- Package bags with nutritious, child-friendly, self-serving foods that are selected using the Feed America guidelines and best practices
- Deliver weekend meals directly to elementary schools to be placed in bookbags of the children
- Hold food drives to raise awareness, collect food items, and monetary donations
- Provide approximately 2,000 students among 37 schools with food for the weekend
- Distribute food packages to 5 districts (Florence, Pamplico, Lake City, Timmonsville and Johnsonville)

Our Achievements:

- We experienced amazing growth since our first distribution of 193 bags of food in 6 elementary schools in September 2013.
- 90.3% of students have been absent less often.
- 70.7% of students have shown improvement in grades.
- 77.6% of students have fewer discipline problems.
- 99.4% of students have more energy.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Help make sure no child in our elementary schools goes hungry! Every dollar goes towards a meal for a child. Your gift has a direct effect on our future.
- Donated Goods: Single servings of 7.5 oz. Spaghetti and Meatballs, 4.6 oz. Vienna Sausages, 7.75 oz. Beanie Weenies, and Pop Tarts/Fruit Bars
- Volunteer Opportunities: Package food, hold or assist food drives to benefit Help 4 Kids, transport food bags from the warehouse to schools, sort food received from food drives.
- Visit www.help4kidsflorence.org/volunteer/ for more information.

Contact Information

Help 4 Kids, 2420 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, SC, 29501 843-580- 4111 http://www.help4kidsflorence.org/ Diane Welsh, President, didi5grans@icloud.com



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Helping Florence Flourish

A Focus on Unity and Faith

Mission: We are working toward a visible demonstration of the unity of the body of Christ to bless Florence, South Carolina.

Who We Serve: The City of Florence

What We Do:

- Seek to improve Florence through five critical initiatives:Education, Homelessness, Deterioration of Family, Racial Division
- Serve FLO
 - Plan to join us for Serve FLO June 17-24, 2017.
 - Register on our website http://helpingflorenceflourish.org/serve-flo/
- Hold Citywide Prayer Gatherings

Our Achievements:

- We tackled racial division that affects the community through Oneness Embraced.
- One of the organizations we have partnered and cooperated with, Meet the Need, is the first to ever modernize local missions.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Call Chris Handley.
- Volunteer opportunities: Register on our website.

Contact Information

Helping Florence Flourish, 700 State Rd S-21-186, Florence, SC 29501 843-662-2583 http://helpingflorenceflourish.org/ Chris Handley, HFF Team Leader, chandley@florencefirst.org





The HOPE Fund

A Focus on Health

Mission: Helping Oncology Patients Everyday

Who We Serve: Patients receiving cancer treatment at McLeod Hospital

What We Do:

- Provide transportation assistance
- Fund medication and nutritional support
- Provide patient education
- Fund any immediate needs of the patients
- Supply HOPE carts

Our Achievements:

- We helped to finance treatment for patients in need.
- We provided HOPE Carts to all oncology patients while in the hospital; these contain donated items to attempt to make the treatment more comfortable.
- We assisted to pay outstanding bills that are preventing a patient from being able to afford treatment.

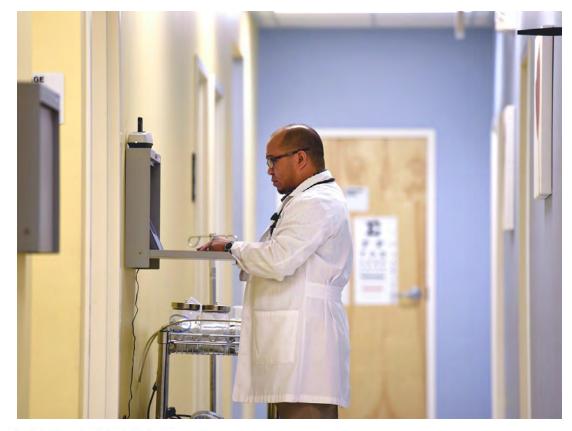
How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: visit their website
- Donated Goods for the HOPE Cart: hard candies, lollipops, puzzle books, books, mints, blankets, hats, scarfs, bottled water, tissues, adult coloring books, and colored pencils
- Volunteer Opportunities: Push the HOPE carts and talk to the patients to make their visits more comfortable. To volunteer, contact Stephanie Flowers, Volunteer Coordinator, at sflowers@mcleodhealth.org.

Contact Information

HOPE Fund, 555 E. Cheves Street, Florence, SC, 29506 843-777-5514 http://www.mcleodfoundation.org/mrmc-florence/foundation-florence/mcleod-cancer -center-for-treatment-and-research.html

Lauren Snipes, HOPE Coordinator, lsnipes@mcleodhealth.org



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HopeHealth

A Focus on Health and Wellness

Mission: HopeHealth is committed to excellence through service that exemplifies love for people and passion for their well-being.

Who We Serve: Patients in areas surrounding Aiken, Clarendon, Florence, and Williamsburg counties

What We Do:

- Provide "health care home" where patients can have all needs met in one place
- Focus on overall wellness of patients
- Provide many health related services (including primary, dental, and chiropractic care)
- Provide financial services to patients without insurance

Our Achievements:

- We served more than 37,000 patients in 2016.
- We have achieved the Advocacy Center of Excellence Silver Status.
- We are working with state and federal lawmakers to influence healthcare policy.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: All money donated to the Hope Fund goes directly to patient assistance. Visit https://www.hope-health.org/news/donate/
- Volunteer Opportunities: Become a patient or become a volunteer at https://www.hope-health.org/news/become-a-volunteer/.

Contact Information

HopeHealth, 360 North Irby Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-667-9414 https://www.hope-health.org/ Tiffany Straus, Director of Community Relations, tstraus@hope-health.org

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House of Hope

A Focus on Housing, Education, and Faith

Mission: Our purpose is to serve and glorify God through a Christ-centered outreach of love and compassion that responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of homeless men, women and their children without regard to their race, color, or social standing.

Who We Serve: Homeless men, women and children of Florence, SC and the surrounding Pee Dee

What We Do:

- Provide long term transitional housing to homeless men, women, and children through a structured Life Recovery program that focuses on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management, and recovery from substance abuse
- Provide short term emergency shelter to homeless men, women and families at Courtney McGinnis Graham Shelter
- Collaborate with other charities such as Mercy Medicine, Lighthouse Ministries, Family Promise, Hope Health and others local service providers to best help the local homeless population
- Minister to those in need and lead them to faith in Christ
- Sell various items, such as clothing, furniture, appliances, household items and other miscellaneous items, in our Mission Mart thrift stores to help raise funds for our programs and services

Our Achievements:

- We put 83.6% of our expenditures straight to those we serve.
- We have 5 locations that assist the homeless in various ways: two Mission Marts thrift stores, an emergency shelter, a long-term men's facility, and a long-term women/children's facility

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations
- Donated Goods: dish detergent, air freshener, napkins, trash bags, zip lock bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, cough syrup, Tylenol liquid for children, ibuprofen, baby wipes, baby diapers, feminine products, deodorant, school supplies, craft products, coffee, sugar, juice, eggs, etc.
- Volunteer Opportunities: child care, food preparation/serving, landscaping, painting, educating
- For complete lists and information on how to donate and serve, please see https://www.hofh.org//, call 843-667-9000, or see our Facebook page.

Contact Information

House of Hope, 1020 West Darlington Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-661-5115 https://www.hofh.org// Bryan A. Braddock, Executive Director, bbraddock@hofh.org





I Play Florence

A Focus on Children and Disabilities

Mission: Our vision is to create an inclusive park and playground in the City of Florence, South Carolina, where community events and social interaction can take place for people of all abilities. A beautiful outdoor area- accessible to people of all levels of mobility and their families- with inclusive walkways, play areas, restrooms, changing areas, picnic areas, and parking. An engaging, sensory-rich environment, with creative landscaping and equipment, that promotes social interaction through play between children with and without disabilities.

Who We Serve: All children who want to use a playground in the city of Florence, South Carolina

What We Do:

- Raise money to build inclusive parks for children in Florence, South Carolina
- Hold events to raise money for the parks
- Work hard with the state to design and make the parks
- Find inclusive equipment to use on the park that everyone can enjoy
- Inspire others to join our cause to help support charities that improve the wellbeing of children

Our Achievements:

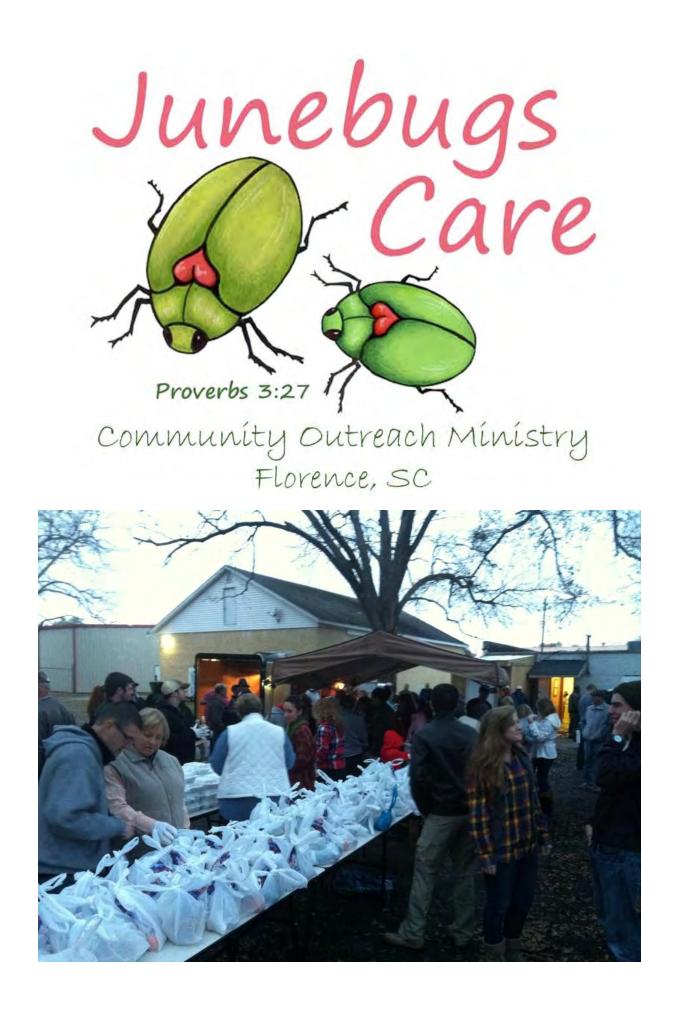
- We have received a matching grant for \$125,000 from the Longleaf Fund of the Carolinas.
- We have also received a grant from Women in Philanthropy.

How can you help:

- Monetary donations
- Contact Erika Chapman for more information

Contact Information

I Play Florence 843-620-1120 https://m.facebook.com/IPlayFlorence/ Erika Chapman, Director, Erikachapman74@gmail.com



Junebugs Care

A Focus on Faith and Service

Mission: Junebugs Care provides Godly service and offers practical assistance related directly to the needs of others.

Who We Serve: the Florence community

What We Do:

- Organize fundraising dinners and events
- Build wheelchair ramps
- Work with other organizations in Florence
- Offer help to those who might not fit the typical definition of "needy"

Our Achievements:

- We organized an event with around 5,000 pancakes to raise money for hospital bills.
- We are a state certified nonprofit.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Visit http://www.junebugscare.org/donate_to_junebugs_care.aspx.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Support Junebugs Care by attending fundraising events or contact Bo Meyers for ways to help volunteer.

Contact Information

843-687-5019 http://www.junebugscare.org/about_us.aspx Bo Myers, Founder and Ministry Director, tbo@JunebugsCare.org



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FLORENCE



The Junior League of Florence

A Focus on Women and Children

Mission: The Junior League of Florence strives to make a difference in our community through the action and leadership of trained volunteers. They also strive to promote volunteerism to help women realize their full potential. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable, as we strive to make a difference in our community through action and leadership of volunteers.

Who We Serve: The community of Florence, SC

What We Do:

- Provide community assistance such as grants and scholarship awards
- Design community projects to raise funds for charitable causes and nonprofits
- Create signature projects to help deserving organizations improve their outreach.
- Host community events to fundraise for community projects
 - Merry Marketplace a fun-filled weekend of boutique-like shopping, excellent music, live/silent auctions, and delicious food.
 - Lucky Shamrock an event full of food, music, and other local flavor.
 - Touch A Truck a unique opportunity for children to explore vehicles of all types including public services, emergency, utility, construction, landscaping, transportation, and delivery.

Our Achievements:

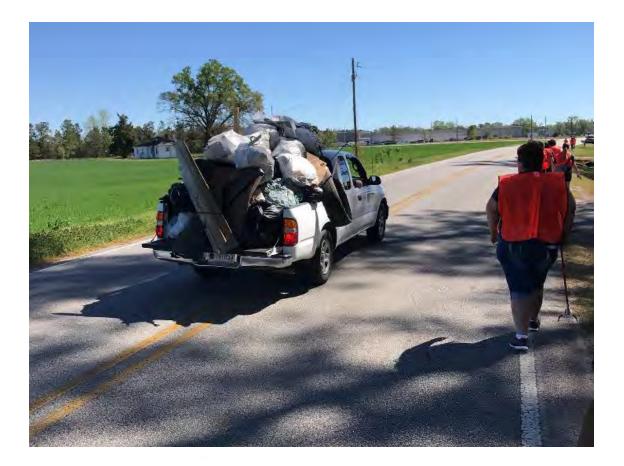
- We have been affiliated with the National Organization of AJLI since 1989.
- We donated \$100,000 to Science South.
- We donated \$100,000 to the Boys and Girls Club.
- We donated \$75,000 to Habitat for Humanity and completed a Women's build project.

How You Can Help:

- Attend the fundraisers Merry Marketplace, Lucky Shamrock, and Touch A Truck.
- Become a JLF sponsor.
- Join the Junior League: Membership is open to all women in the community.
- Follow us on social media; share info we post to raise awareness for causes and events.

Contact Information

The Junior League of Florence, 1502 W Palmetto St Florence, SC 29501 (843)-667-0376 jrleagueofflorence.com Lauren Vause, President, laurenvause@hotmail.com



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Keep Florence Beautiful

A Focus on Environment

Mission: Our mission is to engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving Florence through the visual aspects of our community.

Who We Serve: The City of Florence

What We Do:

- Plant gardens across the city with our adopt-a-garden program
- Participate in a beach and river sweep to clean our local bodies of water
- Remove litter and debris from roadsides, highways, shorelines and waterways for safer, cleaner communities

Our Achievements:

- We participate in a national program called the great American Cleanup. The Great American Cleanup is the country's largest community improvement program that kicks off in more than 20,000 communities each spring. This national program engages 2 million volunteers who take action in their communities to create positive change and lasting.
- We manage the city of Florence and clean nearly all the streets as well as managing numerous gardens. Debris and waste are picked up through our street programs as well.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations can be made in person or through our website.
- Volunteer Opportunities, including the Great American Cleanup and litter cleanups, can be found on our website.

Contact Information

Keep Florence Beautiful, Florence, SC, 29501 843-206-3205 https://keepflorencebeautiful.org/ Michelle Bailey, Chair, michelle@keepflorencebeautiful.org





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Lighthouse Ministries

A Focus on Parenting, Family, Health, Housing, Hunger, and the Elderly

Mission: To help Florence area churches organize and administer community resources, reaching out in cooperative Christian fellowship, providing for the relief of emergency physical needs, and, in doing so, ministering to the spiritual needs of God's children.

Who We Serve: Florence County residents that need rental assistance, utility assistance, traveler's aid, prescription assistance, or find themselves in a financial crisis

What We Do:

- Help with utilities or rent
- Provide prescription assistance
- Provide emergency food assistance
- Supply diapers and other child care items
- Build ramps for disabled residents with a low income
- Offer other programs that focus on families

Our Achievements:

- 4,830 people in 2,342 households were served in 2016.
- \$133,710 was distributed to assist toward utilities, rent, and prescription medications in 2016.
- We have a safe judgment free zone.

How You Can Help:

- Donations: grants, church support, and individual donations online or by check
- Donated Goods: diapers, non-perishable food, wipes, children's books, and hygiene kits
- Volunteer Opportunities: food drives, diaper drives, cleaning up grounds, and stocking shelves
- Fundraisers: Fête en Blanc and BBQ dinner

Contact Information

Lighthouse Ministries, 201 E. Elm Street Florence, SC, 29506 843-629-0830 http://www.lighthouseflorence.org lighthouse@lighthouseflorence.org





Loving Arms, Inc.

A Focus on Faith, Family, Education, and Health

Mission: To provide emergency shelter and coordinate access to needs-based community services for the most challenged homeless in a faith-based setting.

Who We Serve: runaway teens, the homeless, and unstable youths between the ages of 12-21

What We Do:

- Provide treatment services to children, their families, and the communities in which they live.
- Offer emergency shelter, food, and clothing to all that need them
- Offer individual and family counseling, mentoring, out of school programs, and other support services
- Provide an emergency shelter for youth
- Help the youth if they don't know where to go
- Mentor children of prisoners
- Provide community services and prevention education for youth, adults and families

Our Achievements:

- We have unified many families and kept teens sheltered and stable.
- We started the Street Outreach Program, which promotes safety, stability and well-being for youth/young adults who have experienced or been exposed to homelessness, violence, neglect, or trauma.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Visit www.lovingarmsinc.com to make a donation.
- Volunteer Opportunities: tutoring, having a fundraiser event to get supplies such as toiletries and cleaning supplies, volunteering as a mentor, etc.

Contact Information

Loving Arms, Inc. 339 Meadors Rd, Florence, SC, 29501 843-407-6966 www.lovingarmsinc.com Sharana Sloss, State Director, sloss.lovingarmsinc@gmail.com



Manna House Feeding The Hungry Because We Care!

Manna House

A Focus on Hunger

Mission: The Manna House is a non-profit organization that provides food for those in need.

Who We Serve: Residents of Florence County who are in need

What We Do:

- Prepare meals for those in need
- Provide a safe place for anyone to eat
- Provide emergency food pantries: Intended to tide the family over until a permanent way of getting food is in place.

Our Achievements:

- We served our first meal on July 4th, 1987.
- We serve a clientele of over 200.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Tax deductable donations may be mailed to Manna House, PO Box 13541, Florence SC, 29506.
- Donated Goods: canned goods, canned fruits, canned meats, and dry goods
- Corporate Matching Programs
- Volunteer Opportunities: organize a fundraiser or food drive, assist in the kitchen or service line, and help with donation pickups.

Contact Information

The Manna House, 450 Jarrott Street, Florence, SC, 29504 843-666-6077 mannahouseflorenceorg.weebly.com Daphine Tedder, Executive Director, daphinetedder@hotmail.com

McLeod Health

The Choice for Medical Excellence



McLeod Foundation

A Focus on Healthcare

Mission: The Mission of the McLeod Health Foundation is to generate philanthropic and community support to perpetuate medical excellence at McLeod Health.

Who We Serve: the McLeod Hospital community

What We Do:

- Help the healthcare industry
- Help donate to all our facilities
- Teach the importance of healthcare

Our Achievements:

- We began raising funds for McLeod Health in 1986. Since that time we have raised more than \$57 million to support many of the programs and services at McLeod that otherwise may not exist today.
- Our Children's Hospital provides the highest level of pediatric care and technology available in the region. Each year, more than thousands of children receive care from the Children's Hospital.
- We have a new McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research that provides personalized care in an environment dedicated to the physical and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: You can help by donating to our foundation to continue making your community's health care grow at http://www.mcleodfoundation.org/mrmc-florence/foundation-florence/the-mcleod-foundation.html.
- Donated Goods: Stuffed animals for the children at the children's hospital.
- We rely on volunteers to assist in our efforts, and whether it's a fundraising event or volunteering in the Foundation Office, we can use your help. You can help for a few hours on the day of an event, become part of the organizing committee that plans the event or assist the staff with projects in the Foundation office.

Contact Information

McLeod Foundation, 800 East Cheves Street Suite 150, Florence, SC, 29502 843-777-2694 www.mcleodfoundation.org Jill Bramblett, Executive Director, 843-777-2694







Mercy Medicine Clinic

A Focus on Health and Faith

Mission: To provide a free medical home for low-income, uninsured adults from Florence and Williamsburg County using Christian principles.

Who We Serve: The uninsured working class

What We Do:

- Serve the working class of Florence who are not provided or cannot afford insurance
- Treat patients with chronic Illnesses including high blood pressure, diabetes, and COPD
- Provide general treatment in the form of dental and optical care
- Provide medical care using the principles of Christianity

Our Achievements:

- We treated patients in over 1800 visits to the clinic in 2016.
- We provided over 9000 dental and pharmaceutical services in 2016 as well.
- We became one of four free clinics in SC to provide dental care in 2005.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Donate Online at www.mercymedicine.org/donate
- Donated Goods: Christian paraphernalia (Bibles, Books, etc.), cleaning supplies, office supplies (see full list at www.mercymedicine.org/needs)
- Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer medical and clerical personnel, volunteer social media assistant (Sign up at www.mercymedicine.org/volunteers.)

Contact Information

Mercy Medicine Clinic, 500 S Coit St, Florence, SC, 29501 843-667-9947 www.mercymedicine.org Linda Spires RN-BSN, Executive Director, director.mercy@gmail.com



The Miracle League of Florence County

A Focus on People with Disabilities

Mission: Our mission is to offer individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate in the sport of baseball in a community supported, safe, adapted and encouraging environment.

Who We Serve: Anyone ages four and older with a disability

What We Do:

- Host baseball games specifically for people with disabilities
- Raise money to build dedicated Miracle League fields and a playground designed for kids with disabilities

Our Achievements:

- The number of participants has increased from about 15 to over 100 in less than three years.
- We secured grants from the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation and the Betty S. Campbell Foundation totaling \$550,000 to fund a Miracle League field at the Greenwood Athletic Park.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Contact Carolina Bank to contribute.
- Donated Goods: balls, gloves, and helmets
- Volunteer Opportunities: Assist as a buddy to a player, or become an umpire.
- Fundraising Opportunities: annual oyster roast, Miracle League merchandise, fundraiser collaborations with businesses like Krispy Kreme and Tidal Wave

Contact Information

http://miracleleagueofflorencecounty.zohosites.com/ Vickie Elliott miracleleagueofflocty@gmail.com





The Naomi Project

A Focus on Maltreatment and Family

Mission: The Naomi Project strives to change the lives of homeless families going through domestic abuse after making the choice not to return to their abusers.

Who We Serve: Homeless and abused women and children

What We Do:

- Provide long term transitional housing
- Provide financial, mental, and educational support
- Enable the victims of domestic abuse to become self-reliant and self-sufficient

Our Achievements:

- In the past 11 years, we've provided housing to over 1,000 women and children.
- We have received the Humanitarian Award by the Florence Chamber of Commerce Building Bridges Project.
- We have been recognized in March 2008 by the Global Summit for a Better Tomorrow at the United Nations in New York City.

How You Can Help:

- Donated Goods: household items, SUVs, gift cards, nonperishable items, cleaning supplies, computers, printers, children's books, and children's toys.
- Volunteer Opportunities: yard work, general maintenance, office assistance, and childcare.

Contact Information

The Naomi Project (843)-615-1518 NaomiProject.com Joyce Ford, Director, naomiprojecto6@aol.com





Nurse-Family Partnership

Focus on First Time Moms and Babies

Mission: Nurse-Family Partnership positively transforms the lives of vulnerable babies, mothers, and families.

Who We Serve: First time moms and babies

What We Do:

- Visit the mom during her entire pregnancy and then continue to visit the mom until the baby turns two
- Provide information about how the baby is developing week by week
- Teach first time moms how to properly take care of themselves during pregnancy and their newborns

Our Achievements:

- We reduced the percentage of low birth weights and preterm labors.
- We educate first time moms on how to have better living situations.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: can be made on our website
- Donated Goods: car seats and baby products

Contact Information

Nurse-Family Partnership, 300 South Dargan St, Florence, SC, 29506 843-777-6495 http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org Kristen Miller, Nurse Supervisor, Kmiller@mcleodhealth.org











The Owl's Nest

A Focus on Recovery

Mission: To provide a time-tested and proper solution to men and women seeking recovery and freedom from addiction.

Who We Serve: Addicts and alcoholics who are seeking and willing to accept treatment.

What We Do:

- Help anyone who has a desire to stop using
- Assist anyone with medical/psychological disorders to recover
- Help recovering addicts find a job
- Give the addicts a voice in what happens at the Owl's Nest
- Provide a solution so that said people can get sober and stay sober when they return home
- Help residents in the Transitional Program gain employment and return to being productive members of society
- Give these recovering addicts a platform to help others at The Owl's Nest and in their community

Our Achievements:

- Almost all of the staff have successfully conquered their own addictions.
- The Owl's Nest helps about 600-1,000 addicts annually.
- The Owl's Nest has helped more than 12,000 people since its opening in 2001.

How You Can Help:

- Educate yourself and your loved ones about the effects and outcomes of addiction.
- Recommend addicts and alcoholics to the Owl's Nest.
- Get involved with organizations such as The Owl's Nest and ON the Street to help raise awareness.
- Understand the stigma behind the disease and accept that addicts are sick and need help.

Contact Information

The Owl's Nest, 2528 W Palmetto Street, Florence, SC, 29501 (855)-695-7637 https://www.owlsnestrecovery.com Devin McGarry, Director of Outreach and Marketing, devin.mcgarry@owlsnestrecovery.com



Parking Lot Ministries

A Focus on Hunger

Mission: Our mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ in a tangible way.

Who We Serve: Anyone who needs a free, filling meal and clothing

What We Do:

- Serve a free breakfast every Saturday morning
- Provide clothing before each meal
- Perform a morning Christian service before the meal

Our Achievements:

- On average, we feed 150 people each week.
- We are a total non-cost/non-profit organization; all food and clothing is donated from local churches, and all leftovers go to the House of Hope.
- We enjoy large community support from many churches who make our charity events possible.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Contact Mr. Bridges.
- Donated Goods: clothes and canned goods
- Volunteer Opportunities: church involvement, food preparation, serving the food

Contact Information

Mr. Darryl Bridges, co-founder, 843-661-1200



Pee Dee Coalition

A Focus on Maltreatment

Mission: Pee Dee Coalition is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the reduction of sexual assault, family violence, and child abuse and to the needs of victims.

Who We Serve: Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse and neglect.

What We Do:

- Provide community victim assistance
- Ensure a safe place for victims at the Emergency Safe Shelter
- Provide an Alternatives to Violence(ATV) course for offenders
- Educate people to prevent abuse using programs like ROAR (Reducing Our Assault Risk), RAD (Rape Aggression Defense), and Talking About Touching and Stewards of Children

Our Achievements:

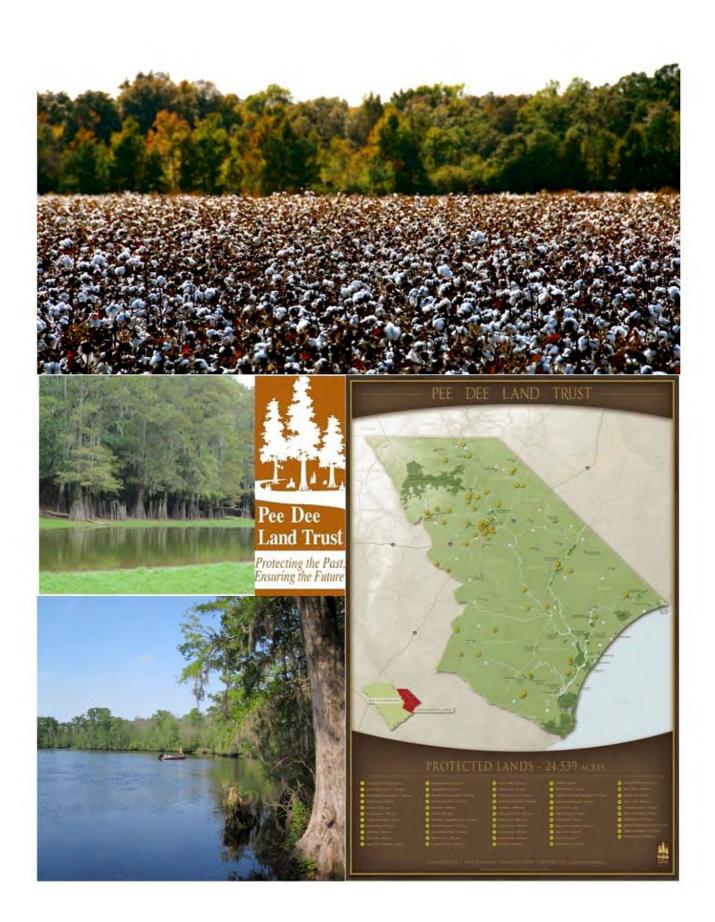
- 543 victims of domestic violence or sexual assault were assisted through the crisis line or in one of the crisis centers across the region.
- 373 child and adolescent victims of physical or sexual abuse received comprehensive services at Durant Children's Center.
- 234 domestic violence offenders were enrolled in the ATV program.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Donate at the website below.
- Donated Goods: gift certificates to grocery stores; food such as canned fruits, vegetables, and meats; personal products like deodorant and diapers; household items like paper towels and napkins; household cleaning supplies like bleach; and first aid and medical supplies
- Volunteer Opportunities: able to work directly and indirectly with victims with the help of a training course that must me taken before volunteering

Contact Information

Pee Dee Coalition, 220 S Irby St., Florence, SC, 29501 843-669-4694 peedeecoalition.org/ Shonette Dargan, Shelter Program Director, sdargan@peedeecoalition.org



Pee Dee Land Trust

A Focus on the Environment

Mission: Our mission is to conserve, and to promote an appreciation of, the significant natural, agricultural, and historical resources of the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina.

Who We Serve: Landowners looking to preserve their land and residents of the Pee Dee who support land conservation

What We Do:

- Permanently protect natural resources
- Help landowners who are interested in conservation
- Form conservation easements (documents to protect the land in perpetuity while the landowner retains ownership)

Our Achievements:

- We have over 24,800 acres of protected properties with 65 conservation easements and 2 nature preserves over the 9 counties that we serve.
- We are an Accredited Land Trust, and our standards and policies have met strict professional requirements.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Visit our website listed below to learn more about joining our conservation community.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with events, volunteer at the office, and help with guided tours.
- Fundraising Opportunities: Pee Dee Land Trust's Annual Oyster Roast (February), Picnic (June), and/or Bountiful Brunch (November)

Contact Information

Pee Dee Land Trust, 154 West Evans Street 2nd Floor, Florence, SC, 29503 843-667-3229 www.peedeelandtrust.org David Harper, Executive Director, pdlt@peedeelandtrust.org





Play Me, I'm Yours

A Focus on Arts and Unity

Mission: Play Me, I'm Yours exists to provoke people into engaging, activating and claiming ownership of their urban landscape.

Who We Serve: Citizens and visitors of cities such as Florence, SC; Munich; Paris; and Augsburg

What We Do:

- Place pianos in cities worldwide for 2-3 weeks
- Help cities worldwide commission and present artwork (pianos) and ensure cities find volunteers to paint pianos
- Connect local artists and musicians with the public
- Provide pianos to those who would normally not have access to them
- Provide a place for the public to connect and communicate with one another

Our Achievements:

- We have placed over 1500 pianos in 50 cities worldwide.
- We have reached over 10 million people through music in their community.
- We have been recognized by musicians such as Alicia Keys and Jamie Cullum.

How You Can Help:

• Volunteer Opportunities: painting a piano, getting your city involved to commission artwork, donating a piano to be painted

Contact Information for Florence, SC.

Play Me, I'm Yours, 248 W. Evans St., Florence, SC, 29501 843-260-6210 StreetPianos.com Roger Malfatti, Project Manager, rmalfatti@sc.rr.com



Welcome to the Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless

An Emergency Transitional Shelter for those with the greatest needs

Donate Now

Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless Focus on Faith, Health, Housing and Hunger

Mission: To provide emergency shelter and coordinate access to needs-based community services for the

Who We Serve: The homeless in the Florence area

most challenged homeless in a faith-based setting.

What We Do:

- Serve disabled homeless veterans
- Provide free counseling
- Provide shelter, food, clothing, limited transportation, and faith-based counseling for anyone who might be in need

Our Achievements:

- The Homeless Emergency Action Response Team (H.E.A.R.T.) provides round-the-clock transportation to RRCH's Emergency Transitional Shelter from anywhere in the City of Florence and assists with securing any at risk personal property.
- We work closely with our service partners (Hope Health, Mercy Medicine, Pee Dee Mental Health, Poynor Adult Education, SC Works, and local businesses) to ensure that people in need can get the resources they require.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: Visit www.rrcfh.org to choose the amount of money you want to donate online.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Visit our website to apply as a volunteer to lend a hand at the center or with administrative tasks.

Contact Information

Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless 1809 N Douglas St, Florence, SC, 29501 843-472-9346 www.rrcfh.org Pastor Modestine Brody, Executive Director, risensoldiers@aol.com



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The Salvation Army

A Focus on Faith, Family, Housing, and Hunger

Mission: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Who We Serve: the homeless, the hungry, and the youth

What We Do:

- Distribute meals to the less fortunate with our food pantry and food trucks
- Distribute toys to less fortunate families during Christmas time
- Host youth programs at our worship center
- Offer a housing program for the homeless to get back on their feet
- Provide financial help to individuals facing housing eviction and utility disconnection
- Raise funds for the community through thrift stores

Our Achievements:

- We provided homes for 854 children during Christmas time last year.
- We helped shelter and feed people during Hurricane Matthew.
- We provided meals for 421 families in need for Christmas last year.
- We gave gifts to 2187 elderly during Christmas time last year.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: online, by phone, or by mail
- Donated Goods: furniture, clothing, shoes, etc. to family stores
- Volunteer Opportunities: Help with the homeless shelter, food pantry, youth programs, Christmas gift distribution, disaster relief, food trucks, thrift stores, etc.

Contact Information

The Salvation Army, 2210 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, SC, 29501 843-662-4461 https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/florence/home/ Majors Christopher and Lynda Thornhill, Commanding Officers heather.steverson@uss.salvationarmy.org





The School Foundation

A Focus on Education

Mission: The School Foundation promotes educational excellence in Florence, SC School District 1 through grants for innovative learning and through high impact initiatives designed to prepare all students for success.

Who We Serve: Children ages 0 - 3 and teachers in FSD1

What We Do:

- Donate books and toys to parents with children ages 0 3.
- Ensure kids start on the right track so that they can have a bright future.
- Grant money to teachers so that they may have a successful classroom.
- Supply teachers with modern technology.

Our Achievements:

- We have successfully increased the community's involvement in many organizations.
- We are continuously increasing preschool education and links to elementary school.
- We continue to establish high elementary school achievement levels.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations
- Donated Goods: books and toys
- Volunteer work: Volunteer at Dancing for Our Future Stars and other fundraisers.

Contact Information

The School Foundation, 320 W. Cheves Street Suite 175, Florence, SC, 29506 843-662-9996 http://www.theschoolfoundation.org/ Debbie Hyler, Director, dhyler@theschoolfoundation.org





Senior Citizens Association

A Focus on Elderly

Mission: The mission of the Senior Citizens Association is to provide a full range of services to Florence County's Senior Citizens.

Who We Serve: Senior citizens of Florence County and Lake City

What We Do:

- Promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of senior citizens
- Help keep senior citizens in shape by having different daily workouts
- Offer group dining sites throughout Florence County and activities
- Provide transportation and home care services
- Give senior citizens an array of services to keep them in good health
- Provide assistance to help maintain the independence of senior citizens

Our Achievements:

- Our first executive director of the SCA was appointed to represent senior citizens of South Carolina at the White House Conference on Aging in 1980 by Governor Richard Riley.
- Our organization serves hundreds of senior citizens yearly.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Any amount is accepted and goes towards the health and well-being of local senior citizens. If you would like to donate please contact Linda Johnson via email: Imj128@bellsouth.net or via telephone: 843-669-6761
- Donated Goods: clothing, food, shoes, canned foods, books
- Volunteer Opportunities: Teach the senior citizens how to read books, drive them to their different appointments, serve healthy meals to homebound senior citizens, assist adults in financial difficulty or other problems they are facing, etc. For more information on volunteer opportunities contact Pamela Jacobs at (843) 669-6761 ext.226, via email at sca.rsvp@sc.twcbc.com or visit the RSVP office at the Leatherman Senior Center.

Contact Information

Senior Citizen Association, 600 Senior Way, Florence, SC, 29501 843-669-6761 www.seniorcitizenassociation.com Linda Mitchell Johnson, Executive Director, lmj128@bellsouth.net



SNAC



Shelter and Nutrition for All Children (SNAC)

A Focus on Hunger and Housing

Mission: We strive to decrease the number of homeless, indigent and hungry children in Florence School District One by providing financial aid to families for household bills or hotel/restaurant vouchers in emergency situations.

Who We Serve: Families that have children in FSD1 that are homeless or need help providing necessities for their children

What We Do:

Determine a family's best means of assistance:

- Provide money to pay for bills to prevent homelessness
- Provide hotel vouchers for extended stay
- Provide restaurant vouchers for dinner meals

Our Achievements:

- In 2014-15 school year, SNAC assisted 48 families, which included 129 children.
- In 2015-16 school year, SNAC assisted 152 families.
- SNAC was featured in SCNow.

How You Can Help:

- For monetary donations: http://www.snacsc.com/?menu=donate
- For volunteering options: http://www.snacsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/VolunteerAPP.pdf

Contact Information

SNAC, 825 W. Evans Street, Florence, SC, 29501 843-407-1485 http://www.snacsc.com/



Sisters for the Future

A Focus on Faith, Family, and Unity

Mission: Sisters for the Future is a faith based ministry to educate and teach women to be empowered.

Who We Serve: abused women, mothers, grandparents caring for their grandchildren and children in poverty stricken towns

What We Do:

- Work with mothers and grandparents to ensure the kids they are taking care of succeed
- Make the lives of these grandparents easier
- Ensure students succeed in poverty stricken towns and not lose them to the streets
- Help women find employment, housing, and resources to flourish
- Provide conduct meetings and gatherings to provide kids with food and snacks

Our Achievements:

- We provided women in need with resources, employment, and housing.
- We provided many children with the motivation and encouraging environment to learn and succeed as students.
- We ensured that people accomplish their 12 week program to move forward in life and help others.
- We raised awareness on different issues in Florence.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: donations for the non-profit are accepted at our building Money from purchasing their merchandise will be used to fund our mission
- Donated Goods: non-perishable foods, mats, chairs, cleaning/sanitary products, and computers to assist youth with homework
- Volunteer Opportunities: Sisters for the Future park events and community meetings
- Charity Events: selling chicken bog

Contact Information

Sisters for the Future, 901 South Santiago Drive, Florence, SC, 29501 843-610-4549

Terester McAllister, Director, terester.mcallister@scdmh.org





South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation

A Focus on Education and the Arts

Mission: Our mission is to support the efforts of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina, and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Who We Serve: The local community and state of South Carolina

What We Do:

- Identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina
- Assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Our Achievements:

- We were granted a very generous donation by the government.
- We send people to schools to teach African American heritage to children by using the arts, sports, and just knowledge

How You Can Help:

- Monetary Donations: The website below gives information to become a member and subscriber.
- Volunteer Opportunities: You can volunteer to go teach the history of African Americans to kids in your own unique way.

Contact Information

African American Heritage Foundation, Hartsville, SC, 29550 scaaheritagefound.org

Jannie Harriot, Executive Director, scaaheritagefound@gmail.com



Events

With plenty to choose from, there's bound to be something for you! We have 80 events in 25 sports. Visit scseniorgames.com to register January 1st to April 1st. Four full days of fun!

- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bocce
- Bowling
 Cycling
- Disc Golf
- 5k Run
- Free Throw
- Golf
- Horseshoes
- Pickleball
- Pocket Billiards
- Race Walk
- Racquetball

- Shuffleboard
- Softball
- Softball Throw
- Spin Casting
- Spot Shooting
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Triathlon
- Volleyball

SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDE: Health Fair, Dance, Wine and Cheese Social, Banquet, Bingo and More



South Carolina Senior Sports Classic

A Focus on Health and the Elderly

Mission: It is the vision of the SCSSC to have every SC adult embrace the opportunity to create and maintain a physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy lifestyle.

Who We Serve: Senior citizens of South Carolina

What We Do:

- Provide competitive athletic and recreational experiences that focus on the importance of regular exercise in every person's life
- Provide an opportunity for socialization for older adults across the state
- Improve the quality and quantity of senior athletic programming at the local level by providing opportunities for communities to work together towards a common goal
- Enhance the quality of life for South Carolina's senior adults through activity

Our Achievements:

- We have accomplished our goals by hosting a network of annual Local Games, Invitational Events and the State Games that are held annually.
- We always have returning participants and more adults who join due to the games being very successful.

How You Can Help:

• Volunteering Opportunities: being a referee or timekeeper for different events

Contact Information

South Carolina Senior Sports Classic, PO Box 3401 , Florence, SC, 29505 http://scseniorgames.com/ Robin Parker, Robinp805@aol.com





United Way

A Focus on Supporting Other Local Non-Profits

Mission: To provide community leadership and resource development to positively impact the needs of our community by strengthening relationships, programs and services that produce measurable results and improve the quality of life.

Who We Serve: 17 non-profit agencies who are providing programs to help people in Florence County.

What We Do:

- Help fund 17 local agencies that are helping other individuals in our community
- Help individuals (kids to senior citizens) by giving donations to our local agencies
- Hold various events throughout the year such as the Day of Caring
- Partner with FamilyWize, a free prescription drug card available to people without health insurance
- Take part in Burn & Learn, which promotes healthy fitness and healthy lifestyle choices

Our Achievements:

- We served over 25,000 individuals during the 2015-2016 year.
- We had over 600 individuals volunteer for United Way this past year.
- Over 4,000 individuals supported the mission of United Way in 2015-2016.
- 3,545 individuals were provided meals and a night's stay in a shelter with donations.
- 52,482 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

How You Can Help:

- Monetary donations: Go to: www.uwflorence.org/CampaignCentral/OnlineGiving.aspx.
- Volunteer Opportunities: To learn about volunteering go to www.uwflorence.org/volunteer.aspx.

Contact Information

United Way, 1621 West Palmetto Street, Florence, SC, 29501 (843)662-2407 www.uwflorence.org Farris Lupo, Program and Operations Director, flupo@uwflorence.org

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