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Our Mission
Inspired by the Holy Scriptures, Catholic Charities of South Carolina promotes self-sufficiency and strives to break the cycle of poverty in South Carolina by serving our neighbors in need.

Our Vision
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Letter from the Executive Director

"‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’"

MATTHEW 25: 44-45

Having had a few months to start learning about the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities of South Carolina, I first need to thank all the staff and Bishop Guglielmone for a very warm welcome and the opportunity to serve.

Over the past few years Catholic Charities has built a solid foundation of service centers and staff in service to our most vulnerable and needy brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese. The next few months will focus on continuing to learn more about our work in the field and discerning how best to partner with our local Catholic communities towards fulfilling Our Lord’s call in Matthew 25.

Looking ahead, 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of Catholic Charities of South Carolina. With this anniversary in mind, Christian service will be the theme and new focus of Catholic Charities as we seek to celebrate our mission. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, “to serve is to reign.”

We look forward to exploring with you how Catholic Charities may better serve and partner on promoting Christian service as a fundamental fulfillment of the Gospel.

God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

James Kaiser
Executive Director
Catholic Charities of South Carolina

Volunteers in Horry County after living Matthew 25 by helping to rebuild the interiors of our clients’ homes that were severely damaged by Hurricane Florence.
Recent happenings

MIDLANDS CLEAN OF HEART RENOVATION UPDATE

Renovation efforts of Columbia’s Clean of Heart ministry’s future home at the former Good Shepherd parish continue to move forward. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we have been able to:

- Paint a portion of the exterior
- Replace ceiling of the porch (soffit)
- Remove all sheet rock in former church office
- Schedule painting of interior walls through an Eagle Scout project
- Remove all tiling and carpet in former church office
- Clean up landscaping and remove overgrowth
- Reinforce foundation - special thanks to Mount Valley Foundation for donating their services and materials!

We have raised $119,000 towards our goal of $270,000 — Thank you for your support! We are honored to continue to move this project forward to better serve the homeless in Columbia.

To learn more or to volunteer, contact Deacon Ron Anderson: randerson@charlestondiocese.org or 843-240-0525
COASTAL OFFICE STARTS COOKING CLASS SERIES

Catholic Charities Coastal Office hosted its first in a series of free cooking classes to encourage healthy, affordable meals to our local residents.

Hosted by our intern, Victoria, Catholic Charities provided an instructional lesson on how to prepare a quick chicken stir fry. Afterwards, participants went home with a bag full of the ingredients to prepare the meal themselves.

All of Our Lady's Pantry offices offer client choice options, which allow visitors to choose their own foods instead of being handed a box of items they could potentially not eat due to health restrictions or preferences.

Our next cooking class will be on July 9th from 11am-12pm. To learn more, contact Rocio Maldonado: rmaldonado@charlestondiocese.org or 843-531-5570
Mrs. Jackson was born and raised in Loris, SC. She currently lives in Loris with her husband and their two young daughters in a double wide mobile home. Mrs. Jackson works at one of the local hotels and Mr. Jackson is working two jobs to make ends meet.

The family has been through multiple hurricanes over the past few years. They were originally hit by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and sustained major damage to their home. They have tried to make repairs over the year; however, with a fixed income, they were only able to make small repairs.

When Hurricane Florence came through the area in 2018, the home was hit hard. The floors were in such bad shape, Mr. Jackson fell through the floor in one of the bedrooms. The ceiling had fallen down throughout the home, the walls were beginning to crack, and the effects of the mold and mildew were indescribably hazardous.

Their home was deemed unlivable. The family had nowhere else to go and could not afford the expenses of a new home, so they were forced to continue to live in unsafe conditions. Their home had been paid off for a while and the added cost of rent or mortgage is not something the family is able to cover being on a fixed income.

The Jackson's case manager, Amber, had been working with the family to assist their recovery needs and was able to finally find the best option for the family, which was to purchase a new trailer. The trailer was purchased with from awarded disaster grant funds from Catholic Charities USA.

We are honored to be able to assist this hard working family by providing them with a safe, sanitary, and secure home.

Maria Gray (above, left), Our Lady's Pantry Manager in Greenville, was chosen as the Community Partner of the Year for the Health Careers Program at Upstate AHEC.

Maria created a partnership with Upstate AHEC (Area Health Education Center) which is a non-profit, community-based organization committed to connecting students to health careers, healthcare professionals to communities, the healthcare workforce to continuing education, and communities to better health.

Our Lady's Pantry continues to be more than just food. Congratulations, Maria!
Employee spotlight

NIKKI GRIMBALL
Program Specialist
Prison Ministry
RENEW/Esther’s Journey

What is a typical day at work like for you?
Most days are spent at our partner facilities (Manning or Camille Graham) coordinating supports for Returning Citizens who are indigent and at risk of homelessness.

What’s your favorite part of your job?
Serving my fellow men and women who desire and deserve a better life.

For the first time, indigent and potentially homeless returning citizens were able to begin their new journey with their identity in place, thus shoring up other opportunities which will enhance their readiness for their second chance opportunities. Birth Certificates and State issued IDs were ordered, secured and made available prior to release.

This new process was made possible through the collective work of Catholic Charities, SCDC, DHEC and SCDMV. Without the engagement of the Catholic Charities Restorative Justice Team, this new opportunity would not be available at this time.

Who has been your most memorable client?
I believe that would be an 81 year old gentleman who needed our assistance as he prepared to reenter society. In his mind, he had been visiting some good people but it was time for him to go home. In reality, he no longer had a home nor the business that he was so proud to own. His devoted wife was no longer waiting because she too was challenged with possible dementia and in a home. Through RENEW, we secured his proper credentials, assisted in connecting him to resources and paid for his initial move to a Nursing facility. Without Catholic Charities engagement, I hate thinking what the options would have been.

Volunteer spotlight

BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Sophomore Class

We are proud to recognize the Sophomore class of Bishop England High School for their time in improving the lives of our seniors at Carter May/St. Joseph Home.

On February 23, 2019, students from Bishop England High School in Charleston came to Carter May/St. Joseph Home to beautify the grounds by providing yard work and donating stationary bikes.

Students were lead by Peter Collins, Jr, a science instructor and Sophomore Board Adviser.

Thank you BEHS!

Students pose with Mary Budds, long time resident of Carter May. Mary recently passed away, but we will forever remember her fondly and pray for her often.

Future returning citizens entering the mobile SCDMV unit to start the process of securing critical documents.
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

We work year-round to provide Disaster Preparedness resources so that when a storm strikes, you and your family are ready!

Our staff works very closely with South Carolina Emergency Management Department to provide our parishes and the community with tips and planning lists to help lessen the stress of getting a plan together.

5 TIPS FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
From Disaster Case Manager, Amber

1. **Know your zone!** Visit scemd.org to see if your home is located in an evacuation zone.
2. **Gather each family members’ specific needs,** including medication and the needs of pets.
3. **Obtain extra batteries and charging devices** for phones and other critical equipment.
4. **Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy.** Most homeowner’s policies do not cover flooding.
5. **Make copies of your important documents** and place them in a binder for easy access and transport during possible evacuations.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We have urgent volunteer needs for:

- Our Lady’s Pantry Intake
- Washing Clothes at Clean of Heart
- Fundraising and Marketing
- Prison Ministry
- Data entry

To sign up, contact your local office or visit charitiessc.org/donate

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Site Administrator, FT, Greenville
Wellness Program Specialist, FT, Conway
Dietary Aide/Kitchen, PT, Carter May

For more information and to apply, visit charitiessc.org/careers

FAREWELL, KARL!

We’d like to give a fond farewell to Karl Rogozenski, Regional Coordinator for the Piedmont area. We are grateful for everything he has done and wish him well!
Thank you FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA!

We are always in need of volunteers! Contact your local office today.