A Resource Guide of Community Partners for Students, Faculty, and Staff at the University of South Carolina

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Collaboration Between the Community Service Programs Office and the Office of Student Engagement
### List of Community Partners

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Acercamiento Hispano / Hispanic Outreach is the oldest Latino community based organization in South Carolina.

Our mission is to preserve the dignity, promote the well-being and improve the quality of life of the Hispanic Latino community of South Carolina.
A senior’s transition to assisted living signals the beginning of a new chapter in his or her life. When the time for such a new beginning is right, Agapé Senior provides senior-focused solutions. In working with individuals and their families, the dedicated staff at Agapé Senior work diligently to optimize quality of life by embracing individuality and preserving dignity.

Assisted living is for adults who need assistance with daily activities. They may need help dressing, preparing meals, using the bathroom and/or bathing. Residents in assisted living facilities have a range of capabilities and may be quite mobile and, in large part, independent. Residents in nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities require a higher level of medical care and supervision.
The Alston Wilkes Society extends a helping hand to those who are most at-risk and helps rebuild their lives through rehabilitation and prevention services. AWS was founded to provide services to adults who were being released from federal correctional facilities, and has grown to increase our service reach to include homeless veterans, at-risk families and disadvantaged and troubled youth.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Inside Out Adult Mentoring Program

We are looking for volunteers who can commit at least four (4) hours a month to their members (offender participants) for at least six (6) months. The first few months of mentoring will take place prior to the member’s release in the institution and will continue for at least three (3) months after the member is released to the community. In partnership, Alston Wilkes Society and SC Department of Corrections provide volunteer training prior to Inside Out Life Coach certification. If you or someone you may know wants to volunteer some of their time to become a Life Coach and positively influence the life of another, please contact:

Patti Welday, Program Director
803-847-0431
pwelday@alstonwilksesociety.org
Together with our millions of volunteers, the American Cancer Society saves lives and creates more birthdays by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back.

Whether it’s giving a cancer patient a ride to chemotherapy, putting together a team for Relay For Life®, or sending an e-mail to family and friends about our cancer screening guidelines, there are multiple ways you can get involved in the Society’s lifesaving mission. Fill out the volunteer application and we will contact you to discuss opportunities in your community.

When you volunteer for the American Cancer Society, you can: make a meaningful difference in your community, help cancer patients and their families, have flexible options and opportunities that fit your schedule and build relationships and networks that last a lifetime.
The American Red Cross relies on volunteers to help people prepare for emergencies, provide training in lifesaving skills, assist those affected by disaster and provide transportation to critical medical appointments.

Nationally, volunteers constitute 96% of our total workforce, and locally, there are 19 volunteer positions filled for every one paid staff. Without our volunteers there would be no Red Cross.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available to meet your talents, interests and availability. Our goal is to match you with an opportunity that best suits you. Whether you are a student looking to fulfill community service hours, a professional looking to share expertise, a student looking for more resume-building experience or an individual with the time and desire to work in his or her community, we’ll find a place for you.

In exchange, we’ll provide you meaningful experiences and an opportunity to make your community a better place to live.

How do I get started?

Fill out an Inquiry Form or call your local Red Cross Chapter. Volunteer Resources staff will set up a time to meet. A volunteer application packet will be sent to you. Once the application process is complete, you will receive hands-on training and then begin to volunteer! All volunteer applicants 18 and older are required to participate in a background check prior to engaging in volunteer service with the American Red Cross. Anyone who does not successfully complete the background check will not be eligible to volunteer.
The Babcock Center has an ongoing need for volunteers and donated supplies. The links listed below will take you additional information listed on our United Way page.

Item Donations Needed:
Arts & Crafts Supplies

Volunteer Labor Opportunities:
Finance Department - Administrative Assistant
Yard Work / Beautification
Bring Religion to our Consumers - Transportation to Church Services, or Volunteer Services / Sermons
"Babcock Buddies" - One-on-one interaction and recreational activities
Musical Talent - Instrumental and Vocal performances for our consumers

For additional details on these opportunities, or to discuss other volunteer opportunities, please contact Kristy Harmon:

Kristy Harmon
kharmon@babcockcenter.org

Background checks are required of all volunteer workers.
An Arboretum is a place where a variety of trees and shrubs are grown for study and/or display. The W. Gordon Belser Arboretum encompasses approximately 9 acres of land and is one of Columbia’s most beautiful and unusual pieces of property. Its surprising diversity of topographic and ecological features includes a wetland, a waterfall and pool, a stream, a bluff, and a temperate rain forest in the valley below the bluff.

Work goes on inside the arboretum where seven distinct plant communities are apparent. Here, too, invasive vines, shrubs, and garbage have all been removed. Now, amongst the pines, oaks, sycamores, maples, and cypress you can find ferns, wild ginger, blackberries, wildflowers, and a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. A new garden of native plant specimens has been added near the Bloomwood entrance, as have been a small “prairie” of wiregrass and a grove of experimental loblolly pines. Walking trails, a boardwalk, benches, a storage shed, and a lecture area for students have all been created or restored.
Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things you will ever do.

It's easy, too. Your Little can join you for the kinds of activities you already like to do, such as:

- Shooting hoops
- Playing a board game
- Sharing a pizza
- Taking a walk in the park
- Or just hanging out and talking.

Just 4 hours a month can change a young person's life.

Depending on the Big Brothers Big Sisters program you're in, you will meet your Little at his or her school or in the community.

Learn more about our programs.

Little Brothers and Little Sisters come from all kinds of backgrounds. Some are really little (as young as six) and some are teenagers. Some may live on your block and some a few miles away. What do they all have in common?

How to apply: The easiest and fastest way to get started is to complete our convenient online application. After you complete a short form online, a Big Brothers Big Sisters staff member will contact you. You'll need to:

- Provide two references
- Participate in an in-person interview
- Have a background check performed.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call 803-691-5700.
Volunteer Orientations are conducted on a bi-weekly basis (every other Thursday) at 11a.m. The location for the orientation is 500 Gracern Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

All volunteers must complete the volunteer and background check form and attend the volunteer orientation before volunteering at any of our sites through the Human Resource Department.

Please contact the Human Resources Department at 803.231.3355 for the next scheduled orientation.

Large groups, organizations, and agencies who would like to volunteer must have their contact person at the orientation.
Volunteer Opportunities

Retirees and Students- Do you have a little extra time to get involved with your community? Check out volunteering at CSC! Call us for more info.

SHUTTLE DRIVERS -
• 5 Points Wheels (3-hour AM shifts M/T/W/Th)
• Tours With Faye day trips.

INSTRUCTORS/LEADERS – Share your life skills or education by leading a series of classes or a one-time workshop.

Arts and Sciences-
◦ Music Appreciation
◦ Art Appreciation
◦ Creative Writing
◦ Tap Dancing/Dance Fitness, Creative Movement
◦ Cake Decorating
◦ Flower Arranging
◦ Scrapbooking
◦ Calligraphy
◦ Photography Workshop
◦ Math for Everyday Life
◦ Basic Computing

Languages and History-
• History – American, World, South Carolina
• American Sign Language
• Foreign Languages

Games and Recreation-
• Wine Appreciation
• Cooking
• Wii Games
• Outdoors Club
• Senior Chorus

RECEPTIONIST / FRONT DESK GREETER-
• Answer phones
• Receive money
• Greet visitors
• Make copies
• Administrative tasks

OTHER-
◦ Website development
◦ Marketing or PR
◦ Big Band Dance Committee – decorating, selling/taking tickets, selling beverages
◦ Fall Festival - various tasks planning and coordinating the festival
◦ One-on-one computer tutoring
◦ Computer data input
Habitat houses are built almost entirely with volunteers. In fact, we only have two staff members in construction, so just imagine how many houses we would build each year without volunteers!

Some volunteers have worked with Habitat for years building houses and some are new to Habitat. Many of our volunteers have never done any construction work before.

If you volunteer at a Habitat build site you may find yourself putting up siding or shingling a roof, installing windows or painting foundations, or maybe doing landscaping on the last day. You will be instructed by Habitat staff or experienced volunteers who serve as crew chiefs. Just imagine the thrill of helping build a house in eight working days!

Spending a day or even a few hours helping others can be a great team-building activity for a group from your: Workplace Church Family Club Civic Organization

For more information about volunteering or to schedule your day, contact Laura Jeffcoat, ljJeffcoat@habitatcsc.org or 803.936.0088 x1102 or click below for online Volunteer Interest Form.

VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

Excited about volunteering? Get a jump on the paper work by downloading the necessary waiver. Bring it when you come!

Adult Waiver Release Form

Minor Waiver Release Form
We at City Roots seek to provide food that is beyond organic, and to operate a farm that is beyond sustainable. To do this, we make sure that any waste we produce is food for something else’s growth. We also produce as much of our own fertility on the farm as possible so as to avoid stealing resources from other places and people.

We love having volunteers join us in our daily work of coaxing sprouts, wrangling hoses, and feeding chickens. Not only can the work be quicker and easier, we really enjoy meeting our customers, making farm friends, and having people with new perspectives jump into the midst. We often find that volunteers have a pretty good time too. Volunteering is a great way to enrich your relationship with your food.

What to Expect:
As a volunteer you will be thrown right into the daily activities of the crew. Depending on the day and the season you may be asked to help harvest, weed, transplant, wash vegetables, pack orders, or partake in other tasks. There is always something to do on the farm. So overall, expect to be put to work! Also, expect to be put to work outside, regardless of the weather.

How to Start:
If you are interested in volunteering at the farm, please send an email at least a week in advance to courtney@cityroots.org. Make the subject read “Volunteer Request” and address the following information:

1. Your name
2. The date(s) and you wish to volunteer, including which shift (9 am, 1:30 pm, or both!)
3. Any physical concerns you think will affect your work
4. Any previous experience working on a farm
5. Any other questions you may have

After reviewing your email, we will try our best to quickly make arrangements for your visit. Though please be patient with us as we do not always have the time and resources to promptly respond. Thanks!
The Urban League is the nation’s oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and societal mainstream. The Urban League movement was founded in 1910. The National Urban League, headquartered in New York City spearheads our non-profit, non-partisan, community-based movement. The heart of the Urban League Movement is our professionally staffed Urban League affiliates in more than 100 cities in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

The Urban League employs a five point strategy, tailored to local needs, in order to implement the mission of our movement.

Education and Youth Empowerment: Ensuring that all of our children are well educated and prepared for economic self-reliance in the 21st century through college scholarships, early childhood literacy, Head Start and after care programs.

Economic Empowerment: Empowering all people in attaining economic self-sufficiency through job training, good jobs, home ownership, entrepreneurship and wealth accumulation.

Health and Quality of Life Empowerment: Working to build healthy and safe communities to eliminate health disparities through prevention, healthy eating, fitness, as well as ensuring access and complete access to affordable health care for all people.

Civic Engagement and Leadership Empowerment: Empowering all people to take an active role in determining the direction, quality of life, public policy and leadership in their communities by full participation as citizens and voters, as well as through active community service and leadership development.

Civil Rights and Racial Justice Empowerment: Promoting and ensuring our civil rights by actively working to eradicate all barriers to equal participation in the all aspects of American society, whether political, economic, social, educational or cultural.
The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Communities In Schools works with selected schools in Richland One and Richland Two School Districts, determining student needs and establishing relationships with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers, and parent and volunteer organizations to provide needed resources.

For information about helping students in the Midlands, please contact Communities In Schools of the Midlands
803-254-9727
Development@cism.org
The Cooperative Ministry
3821 West Beltline Blvd. Columbia, SC 29204
803-799-3853
dkunz@coopmin.org
http://www.coopmin.org/

We are a unique ministry of the Midlands community created to serve as an instrument of God’s love by providing a coordinated charitable response to assist those in need.

We need you! We rely on our individual and groups of volunteers to keep overhead low and services high so we can help more clients. And, with each new ministry program, our need grows.

We’re grateful for (and always need) volunteers to serve as receptionists, counselors, file clerks and computer operators. Our Clothing and Furniture Bank, CAR Program and seasonal projects such as the School Supply Drive and Circle of Giving rely on the generosity of donors as well as those who volunteer their time to make them a reality.

Want to help? Please fill out this form to get started or call Gay Zachary at (803) 799-3853 ext. 211.
Today, every client who undergoes a medical exam leaves with a gift bag of crayons and books and their choice of a teddy bear. Dr. Susan Shaw, Executive Director of the Dickerson Center noted that, "Many local groups have contributed to the center by painting walls, building book cases, and donating time, money, toys, teddy bears and equipment. They recognize, as we do, the importance of providing immediate attention to abused children. When intervention is initiated at an early age, it is possible to stop the terrible, repeating cycle of abuse which can lead to juvenile delinquency and/or emotional problems in adulthood."

Just as the tenants of the tourist home were travelers so are the children and families who come to the center. They are traveling through a difficult, painful time in their lives. To have a welcoming edifice, such as the Dickerson Center for Children, shines a beam of hope on their otherwise difficult journey. It is Nettie Dickerson’s hope that the message children and visitors get from the center is one of caring and safety. With an engaging smile and sparkle in her eyes, Nettie Dickerson shared one of her Nettieisms, "WE is the magic word that creates success."
Volunteer/Intern

The Disability Action Center benefits from the unique skills and time given by individual community members volunteering and interning in its offices, at events and on special projects. Although the Disability Action Center accepts volunteers for various needs, the volunteer listings below are greatly needed.

Peer Support Volunteer

Opportunities are currently available to volunteer as a Peer Supporter with the Disability Action Center. Peer Supporters have personal experience with disabilities, and work with others, alone and in small groups, to seek solutions and better independent living options.

Assistive Technology Volunteer

Opportunities are currently available to volunteer with the DAC’s Re-Use Program. Volunteers are needed to help organize, transport, clean, and demonstrate the use of AT equipment.

If you would like to volunteer with the Disability Action Center, please complete the DAC Volunteer Application, and email to: ktissot@dacsc.org.
Easter Seals
PO Box 5715 Columbia, SC 29250
803-466-4089
dlewis@sc.easterseals.com
http://sc.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=SCDR_homepage

Easter Seals South Carolina has been serving children and adults with disabilities in our state since 1934. Our mission is to create and apply solutions that change lives of children and adults with disabilities. We do this by providing a variety of programs and services to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families. Easter Seals South Carolina programs help people with hearing, speech, or orthopedic impairments, as well as stroke, neurological disorders or developmental disabilities.

Creating solutions and changing lives is what we do at Easter Seals South Carolina. Join us and you, too, can make a difference and help people with disabilities achieve their goals. Volunteer your time to share your talents, whether performing office work, volunteering at events, or another way you can help.

Need more convincing? In the words of Edgar “Daddy” Allen, founder of Easter Seals, ”We have but one life. We get nothing out of that life except by putting something into it. To relieve suffering, to help the unfortunate, to do kind acts and deeds is, after all, the one sure way to secure happiness or to achieve real success. Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take...but by what we give."
Our Vision
Our vision is to create new generations of lifelong learners.

Our Audience
Children 12 and younger, families, teachers, caregivers and anyone who has a child’s best interest at heart.

Our Educational Programs
At EdVenture, we believe in reaching out to the children of South Carolina through a variety of field trips and outreach programs. Some of the programs we currently offer include Club EdVenture, Future Leaders, EdVenture-To-Go, Camps, Hands-On, Minds On! teacher professional development program and more than 14 standards-based field trip programs. We are continually developing new offerings and, ultimately, our goal is to develop activities with and for the diverse communities we serve.

Service Learning Volunteer
Are you required to complete volunteer service hours though a local college or university? We’d love to have you! Our Service Learning Volunteers assist EdVenture Staff in a variety of ways, both onsite and offsite. If EdVenture is the organization you’d like to volunteer with, submit an online application* or call us at 803-400-1163.

*By clicking on the “submit an online application” link, you will be directed off of the EdVenture Children’s Museum website to an application form though our volunteer coordination website, Volgistics. Volgistics incorporates the same security and privacy protection as online-banking services.
Family Connection of South Carolina Inc.
2712 Middleburg Drive Suite 103 B Columbia, SC 29204
803-252-0914
info@familyconnectionsc.org
http://www.familyconnectionsc.org/

The Vision of Family Connection- Children with special healthcare needs will have a supportive environment to reach their full potential.

The Mission of Family Connection- The mission of Family Connection of South Carolina is to strengthen and encourage families of children with special healthcare needs through parent support.

In 1989 a group of South Carolina parents who have children with disabilities and special needs founded the community based, family-focused organization, Family Connection of South Carolina, Inc. (FCSC). Those families realized the source of their families' hope and strength for the future of their children came from other parents who had already successfully navigated life's similar challenges. Therefore, all of our programs and services are centered on the concept of parent-to-parent support or the fact that families with shared experiences are uniquely qualified to help each other.

Become a volunteer- Your support as a volunteer is an integral part in the success of Family Connection. Without your help, many families would not be able to participate because of difficulty in finding childcare. Providing compassionate volunteers to care for their children during support groups and respite cooperatives allows parents to participate. You can help make a difference through our many volunteer opportunities, including respite cooperatives, office assistance, support group childcare, expos/conferences, family socials and speakers bureau.

General Office Assistance

Receptionist

Childcare

Annual Benefit Committee Volunteers

Board of Director Members
To build and strengthen self-sufficient individuals and families through improved physical health, emotional well-being, financial stability and educational opportunities.

Today, Family Service Center is home to five separate and unique programs. The Board of Directors and staff continue the tradition of serving the needs of families and helping people help themselves with the same passion, dedication, and commitment that have been so consistently passed on by the many individuals who have led the agency through the changes and mergers that created the Family Service Center as it operates today.

Children Unlimited of FSC is a private, non-profit program that specializes in providing services for children who have been adopted from the foster care system as well as providing services for families who have adopted. These children are usually between the ages of eight and seventeen and are often part of a sibling group or are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged.

There are many volunteer opportunities available to you at this time. Below is a description of the projects where help is needed:

Summer Camps for Children who have been adopted: 3 day camps held at various locations in SC. The children, staff, and volunteers sleep in the camp’s cabins and participate in a variety of recreational activities throughout their stay. Volunteers must attend an orientation workshop and complete background checks.

Camps for Families who have adopted: 3 day camps held at various locations in SC. Volunteers and staff supervise and provide various recreational activities to children while parents attend workshops during the day. Volunteers must attend an orientation workshop and completed background checks.

Recruitment Team Member for a specific child to recruit potential families for adoption: Volunteers serve as a team member, managed by CU’s Recruiter, assigned to help recruit potential families for a specific child waiting in the foster care system to be adopted. Volunteers must attend an orientation.

Other: maybe you are not able to donate your time with one of the opportunities listed above, but would still like to help in some way. You can assist by: preparing crafts for camps, donating snacks/drinks for camps, sponsor children’s birthdays or Christmas, provide door prizes for parent support groups, donate services (ex: hair appointments for waiting child to be photographed or on TV), etc.
The mission of the Family Shelter is to provide emergency food, shelter, resources, and hope to homeless families with children in the Midlands area.

Without the generous support of local individuals, organizations, businesses, and churches we would not be able to continue serving homeless parents and children. We rely on our dedicated volunteers to keep overhead costs low, which enables us to fund more services for our clients.

There are a variety of ways a group or an individual can volunteer at the Family Shelter.

Volunteer activities include:

• Preparing and serving dinner for shelter residents
• Helping to provide childcare during training programs for parents
• Hosting special events and holiday parties
• Doing arts and crafts activities with children and parents
• Renovating the facilities and doing yard work
• Holding a fundraiser
• Having a supply drive
• Donating professional skills and services
• Tutoring children afterschool
• Providing administrative help
Primarily serving patients from Richland and Lexington Counties, SC (64% and 30%, respectively), the clinic also sees patients from 18 other counties. The clinic specifically targets those residents who do not have anywhere else to obtain their health care. The clinic provides primary care for patients, many who suffer from chronic diseases and conditions. Most of our patients suffer from hypertensions (45%), but also we treat patients with diabetes (34%), heart diseases (10%) and asthma (9%). In addition, we are able to refer patients for specialty care using a network of volunteer providers or the Richland Care specialty network. The three area hospital systems provide free diagnostic exams, lab tests, x-rays, CAT Scans and MRI exams. For those residents who need care but do not meet our criteria, they are referred to other indigent care providers in the area.

Volunteer orientation sessions are scheduled regularly, as listed below. Dates and times are subject to change, so please contact Jennifer Glover-Hawkins at 765-1503, Ext. 205 or by email at volunteer@freemedclinic.org to register for volunteer orientation.

Volunteer Orientations

Monday, Apr 30 — 2:00 – 3:15 pm
Tuesday, May 8 – 10:00 – 11:15 am
Wednesday, May 16 – 3:00 – 4:15 pm
Thursday, May 24 – 2:00 – 3:15 pm
Tuesday, May 29 – 10:30 – 11:45 am
The Good Samaritan Clinic functions as a center of information, orientation and reference to serve as a liaison between the Hispanics and the different services, programs and resources available in the community. Our phone line is open to the public so they can call and ask questions and receive answers in their own language.

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help make this ministry a success. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact Dr. Lidia Navarrete at 803-467-8510 or use the form below to request more information.

Volunteers Needed:

Physicians, Spanish Bilingual interpreters, nurses or nurse practitioners, clerical assistants, Grant writers
Central South Carolina (Central SC) Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that was established in 1985 with responsibility for Richland and Lexington counties. In our area of responsibility it is estimated that 1 out of every 4 families lives in poverty. Since our beginning in 1985, Central SC Habitat has helped over 200 Richland and Lexington county families realize the dream of home ownership.

Central SC Habitat for Humanity is one of more than 30 Habitat affiliates in South Carolina. Habitat affiliates are chartered by Habitat for Humanity International; each affiliate has its own Board of Directors and is responsible for its own funding and operations.

Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry working to eliminate poverty housing in our area. See various statistics about Habitat for Humanity.
Harbison State Forest
PO Box 211904
Columbia, SC 29221
803.667.1381
Harry Mathis- mathishl@dhec.sc.gov
http://friendsofhsf.org/

Harbison State Forest is the largest urban green space in the Southeast. Friends of Harbison State Forest is a non-profit organization founded to preserve and promote the recreational and educational aspects of this urban forest resource. Our initial emphasis is planning, designing and building sustainable new trails while maintaining and upgrading the current trail system.

Trail Work
Trail building and repair is almost as much fun as running, riding or walking the trails, yeah sure. Seriously though, with constant use the trail system can always use repair. As traffic increases, additional, carefully planned trails are needed. If you use the trails, you understand. There is a regularly scheduled trail work day on the third Saturday of each month. We meet in the parking lot at 9 am and, depending on how many people come out, split into teams to work on projects set up by the Forest Manager and the trail committee.

Periodically, there may be a need for special work days in addition to the one scheduled once a month. This might be needed if a new trail is being constructed, special events are to be held in the Forest, or a lot of rain or other natural event has occurred that would affect the trails.
Don't know anything about trail repair? No worry, we'll teach you as we go.
Harvest Hope Food Bank
PO Box 451 Columbia, SC 29202
803-254-4432
ceo@harvesthope.org
http://www.harvesthope.org/
The mission of the Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education.

Harvest Hope today is a regional food distribution organization that collects, stores, and distributes food and related items that assist families and children throughout 20 counties in central South Carolina. From simple beginnings, Harvest Hope has grown into a regional distribution organization providing food, comfort and hope to millions of hungry individuals and families in the Midlands, Pee Dee and Greater Greenville regions of South Carolina, serving almost half the state. With over 25 years of service as a hunger relief agency, we have developed an enormous efficient distribution operation and established a successful business model that identifies and meets an increasing demand for service.

Harvest Hope could not help so many people without our volunteers. There is a way for everyone to participate, all you need is the will to make a compassionate gesture! We rely on our volunteers in so many areas: from sorting food to serving clients.

Emergency Food Pantry
We currently have two full time Emergency Food Pantries at our Shop Rd. facility in Columbia and on 12th Street in Cayce. In addition we have two part-time food pantries at our Florence and Greenville branches. These pantries help any individuals or families that come to our doors looking for assistance during their time of need. Each of these pantries utilizes volunteers to help sort and pack food as well as work in client intake.

Event Volunteer
We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our many community events. Often we have 5 events in the community on the same day! This means we need volunteers to hand out brochures, speak to people, collect food at food drives, and educate the public about the wonderful things we do here at Harvest Hope.

Administrative Volunteer
Like all organizations, we have an abundance of administrative tasks that need to be done but we try to minimize staffing costs so we can spend the money on food. Areas include data entry, phone calls, filing, etc.

Skilled Professionals or Interns
In addition to our other volunteer opportunities we always have a need for skilled professionals and or interns that can help in a variety of ways such as: marketing, writing, fundraising, program management, graphics, grants, etc.

Groups
Our ability to work with groups changes throughout the time of year and per facility. If you are interested in bringing in a group please fill out the group inquiry form here.

Product Rescue
A fun place to work inspecting, sorting, and boxing the donated food that comes in through our community food drives. This job does require light physical activity (bending, light lifting, etc.) and is a great team building project for small groups!

Court Mandated/Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) Community Service
We accept court mandated and PTI community service on a case by case basis. Please contact your local branch to see if you qualify to serve your hours with us.

Other
We are always in need of volunteers to help us with an array of special projects. Please call your local branch to find out about our current volunteer needs.
The mission of Home Works is to show God's love for all through service to others and to assist others in their faith journeys. Home Works activities will focus on providing home repairs to homeowners in need, assisting youth in their development, and empowering communities to meet the needs of their members.

Home Works activities are conducted with an ecumenical spirit and with thanks to God for miracle after miracle. Individuals of all faith backgrounds are invited to join and share in this service to others.

Volunteers are always needed at the jobsites leading crews or making repairs and talking with the homeowner. However, a lot of work also goes on behind-the-scenes to make sure the project goes efficiently and safely.
LRADAC
PO Box 50597 Columbia, SC 29250
803-726-9301
dfrancis@lradac.org
http://lradac.org/

LRADAC cares for the needs of the citizens of Lexington and Richland Counties of South Carolina. We offer a wide array of prevention, intervention and treatment programs in locations convenient to residents of both counties.

Volunteers are very important to us and serve in capacities such as on the agency Board of Directors, making presentations through the Speakers' Bureau, assisting with special projects, and serving on coalitions and committees. They also provide support for staff and assist in the agency's prevention, intervention and treatment programs. Over the years, many agency volunteers have been recognized for their outstanding service to LRADAC and the community. Volunteer opportunities abound in the prevention, intervention, treatment, and administrative areas at LRADAC. All training is provided when applicable.

Each prospective volunteer must submit a written application, sign a confidentiality agreement, and furnish two references. An interview, orientation and placement will follow, with training made available when needed. Drug tests, medical exams, TB tests and background checks may be required for some volunteer positions. These are provided free of charge for volunteers desiring these positions. Liability insurance coverage is provided for active LRADAC volunteers.

All volunteers will be provided with a description of job duties and a list of qualifications required. They should familiarize themselves with the philosophy and services offered by the agency.

With a dedicated staff and innovative programs and services, LRADAC takes a proactive approach to fighting addiction and drug abuse in our schools, businesses and neighborhoods. We tailor our programs to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities we serve. Our prevention, intervention and treatment programs spread the message that there is hope and that substance abuse and addiction are preventable and treatable.
Each year, LFS Carolinas works to bring healing and wholeness to more than 12,000 children in crisis, adults with special needs, refugees and individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless or struggling to recover from disaster. LFS partners with human service providers, governmental agencies, congregations and others to provide the most effective programs and outcomes possible. Founded in 1976, LFS is a joint social ministry of the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

LFS Carolinas is continually looking for dedicated individuals and groups to volunteer in a variety of ways. Whether you are called to help refugees acclimate to life in the U.S. or aid in the renovation of an LFS group home, there are many opportunities to help the most vulnerable in your community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Refugee Services in all regions works with local faith organizations, student groups, and concerned individuals to help refugee families transition to life in the United States. Learn more about Refugee Co-Sponsorship and Volunteering.
Lexington Interfaith Community Services
216 Harmon St. Lexington, SC 29072
957-6656 ext. 225
j_smith@pbtcomm.net
http://www.licssc.org/index.html

Founded in 1979 by the Lexington Ministerial Association, LICS began providing emergency services to families in crisis. Presently, LICS is the only ministry serving all of Lexington County, Saluda County and part of Calhoun County. The governing body of LICS is the Membership Assembly which is made up of Member Church clergy and lay representatives and a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of twelve members from the Member Churches.

Our volunteers are the very heart and soul of the LICS ministry. In 2011 LICS had approximately 537 volunteers give 16,529 hours of their time and service. We always need more volunteers and welcome volunteers to call to schedule an orientation session. Volunteers work in all aspects of the main center and all outreach centers. Volunteers are necessary for leadership roles of board Members, church liaisons, and committee members. In almost all situations, LICS accommodates the volunteers schedule and wishes for times and dates of volunteerism. In the Social Service area, we have a variety of volunteer positions. They include clerical work, answering telephone, and interviewing people seeking assistance. In Community Relations office work and data entry volunteers are needed. The Donation Center volunteer positions include receiving and sorting donations, packing and sorting food, and distributing food and Thrift Shop items. Volunteers in the Thrift Shop stock and display merchandise, greet customers, are cashiers, and provide any needed assistance to customers. For more information call 803-957-6656 ext. 225.
Mental Illness Recovery Center Inc.
3809 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC 29205
803-786-1844
mail@mirci.org
http://www.mirci.org/

MIRCI is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide community based services to individuals recovering from severe mental illness or emotional disorders in the Midlands of South Carolina through counseling, housing and financial management initiatives.
Our mission: "Opening Doors by Providing Services and Resources That Change Lives in the Midlands" captures the essence of Midlands Community Development Corporation's (MCDC) commitment. Through our supports and services, individuals become more empowered to realize their dreams and reach their full potential every day. As each life improves, the community as a whole improves because empowered people are concerned citizens who contribute their successes to the greater good. MCDC has advanced this mission by providing leadership and services that promote empowered individuals, healthy families, and vibrant communities.

MCDC programs and services are developed around five focus areas:
- Personal & Educational Development
- Economic Development
- Employment
- Health Care
- Housing

It's our belief that these focus areas are at the core of establishing a firm foundation for thriving communities. We encourage program participants to dream daily, inspiring optimism and hope in youth, adults, senior citizens and families as we move ever closer to a brighter tomorrow.
Our Mission
• To nurture trusting, caring relationships between adults and children in South Carolina. (Counties served include Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry and Kershaw.)

Our Goals
• Provide comprehensive, family-focused services to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect
• Increase the community’s awareness and response to child abuse and neglect
• Offer specialized staff training, curriculum and program consultations
• Conduct research in the area of child maltreatment

Volunteers are critical to the effective provision of services at The Nurturing Center. They are interwoven throughout all aspects of our agency providing direct and indirect support of young children and families we work with. Whether they are working with a child one-on-one in one of our classrooms, planting flowers, aiding in the redesign of our playground, or bringing special sweets from the local baker, they are cherished and supported by The Nurturing Center staff. If you would like to help, download our volunteer application. For more information, contact Kathye Holder at (803)771-4160, x12 or kholder@thenurturingcenter.org.

Volunteer opportunities include:
• Infant Room - Volunteers in this room assist with our infants and young babies. Rocking, holding, feeding and loving our little ones.
• Toddler Room - 14 month to 3 years. Volunteers help with outside walks, snack, playtime and creative learning experiences.
• Preschool Room - Ages 3 to 5. Volunteers in this room assist with arts and crafts, outside play and classroom learning experiences.
• Special Events - Assistance with special fund-raising events. Most require short term commitment and last only one day.
• Office assistance - Help out with newsletter mailings, office support service, etc.
• Project Holiday Joy - Helping families in need at Christmas
Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of SC
PO Box 4473 Columbia, SC 29240
803-779-7257
info@palss.org
http://www.palss.org/

In 2010, PALSS commemorated 25 years of service to the community. Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services was formed in 1985 to help South Carolinians fight the war against AIDS. We offer FREE services to people who have been diagnosed with or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, and we also work with their loved ones.
Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter
PO Box 3395 Columbia, SC 29230
803-786-6819
director@palmettoplaceshelter.org

Palmetto Place Children’s Shelter’s mission is to provide a safe and nurturing emergency shelter bringing together a broad range of services for children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

We are a temporary, safe and caring haven for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the Midlands. The Shelter provides residential care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At Palmetto Place, we provide medical and mental health care, crisis adjustment/transitional counseling, after school tutoring and recreational and social activities in addition to food, clothing and shelter.

Palmetto Place understands the importance of volunteers and the invaluable contributions they make and demonstrates a conscious effort to acknowledge the volunteers (both individuals and groups) that give their time, energy, and talents in helping to make Palmetto Place a better place. We understand that it is through their tireless giving that we are able to exist.

Due to the sensitive nature of the services we provide at Palmetto Place, volunteer opportunities at the shelter are somewhat limited. Some other options include holding a fundraiser for Palmetto Place, taking the kids out to eat, or asking for donations from our wish list instead of asking for birthday presents.

For more information on volunteering, please contact secretary@palmettoplaceshelter.org
Hope, as defined in the dictionary, means to have desire or expectations for something. Our senior citizens have hope that each new day will provide them with love, laughter, good health, and plenty of family and friends. For those seniors who don't have the luxury of having family and friends to rely on, the Richland County Sheriff’s Department is providing them with our own H.O.P.E. --- Helping Our Precious Elderly.

Our Project H.O.P.E. program services more than 600 elderly residents in Richland County. Assigned to the program are John Edwards, Isaiah Gibson, Virgil Manley, Cletus Powell, and Gus Williams. All of our Senior Coordinators are retired law enforcement and are currently state Constables.

Under Project H.O.P.E., these dedicated workers call and visit senior citizens and disabled citizens each month. Other Volunteers make weekly calls to everyone.

The citizens who volunteer at Richland County Sheriff’s Department provide a tremendous service that we could never begin to say thank you enough for. It is imperative that we provide effective and efficient service and we can only do this with the assistance of our volunteers.

Volunteers save countless personnel hours, teach us so many things, bring new skills & ideas to the department and overall help us in so many different ways that we could never begin to thank you enough.

We stand ready to assist you in becoming a part of the Richland County Sheriff’s Department family. The “Volunteer Coordinator” provides uniformity of our volunteer program and makes sure our volunteers are being utilized properly and fairly.
Palmetto Health Richland is one of the largest and most progressive hospitals in the Southeast. Whether it's the latest state-of-the-art technology or just nurses using in-house cellular phones while on duty to increase communication and efficiency among themselves, physicians and other ancillary departments, Palmetto Health Richland has earned its stripes as a leader in many areas of treatment and research.

Palmetto Health provides the best volunteer experience, offering the greatest variety of places and ways to serve:

Utilizing your interests and talents to meet the needs of those we serve
Providing learning opportunities
Integrating volunteers in Palmetto Health's quality patient care
Palmetto Health cares for its volunteers — just as it cares for patients.

All Palmetto Health volunteer programs share a common goal of enriching the quality of total patient care. We appreciate the fact that you have time to share, a strong sense of responsibility and a willingness to be flexible. We offer the personal growth and satisfaction that comes from meeting and working with others and from community involvement.
Richland County First Steps
2008 Marion Street Columbia, SC 29201
803-254-7237
rnogble@rcfirststeps.org

Vision Statement
Every child in Richland County will arrive at first grade healthy and ready to succeed in school.

Mission
Through family and community involvement, RCFS will assist children to reach school healthy and ready to learn.

Core Ideals
To achieve our Vision and Mission, we will focus on the child, the family, and the community with the following ideals:

Every child enters school healthy and ready to:
Be excited about learning
Grow in self-awareness and self-esteem
Read with enjoyment
Develop socially, emotionally, and academically
Richland County Public Library
1431 Assembly St.
803-929-3436
cdolan@myrcpl.com
http://www.myrcpl.com/

Main Library hours:
Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

How Can I Get Involved?
If you are interested in joining the Volunteer Program, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 929-3436 or volunteer at myrcpl.com. You may also check out some of our current positions listed at the bottom of this page. Application forms are available at any of our 10 library locations and the volunteer application is also available in .PDF format so you can download and print a copy. This requires that Adobe Acrobat Reader be installed on your computer. You can download a free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader from the AdobeWeb site. Junior Volunteers may apply at the location where they wish to volunteer. Please note that volunteer positions are selective, but anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!
The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Columbia, SC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Guiding us in our mission are our core values:

• Focusing on the critical needs of children.
• Celebrating the diversity of the programs we offer and the staff, volunteers and donors who make them possible.
• Operating with accountability and transparency.

Volunteers are the heart of our organization. Without them, we would not be able to accomplish our goals of providing families the care and comfort they need during this stressful time. Many volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested, please review the opportunities on this site and complete and submit the volunteer application.

Family Room Volunteers
House Volunteers
Make-a-Meal Volunteers
Special Event Volunteers
Other Ways to Help
Salvation Army

2025 Main Street Columbia, SC 29201
803-765-0260
roger_coulson@uss.salvationarmy.org
http://doingthemostgood.org/

The Salvation Army, as 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.

Social Services programs provided by The Salvation Army focus on those living in the most extreme poverty in the Midlands. We work daily with those who are homeless and offer several homeless prevention initiatives. From serving daily meals to providing Christmas toys to families in need, The Salvation Army reaches out to those in our community who need assistance.

Salvation Army volunteers vary in age and experience. Some of the volunteers choose to volunteer because they have previously received help and want to give back to others, some volunteer as part of a class requirement or a court order and some because they simply want to give back to the community.

Throughout the year volunteers serve meals to the hungry and help at our Family Store, stocking shelves and unloading donations. A large number of our volunteers participate in our Christmas programs by ringing the bell, helping distribute toys or by filling stockings for needy children. Throughout each opportunity at The Salvation Army, volunteers are encouraged to interact with the people they work to serve. This provides them with a positive, meaningful experience which often has them returning to participate more frequently.

We are able to schedule individuals or groups and do have weekend opportunities.
• Administrative Duties: Data entry, producing promotional materials, mailings, etc. These opportunities are available during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.
• Family Store Worker: Sort through donations, hang clothes and prepare for resale. These opportunities are available Monday- Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
• Kitchen Helper: Prepare and serve meals. Volunteers are needed from 4:45 PM until 6:00 PM.
• Special Events: Serving a meal to the homeless and hungry on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, Stuff-A-Bus, Clothes for Kids. Locations and times vary.
• Seasonal: Bell-ringer, Stocking Stuffer, and Bear Dresser. These opportunities are available in November through December.

For more information, please contact Seth Taylor, Public Relations and Volunteer Coordinator, at 803-667-4943, or by e-mail at Seth.Taylor@uss.salvationarmy.org.
Senior Resources Inc.
2817 Millwood Ave. Columbia, SC 29205
803-252-7734
seniorresourcesinc@sc.rr.com

Our Mission
• Senior Resources is a non-profit organization that provides coordinated services, resources and personal choices to promote healthy, independent living through the support of staff and volunteers.

Our Vision
• Senior Resources will develop a recognized innovative delivery system that provides resources to promote healthy, independent living for the benefit of mature adults and others requiring these services in the Midlands.

Volunteer
• Pack or Deliver Meals On Wheels
  Flexible schedules available!
  Call Bridgette Boulware at 252-7734, Ext. 242, or email her at sri04@sc.rr.com.
  Download the Meals On Wheels Handbook & Volunteer Application

• Deliver pet food to Meals On Wheels clients’ pets.
  Only one weekend a month!
  Call Rachal Hatton at 252-7734, Ext. 231, for details.
  Download the Pet Delivery Handbook

• Volunteer with RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)
  You don’t have to be retired and you don’t have to be a senior!
  Call Becky Derrick at 252-7734, Ext. 248, for information.
  Download the RSVP Volunteer Handbook & Volunteer Application

• Volunteer with Fundraising & Special Events
  Help those who help others!
  Call Annie Eveleigh at 803-252-7734 Ext. 256 or email seniorresourcesinc@sc.rr.com.
STSM Mission: Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands supports survivors in recovery from the trauma associated with sexual assault and abuse and educates the community to identify and prevent sexual violence.

STSM Vision: Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands helps survivors of sexual trauma heal. Ultimately, we will end sexual violence in our community.

STSM Philosophy:
We respect individuals and their confidentiality, diversity and self determination. We believe in delivering high quality services in a caring and non-judgmental manner.
We believe survivors of sexual assault and abuse need immediate access to information and emotional support.
We value open communication, trust, support, autonomy and development which empowers individuals to realize their full potential and creates co-operative spirit.
We value our volunteers, their willingness to serve, and their spirit.
We believe in effecting change in societal attitudes and beliefs about the issue of sexual assault and abuse through education and collaboration with educational, medical, civil and criminal justice systems and other community organizations.
We are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us and value our donors.

Volunteer:
Advocate
Speakers Bureau
Office Volunteer
Group Facilitator
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Facilitator
Sistercare Inc.
PO Box 1029 Columbia, SC 29202
803-926-0505
nbarton@sistercare.com
http://sistercare.com/

Sistercare is a program of services for battered women and their children residing in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties in South Carolina.

Domestic violence is a far larger problem than most people realize. And unfortunately we see more and more women and children who need our help.

Volunteer Coordinator: Tamika Sims
In the early 1970's a group of dedicated parents of children with autism came together for fellowship. They realized how little was known about autism and recognized that children with autism have their own special needs. Services were nonexistent or inappropriate. The parents stood together as a unified voice and worked diligently to improve life for individuals with autism and their families in our state.

Their grassroots efforts would come to be known as the South Carolina Autism Society.

The purpose of the South Carolina Autism Society is to enable all individuals with autism spectrum disorders to reach their maximum potential.
The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (SC Campaign) was founded in 1994 to respond to concerns in South Carolina and across the country about high rates of teen pregnancy. Since that time, the SC Campaign has been the only organization in South Carolina that works in all of the state’s 46 counties exclusively focused on the reduction of teen pregnancy. After 18 years of dedication and commitment to the issue, great progress has been made in our state but much work remains. From 2000 through 2010, teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 26%. Even with such remarkable progress nearly 20 girls age 15-19 in South Carolina give birth every day and the state ranks 12th in the nation, with #1 being the state with the highest teen birth rate.

Volunteer

On behalf of the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, we thank you for your interest in volunteering with us. We believe that each potential volunteer can and will contribute directly to the Campaign’s growth and success and will take pride in being a member of our team. As a volunteer, you will assist our agency in meeting our mission, vision and goals through a variety of volunteer opportunities. All volunteers are required to fill out our Volunteer Application. Once you have completed the form, please email to Greer Pickett at gpickett@teenpregnancysc.org. If you have additional questions you can contact Greer directly at (803) 771-7700 ext. 100.
Since 1984, the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN) has provided coordination for representatives of all agencies involved in victim/witness services through its collaboration, publicity, advocacy, and victim assistance functions. SCVAN sponsors training and events, and manages six grant-funded programs that provide direct services and resources to our state's crime victims. SCVAN programs provide:

- Emergency Funds for crime victims
- Enforcement of victims' rights through legal representation in state and federal court;
- Information and education via a research website and listserv
- Resources for victims ("Survival Guides", 2 "Victim’s View" videos)
- Culturally and linguistically competent legal services and referrals for foreign-born crime victims
- An extensive Clearinghouse/Lending Library available to the public
- Referrals to criminal justice, health and social service providers
- Support for Sexual Assault / Forensic Nurse Examiners & Sexual Assault Response Teams
- Advocacy within the criminal justice system
- Training and technical assistance for victim service providers, criminal justice professionals and related service providers

SCVAN is in need of help.
Volunteers are needed.

If you would like to volunteer at SCVAN please contact us at 803-750-1200 or email us at justin@scvan.org.
Specialized Alternatives, Families & Youth in SC
800 Dutch Square Blvd. Columbia, SC 29210
803-791-7328
powellk@safy.org
http://www.safy.org/locations/southCarolina.aspx

Mission
Fostering an environment that positively impacts the lives of youth and their families . . . whether they are with us for an hour or a lifetime.

Vision
SAFY envisions the day when . . . every child is part of a loving family and is able to reach his or her greatest potential.
PROGRAM MISSION

The primary goal of the Midlands Housing Alliance (MHA) and Transitions is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing. Various strategies and types of housing are used to help stabilize individuals living on the street and enroll them in services designed to stabilize their lives, increase their income, and help them secure permanent housing.

OUTREACH

Goal: To identify and engage people who are living on the streets in order to increase their awareness of services and to improve their readiness to participate in Transitions’ programs.

Approach: Transitions’ outreach workers will actively engage and assess eligible clients for the center by visiting places where homeless people congregate including soup kitchens and public/community places. Outreach workers will also work closely with other providers.

Interested in volunteering with Transitions?
Want to tour our beautiful facility?
Would you like to learn more about our staff and clients?
Then join us for a Volunteer Orientation Day!
St. Lawrence Place is here to help address the challenge of homelessness, a station in life that is all too prevalent among us. We provide a place of transitional housing, but more importantly, an avenue for hope, healing and change for the families who choose to enter our program.

St. Lawrence Place is an environment of 28 housing units that provides programming and transitional housing – up to two years – for qualifying families. More than bricks and mortar, St. Lawrence Place provides the structure, training and support that families in crisis need to sustain their independence.

Our Mission

To provide support services, life skills, and transitional housing to enable homeless families to achieve independent living as productive members of the community.

Volunteers:
Ashley Harp, BSW
Support Services Coordinator
aharp@stlawrenceplace.org
The South Carolina Chapter, with representatives from numerous educational, governmental and private industries, strives to uphold and disseminate the goals of the U.S. Green Building Council, while working on a local level to educate the citizens of South Carolina about the benefits of green building and sustainable communities.

Contact us if you are interested in volunteering at our monthly branch programs, LEED workshops, or Sustain SC!
Tips on choosing a community service project

If you’d like to volunteer with a student group, the first step is to view the list of community service groups and pick which ones most interest you (http://www.sc.edu/sos/organizations.php?typ=Service&st=alph). Then, contact those groups, usually via email. If you’re not sure you are contacting the right person or have trouble receiving a response, you contact Community Service Programs office for assistance.

If you applied for financial assistance and received a federal work-study award, you may be interested in tutoring elementary students in reading. The University of South Carolina currently works with several Richland One elementary schools and several local after-school programs. If you would like to participate in this program contact Theresa Harrison in the Community Service Programs office.

If you’d like to volunteer directly with a local agency, visit our non-profit agency database. The database is organized into different issue areas for easy navigation. Be sure to note the locations of agencies and make sure you’ve explored your transportation options before you risk getting excited about an agency that is too far away. The clearer you are about what you want, the easier it will be to find the right agency. When you contact agencies you’re interested in, be sure to articulate what you’re interested in doing, your availability, and how much time you have to offer (hours per week as well as duration of commitment). It also helps to ask questions to learn more about the agency and make sure it’s a good fit.
Additional Contact Information

The role of the Community Service Programs Office is to connect USC students with volunteer opportunities in the community. This resource directory was designed to assist students, faculty, and staff to find the best match for their service to the community.

**Contact Information:**
Community Service Programs
1400 Greene Street
Columbia, SC 29208
Office located in the Campus Life Center, Russell House University Union on the second floor across from Einstein Bagels.
803.777.7130 (CLC front desk)
http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/

Office of Student Engagement
Patterson Hall, Garden Level
1520 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29208
803.777.6336 (Dr. Dottie Weigel)
http://www.studentengagement/index.html