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# Clemson Community Care Newsletter

2022

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## From the Director

Friends,

As you receive this newsletter, the year is drawing to a close. It has been a year in which many returned to normal activities, such as church services, football games, and gatherings of family and friends, with a feeling of more security than over the past several years. At Clemson Community Care, however, this year has been an extremely difficult one for the people we serve—much more difficult than 2020 or 2021. This year has held much insecurity and many challenges for the people we see.

Our clients find themselves facing rising rent prices (increases of several hundred dollars per month), increased gas and food prices, and wages which are not keeping pace with escalating costs. We find ourselves in a position of struggling to keep up with the level of requested services. As an example, in July of 2022, we surpassed the amount of total utility bill assistance given for the entire 2021 year. Before mid-September, we had given rent assistance equivalent to all of the 2021 year. Our pantry shelves are more empty than ever and for longer periods of time. Inside this newsletter, you will see statistics. Please take a minute to study them because they tell a story of a generous community, but a community still in great need.

Services at CCC are still being delivered slightly differently, but we are happy to have a full group of volunteers back with us and a lobby buzzing again with our clients back in the building.

We have much to be proud of at CCC, not the least of which is having provided uninterrupted services over these last few years. Our staff committed to remaining open, facing the public each and every day through the entire pandemic, and providing services the best way we could. Our Board has been forward thinking and has prepared us well with good decision making for this rainy day of increased costs and high client numbers. Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of this organization. And you, our supporters, have remained with us as well. Your support is more important than ever.

CCC is a community organization. It is truly an example of the entire village working together for the common good. We are so very grateful for all of your support, whether it be donating food, funds, or time. We strive to be good stewards of your gifts. Whether you are an individual, church, business, or corporate partner, you make it possible for our work to be done each day. Our staff feels extremely blessed to have the opportunity to be the caretakers of this special place—even on the hardest of days—and we are grateful to partner with you. Please continue to share the journey of caring for our neighbors with us as we move into 2023. We wish you and your family safe, healthy, and happy holidays.

With gratitude,

Karen Baker Carter, Executive Director

## CCC in the Community

We are grateful for all the opportunities we have to be in partnership with other agencies and groups in our community and on campus.

### ACT Committee

Once a month, agencies providing similar services in Pickens County come together as ACT (Agencies Coming Together) to network, learn, and support each other. Along with CCC, the Salvation Army of Pickens County, United Christian Ministries, Family Promise, Pathways (a part of the United Way), and SHARE are members of this group. The meetings offer opportunities for us to share information and ideas and learn about new services that may help our clients. We are happy to be a part of this group of service providers to make sure Pickens County residents are served in the best and most efficient ways possible.

### C-PAC

CCC is also a part of Tri-County Technical College's CPAC (Community Partnership Advisory Committee). This committee offers resources and support to students at Tri-County Tech who find themselves in need of assistance. These students are working diligently to improve their circumstances, yet sometimes experience a setback and need help to stay on track. The resources offered include agencies that provide food, shelter, utility assistance, and childcare, along with financial planning programs. We are glad to partner with these other agencies to offer assistance to the students of Tri-County Tech.



*Clemson University marketing students promoted a golf tournament that benefitted CCC.*

### Clemson University Partnerships

During the spring semester, CCC appreciated having the opportunity to work with Professor Carter McElveen's Clemson University students on their class project. The marketing class students learned about CCC and then promoted a golf tournament to upstate businesses with CCC as the beneficiary. The golf tournament was held on a beautiful spring day and was a huge success!

CCC also benefitted from the input of students in Dr. Virginia Harrison's communication class last fall and again this fall. As a part of their class project, students offered suggestions for print and social media. The students also learned about the community they are a part of during their time in college.

## Back to School Program



*Area school leaders give presentations during a back to school workshop.*

CCC has partnered with our local schools for many years to offer a back to school workshop for our client parents and children. School principals and guidance counselors share with our families and answer questions about bus routes, school feeding programs, attendance and scheduling. This program allows our families to begin school with all the information needed to get the year off to a great start. This year, given the differing start dates between Pickens and Anderson counties, we held two separate events. Thank you to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Central for hosting our Pickens County families and to the Pendleton Community Center for sharing their space with us for our Pendleton families.

Participating families receive a backpack for each child filled with school supplies.

Each backpack is individually packed based on the specific supply list provided by the child's grade and school. With your help, CCC was able to provide 195 backpacks for students in August. We appreciate the members of the Rotary Club of Clemson who purchased some of the backpacks for us and to Bob Mahoney who ordered, picked up, and delivered them to CCC.

### Mark Your Calendars!

The Music Ecclesia is returning!  
On February 17, 2023, the Southern Wesleyan University Fine Arts Department will present a program featuring their student choirs joined by choirs from several area churches. A love offering will support CCC programs. Join us for this beautiful evening of music.



# TRIO Event to Be Held December 1

On Thursday, December 1, Clemson Community Care will join our friends at the Clemson Free Clinic for a holiday event focusing on those in need in our community. The TRIO fund raiser supporting Hope, Health, and Community will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer tasting, and an auction.

Our organizations work closely together to serve the residents of our community by providing basic needs-food, shelter, utilities, and medical care. The money raised from the event will help both organizations to better serve our clients. We are so grateful to our sponsors and to all who purchase tickets. Thank you as well to all who are serving on the planning committee for this event. Hope to see many of you there on December 1!



## TRIO Tickets Order Form

TRIO tickets are \$50.00 each or four tickets for \$175.00.

Enclosed is my check for TRIO tickets payable to Clemson Community Care in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Clemson Community Care, P.O. Box 271, Clemson, SC 29633.

**NOTE: No paper tickets will be distributed. Ticket holder names will be on a list at the door the night of the event.**

## Community Food Provisions



### Food Share Program

Beginning in May 2022, CCC became a distribution site for Food Share Pickens County. Available to all community members, this program offers a box of fresh fruits and vegetables with suggested recipes and cooking tips. The contents of the box change with each delivery. Each box is \$15, though SNAP recipients receive the box for \$5. To sign up for a bi-weekly box, visit the website

[feedandseedsc.com/foodshare](http://feedandseedsc.com/foodshare). Many thanks to members of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Pendleton for helping with the distribution at CCC.

### Fresh Food Donations

We appreciate all the donations of fresh foods we receive. The SAME (So All May Eat) garden at Holy Trinity Parish donated over 200 pounds of food to us over the summer. We have also received weekly donations from the Clemson Area Food Exchange (CAFE). Several local residents have also shared from their gardens.

### Sunrise Rotary Club Egg Donations

Over the last three years, the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club has donated over 500 dozen eggs to CCC to distribute to our clients. The eggs come from the farm of Club member Tom Von Kanel and are delivered to us weekly as available. We are thankful for this gift that provides our families with the opportunity to have fresh dairy products on their tables. Thank you Sunrise Rotary Club!

## Did you know...

**On average, CCC distributes approximately 1,200 pounds of food per day each service day?**

**CCC food inventory fell to 7,096 pounds in August, which is less than six days of food inventory?**

**The number of clients receiving groceries at CCC in the January-September period of 2022 increased by 480 families over 2021 in the same time period?**

**To continue at this level through the end of 2022, CCC needs approximately 60,000 pounds of food donated?**



# Holiday Programs

We have the opportunity to brighten the holidays for families in our area. Listed below are Clemson Community Care's holiday programs.



## Holiday Turkeys

As in the past, a turkey will be included with holiday food items given to our clients. If you would like to donate a turkey, please pick one up for a neighbor when you shop. Turkeys can be delivered to the back door of CCC Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Pendleton Food Lion, Clemson Publix, and Ingles on Highway 93 will allow you to leave turkeys after purchase to be picked up daily by CCC volunteers. Please keep in mind distribution begins on Monday, November 7.

## Holiday Gift Assistance

For many years, we have provided gift cards for our families to assist with holiday gift purchases. Families will sign up to receive one gift card per child and after their information is confirmed, the cards will be given to the parents. Last holiday season, CCC provided at total of 381 cards (\$40) for a total investment of \$ 15,240.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for our holiday food program and gift assistance program!



## Food Pantry Needs

- 16 oz. bottles of cooking oil
- 2 pound bags of flour
- 2 pound bags of sugar
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat and fish
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Dry pasta
- Oatmeal/grits
- Pork and beans
- Rice
- Shelf stable milk
- Soup
- Tomato sauce/paste

We are grateful for all donations! Please make sure they are in date and undamaged.

**Can you help with the holiday programs or make a donation?**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if this is a new address

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: ☐ Food ☐ Gift Card ☐ No Preference

Tribute Information (if applicable):

☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of

Name of the person you to honor/remember: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person to be notified of this gift: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please visit [clemsoncommunitycare.org](http://clemsoncommunitycare.org) to donate with Paypal or credit card, or mail this form with your donation in the envelope provided.

## CCC Dates to Remember

November 7  
*Holiday Food Distribution Begins*

November 24-25  
*Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays*

December 22-26  
*Closed for Christmas Holidays*

December 27-30  
*Closed for Inventory Day*

*Note: All photos used in this publication have been released for use by CCC through a photo release statement.*

## Thank you to all our supporting churches!

Abel Baptist Church  
ALIVE Wesleyan Church  
Bethel United Methodist Church  
Central United Methodist Church  
Clemson Chinese Church  
Clemson Community Church  
Clemson Presbyterian Church  
Clemson United Methodist Church  
East Clemson Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church–Central  
First Baptist Church–Clemson  
First Baptist Church–Pendleton  
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church  
Freeway Church  
Golden View Baptist Church  
Greater Faith Baptist Church  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish  
Lawrence Chapel United  
Methodist Church  
Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church  
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
New Holly Light Missionary Baptist Church  
New Hope Baptist Church  
Peace Congregational Church  
Pendleton Presbyterian Church  
Pendleton United Methodist Church  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
Refuge Baptist Church  
St. Andrew Catholic Church  
Trinity Wesleyan Church  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson  
University Lutheran Church



Clemson Community Care  
is a partner agency with  
United Way of Anderson County and  
United Way of Pickens County.



## About Clemson Community Care

Clemson Community Care was established in 1988 by ministers from various churches in Clemson, Central and Pendleton as a non-profit charitable corporation to serve the local community. The goal of CCC is to support low income families and individuals to overcome periods of financial crisis and become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community.

In cooperation with local religious, civic, educational and private agencies, staff and individual volunteers, Clemson Community Care supports a variety of basic human needs, emphasizing development of self-sufficiency. Services offered by CCC include:



- Food pantry
- SNAP application assistance
- Utility bill assistance
- Rental assistance
- Homeless support services
- Home Repair program
- Back to school assistance
- Holiday help for Thanksgiving and Christmas

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"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. A heart of grace and a soul generated by love."

—Coretta Scott King



## Being part of the community means caring

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