



# COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

# 2020-2021



## WHAT DO WE DO?

The Leadership and Service Center offers a unique and collaborative environment for students to explore their own leadership development. Our mission is to equip students to positively impact their communities through involvement in student organizations, leadership development, service, and civic engagement.

# MEASURING SUCCESS

The Community Service Annual Report not only represents community service initiatives from the LSC, it showcases community service from across campus. Self-reported data is collected from students, organizations, departments, colleges, and programs to represent UofSC's commitment to service. During 2020-2021, UofSC volunteers were involved in hands-on community service, philanthropic fundraising, community-based research, service-learning and advocacy initiatives.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**  
\$3,666,374.20

**SERVICE HOURS**  
121,085

**UofSC VOLUNTEERS**  
9,654

*\* Estimate based on 2020 value of national volunteer time at \$28.54 per hour (<http://pointsoflight.org/tools/volunteercalculator>), as determined by the Independent Sector.  
Report statistics based on voluntary submissions from UofSC campus partners for the period of July 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.*



Serving my community has been a required part of my life growing up, but I realized I actually loved serving upon going to college. I've always wanted to choose a career that would let me make a difference, big or small. Serving has allowed me to make that difference in various ways in the community where I am placed.

**Stephanie Shewhart**  
The Big Event (2021-2022 Co-Director)



## WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE?



I choose to serve because I know that I'm making a positive impact in my community by helping those in need. Serving allows me to better the communities that I'm in, while also staying connected to the communities as well.



**Kayla King**  
2021 Student Life Summer Intern,  
CECEY Ambassador





I choose to serve, not only for the well-being of my community, but for my own growth and education. Service allows me to create lasting change by working with organizations around me and also increases my knowledge and understanding of social issues that I would otherwise be unaware of.



**Alaisa Smith**  
**Service Saturday (2020-2021 Site Leader, 2021-2022 Senior Site Leader)**



I devote time to serving others because it shows those in need that there are people who care about them. I choose to serve through the Leadership and Service center specifically because it connects the university to the greater Columbia community, providing me the opportunity to meet new people and build life-long friendships.



**Reagan Wells**  
**Service Saturday (2020-2021 Site Leader, 2021-2022 Senior Site Leader)**





## SUCCESS STORIES

*University of South Carolina students found several unique ways to serve with the community throughout the year.*

Since traveling outside of the Columbia metropolitan area was not possible this academic year, the Leadership and Service Center offered local Alternative Break trips. Students served at Habitat for Humanity Restore, Salvation Army of the Midlands, Transitions Homeless Shelter, and other sites.

Cocky's Reading Express (CRE) could not visit schools in person this academic year so CRE volunteers recorded "read alouds" and helped in a number of other ways, including going to other sites like EdVenture and Bilingualism Matters to assist those groups in their literacy efforts.

Students in Debbie Billings' SCHC 385 Equity, Justice, and Mutual Aid: Beyond Philanthropy and Charity course worked directly with Mutual Aid Midlands to address COVID-19 concerns with local residents and develop new community initiatives that will extend beyond COVID-19 related concerns. Students in this course also helped the organization win a grant for their work.

Fraternity and sorority members collected costumes for the Prisma Health Children's Hospital in place of the annual Trick or Treat with the Greeks event.

Students in Carla Swygert's SPAN 360 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals course created a website for the Columbia Hispanic community. The website includes links to important community resources and information about common ailments and diseases this community faces.

# Micheal Parker

## Willie L. Harriford Outstanding Service Award

Recognizes a student who actively seeks opportunities to address and serve the needs of the African American community as well as the Columbia community in its entirety like Willie L. Harriford did for the Richland County community.



# Callie Farrell

## Strom Thurmond-Steve Cannon Carolina Cares Scholarship

Recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the Carolina and surrounding area through community service.

# Lorena Beltran

## Paul Fidler Volunteer Service Award

Recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student for outstanding volunteer service to those in need. It is given in memory of Dr. Paul Fidler, the former Director of Research, Grants and Planning, and Student Affairs Liaison to the Carolina Chaplains, whose career at USC and his teaching at the College of Education provided service to others for 34 years.



# Biyun Celia Cui

## Rosemary Broadway Memorial Scholarship

Recognizes a student who lives off-campus and is actively involved in community service.

# Jessica Cerillo

## Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

Recognizes a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the community and university through service.



# Epsilon Sigma Alpha

## Outstanding Student Service Organization Award

Recognizes student organizations that are role models for other organizations based on their quality of service, amount of time and effort devoted to service projects.

# Habitat for Humanity Transitions Homeless Shelter

## Outstanding Community Partner Award

Recognizes an on-campus or off-campus partner who has helped the Gamecock Pantry take substantial strides to alleviating food insecurity on the University of South Carolina campus.





# Jay Urich

## Martin Luther King Social Justice Award

Recognizes individuals who have exemplified the philosophies of Dr. King through random or ongoing acts of community service, social justice or racial reconciliation.



# Rob and Paige Robertory



## Tom Wall

### Outstanding Gamecock Pantry Partner Award

Recognizes an on-campus or off-campus partner who has helped the Gamecock Pantry take substantial strides to alleviating food insecurity on the University of South Carolina campus.



## Margaret Crabtree

## Janine Callahan

# Southeastern Conference Community Service Team

Recognizes student-athletes from each school who give back to their community through superior service efforts.



**Cam Tringali, Jr.**

Baseball



**Kelsey Oh**

Softball



**David Olds**

Men's Track and Field



**Kensi Gray**

Women's Track and Field



**Andrew Grespin**

Men's Swimming and Diving



**Caroline Spence**

Women's Swimming and Diving



**Spencer Eason-Riddle**

Football



**Phillip Jordan**

Men's Tennis



**Kennedy Wicker**  
Women's Tennis



**Alanzo Frink**  
Men's Basketball



**Laetitia Amihere**  
Women's Basketball



**Kate Bonham**  
Equestrian



**Jack Parrott**  
Men's Golf



**Courtney Weber**  
Volleyball



**Taylor Fox**  
Women's Soccer

# Graduation with Leadership

## Distinction in Community Service

The Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning provides students with the opportunity to pursue Graduation with Leadership Distinction in five pathways: Community Service, Diversity and Social Advocacy, Global Learning, Professional and Civic Engagement and Research. The Community Service pathway emphasizes the transformative experience that occurs when students gain real-world experience by working directly with others in service leadership. This year, the following students earned Graduation with Leadership Distinction in Community Service:

McKenzee Chestnut  
Maria Como  
Jennifer Covington  
Hannah Farthing  
Kathleen Griffith  
Lindsey Hefner  
Elizabeth Horne  
Averrey Jencka  
William Jordan  
Chelsea Kuehler  
Savannah Lodwick  
Kelsey Louthan  
Hannah Massar  
Allyson McCorry  
Morgan McVicker  
Lauren Mohler  
Mary Morgan  
Brynn Peck  
Hannah Price  
Ashley Rohde  
Hannah Williams  
Jerryana Williams-Bibiloni  
Leslee Yeary



# THANK YOU

*Thank you to the participating offices, programs, and organizations whose service is included in this year's Annual Report:*

A.Bevy Collegiate Group

Alternative Break Trips

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Xi Delta

American Chemical Society Student Chapter

Beta Beta Beta

Capstone Scholars

Captains for Trash

Carolina-Clemson Blood Drive Committee

Chi Omega

Circle K International

Cocky's Reading Express

Community Service Ambassadors

Dance Marathon

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Phi Omega Sorority Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Tau Delta

Delta Zeta

Diversity Speaks

Dobson Volunteer Service Program

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Foundation for International Medical Relief  
of Children

Galen Health Fellows

Gamecock Pantry

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

Give a Dog a Bone

Impact Weekly

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Delta Sorority

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Library and Information Science Student  
Association

MedLife

MLK Day of Service

Mutual Aid Midlands

National Association of Black Journalists

Neuroscience Club

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Delta Theta

Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Mu

Pi Beta Phi

Public Health Society

Relay for Life

SAVVY

Service Saturday

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity,  
Inc.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

South Carolina Honors College

Student Community for Archives, Libraries,  
and Museums

Student Government

Teaching Fellows Association

The Big Event

Theta Chi

University of South Carolina Athletics

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



# THANK YOU

*Thank you to the participating nonprofit organizations who hosted UofSC student volunteers throughout the year:*

153 Project Columbia	Hannah House
AC Moore Elementary School	Harvest Hope Food Bank
AmeriCorps Upstate	Homeless No More
Atria Forest Lake	Junior Achievement
Babcock Center	Keep the Midlands Beautiful
Bilingualism Matters	Killingsworth Home
Birthright of Columbia	Love for the Elderly
Bright Horizons at USC	Meals on Wheels
Bon Secours Roper St. Francis	Midlands Reading Consortium
Carolina Wildlife Center	National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity	Oliver Gospel Mission
Centro de Educacion Basica	Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (PAALS)
Columbia Bethlehem Community Center	Palmetto Conservation Corps
Communities In Schools of the Midlands	Pawmetto Lifeline
Congaree Riverkeepers	Peace Corps
EZE Farms	PETSinc
Ezekiel Ministries	Prisma Health
Final Victory Animal Shelter	ProCare Rehabilitation
FoodCorps	Randolph Cemetery
Food Recovery Network	Reading Partners South Carolina
Greenville County Behavioral Health	Richland County Recreation Commission
Habitat for Humanity Restore	Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

*For more information on how to contribute to future reports, contact the Leadership and Service Center at (803) 777-7130 or [lsc@sc.edu](mailto:lsc@sc.edu).*

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Salvation Army of the Midlands

Secure the Ballot

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

South Carolina Autism Society

Special Olympics South Carolina

St. Judes Children Hospital

Sustainable Carolina

Sustainable Midlands

The Cooperative Ministry

The Free Medical Clinic

The Therapy Place

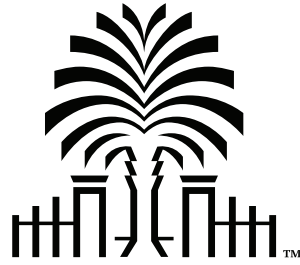
Transitions Homeless Center

W. Gordon Belser Arboretum

Washington St. United Methodist Church







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Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support