



# *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren...*

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## Those lazy, hazy days of summer?

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Some people think summer in the South means everything stops and everyone goes to the beach or the mountains. But that's not true for ACTS clients, volunteers or staff! While much-needed vacations are taken, ACTS remains open—and busy—Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 3 PM except on major holidays.



ACTS Executive Director **Vicki Bukovitz** thanked Mead Hall students (l-r) **Madelyn Smith, Abigail Smith, Jessica Smith, Rosey Sorensen, and Tatum Hanna**, who brought produce raised as a mission project with the help of the Aiken County Historical Museum and Master Gardeners.

Hunger never takes a holiday, and basic food staples are always needed at ACTS. Clients come in every day, often saying they have no food in their homes. If you see a good sale at your favorite food store, pick up a few extra cans or bags and drop them off at ACTS.

The hot summer weather means higher utility bills for ACTS clients. To help, ACTS recently completed a successful fan drive, which provides cooling comfort and allows clients to save on high energy bills.



The ACTS Resale Store is open all summer, with a new smiling face greeting customers. Trisha Ambrose, sales associate, is originally from Seattle and moved to Aiken about a year ago. She has two grown children and twin grandsons in Oregon, and a sixth grader at home. Her husband works at Savannah River Site.

The ACTS Senior Food program continues all summer on the third Saturday of each Month in Aiken and also at the Jackson satellite location. Volunteers bag the food and carry it to clients' cars. Some of ACTS' youngest volunteers participate, and always bring a smile to those they help.



ACTS will be closed July 1-5 for the Independence Day Holiday and September 2 for Labor Day.

## ACTS Summer Photo Gallery



A \$1,000 grant from the **St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund** and a generous discount from **Holley Heating and Air** allowed ACTS to replace a twenty year old air conditioning unit which could no longer be repaired due to frequent Freon leaks. The old unit was installed in 1993 and refrigerant was no longer available. The new unit (left) cools the clothing, linen and housewares department, conference/break room and computer work spaces. **Volunteer Dan Lambert and Board Vice President Ann Reinhard**, stand near an ACTS display at St. Paul when the grant was announced.



The 2013 ACTS Fan Drive was a FANTastic success! Volunteers collected fans May 31 and June 1 at Lowe's on Whiskey Road. Shoppers purchased the fans on display near the checkout counters and then gave them to ACTS volunteers including **Linda Ayres and Babs Farr**. This year 365 fans and \$1,700 in cash donations were collected. The fans are given to ACTS clients who are eligible to receive one. ACTS thanks the staff at Lowe's and the ACTS volunteers who made the weekend such a success!



Mrs. Lovelle's kindergarden class at St. John's United Methodist Church collected 250 pairs of shoes for ACTS as a mission project. Back row left: **Caroline Johnston, Benn Herron, Alyssa Raynor, Lane Lawson, Ava Bagwell, Caroline Boswell.** Front row left: **Kaitlyn Columb, Kinsley Kitchings, Aiden Fleming, Daly Pardue, Claire Woodworth.**



Abundant spring rains have done wonders for the Woodside Community Gardens. **Denny McGurer** and other volunteers have brought green beans, eggplants, cucumbers, squash, cabbage, and carrots to ACTS. This fall they plan to have a fall planting effort (collard greens, beets, beans, lettuce, etc.) which will be a wonderful addition to the ACTS food pantry.

**In honor and in memory—**

*ACTS has received gifts in memory of:* Anika Allmann, Dee Barks, Dick Begley, Jim Boik, Michelle Bowman, Gene Comar, George Creamer, Fred Davis, Merle Gillespie, Satyen Guha-Biswas, Monty Montgomery, Maxine Nelson, Byron Owens, Mike Path's Parents, Sam Putnam, Mildred Spencer, and Hank Ware.

*Gifts have been given in honor of:* Ginny Clifford's birthday, Alice and Jay Creamer, Brenda Martin and Don Morgan's marriage, Vicki Lockabill and George Schmidt's marriage, Gloverville First Baptist Church, Dink Looney, and Mike McComb.

**Kroger Community Rewards—coming soon!**

This summer Kroger will begin a new Community Rewards program to help local charities including ACTS. Once a charity has been assigned an exclusive organization number, you will be able to go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up. Then every time you use your Kroger card the charity you choose (ACTS!!) will receive a donation from Kroger. Watch for more information soon.

**Help wanted!**

The ACTS Senior Food Program needs volunteer drivers and substitutes to deliver food to homebound clients the third Saturday morning of each month. It only takes an hour or two, and you can share a route with a friend or neighbor. Call **Mary Bunch** at 803-648-6601 or the ACTS office at 803-649-3800 for more information.

**E-Mail or regular mail?**

ACTS now e-mails the newsletter and other information to 131 people instead of printing and mailing. To sign up, please send an e-mail to [info@actsofaiken.org](mailto:info@actsofaiken.org). Save \$ and trees.



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## ACTS Wish List



**What can you do to help ACTS this summer?**

*Kids grow. Gardens grow.* Soon it will be time for school again, and the children of ACTS clients have

probably outgrown last year's wardrobe just like your kids did. ACTS always needs children's clothes (new or gently used) and new underwear and socks of all sizes.

If you're a gardener or have friends who are, share your extra produce with ACTS clients who come to the Food Pantry or Saturday Senior Food program.

And if you find yourself with some extra time, consider a volunteer position at ACTS. Drivers and substitutes are especially needed for the Saturday Senior Food program. Call to see what's available. There's always a spot for you at ACTS!



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