



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

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2011 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

March 5 was a time of looking back at the 2011 25th Anniversary of ACTS, a time of good food and fellowship, and a time of looking ahead. Volunteers and staff enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner prepared and served by board members. M'Aiken Music, under the direction of Bill Riehl, provided musical entertainment.

Keynote Speaker Pete Frommer, retired director of public safety, recalled Aiken's history of helping from the early days of his career. He said in the past, public safety officers and other first responders had to help victims of accidents and natural disasters as best they could. Today, agencies like ACTS step in to help.



New board members **Ann Reinhard** (l) and **Darlene Rittel** (r) and Ann's husband Fred Kelsven helped serve dinner.

Board Chair Beth Barkhau reviewed the events of 2011 and the services provided to clients. In addition to financial contributions, ACTS relies on the services of hundreds of volunteers who gave nearly 30,000 hours last year.

*ACTS will be
closed
for Easter
April 6 to
April 9*

*Happy
Easter*



Pete Frommer, Vicki Bukovitz



Everyone enjoyed the dinner and program.

2012 Icicle Ball



Jerry Clements and **Jay Creamer** look over selections at the first-ever Silent Auction at the 2012 Icicle Ball January 28. The event netted \$24,480 to support the food programs at ACTS. Guests enjoyed dinner at Newberry Hall, and dancing to the Palmetto Groove party band. ACTS volunteer **Eden Keefe** was the winner of the quilt. Thanks to the many volunteers who made the event possible.

Thank you!



Board Member **Jack Mullins** organized "Singing Out for Food" at Woodside March 3 to raise funds for the ACTS food programs. A sold-out crowd of 150 enjoyed music by musicians and vocalists from Aiken Community Playhouse.


Bethlehem Lutheran Church raised over \$700 for ACTS at a recent pancake breakfast, including a matching gift from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

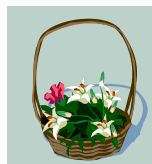
A record 1,313 people participated in the 12th annual **Lexington Race Against Hunger** February 25th. ACTS was one of five charities to benefit from the event, which included a 10K race, a 5K walk and a 1 mile fun run.

E-Mail or regular mail?

ACTS now e-mails the newsletter and other information to 49 people instead of printing and mailing. To sign up, please send an e-mail to info@actsofaiken.org. Save \$ and trees.

ACTS Wish List

	Volunteers!	
Personal hygiene products—soaps etc.	New underwear - All Sizes	Feminine hygiene products
	Children's clothing, sox & undies Size 2T to Youth 16 desperately needed!	



Resale Store shines in fashion show!



ACTS volunteers **Darlene Rittel** and **Judy Bilyeu** modeled outfits bought at the ACTS Resale Store for the annual Aiken Women's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show. Both ladies liked their outfits so much that they purchased them!

Welcome!

ACTS welcomes its newest member church, the Apostolic Faith Church, 135 Orangeburg Street SE in downtown Aiken.



Need a Mother's Day gift for the Mom who has everything? Shop at ACTS! There are just a few ACTS 25th anniversary pillows left at \$45. Or choose a box of eight Community of Faith note cards for \$10. The Resale Store is full of ideas too. Do something nice for Mom—and for the less fortunate too!

In honor and in memory—

ACTS thanks those who gave gifts in honor of: ACTS volunteers, Christmas, Barbara Smith, Dr. Ron Lee, Rodney & Edie Kennon, Henri Wade, H. Schurmeier, R. Schurmeier, and B. Schurmeier, Diane and John Pierpoint, Mr. & Mrs. Evans Daggett, Jay & Alice Creamer, Weldon Wyatt, Jack Wetzel, Fred & Demetra Gray, Jim & Flo Carroll, Ann Reinhard & Fred Kelsven, Ambrose & Gwen Schwallie, Judy Brasel, Mr. & Mrs. Mackey Scott, Jr., Bill & Linda Poulson & family, Ann Garvin, Dan & Nancy Lambert, Dick & Ann Grant, DM Beth Barkhau, Wayne & Linda Ayres' anniversary.

Gifts were also given in memory of Bryan Tompkins Owens, Lois Wolf, Mildred Carless, Sanford Bradby, Marie Harden, Maylee Hayes, Joe Bumpus, Mildred Karraker, Ruth Scott, Mary Feaster, Tony Robinson, Walter Riddick, Gerald Hooker, Dick Begley, Dean Reinhard, Jim Morris.

When trouble strikes our community—ACTS can help!

Spring brings warmer days, beautiful flowers, and community events like the Triple Crown races and the Masters Golf tournament. But it can also bring spring storms—wind, rain, hail—even tornadoes. If the worst should happen—ACTS is ready to help.



First Responders—the fire department, police, EMS, the Red Cross—determine what victims of storms, fires or other emergencies might need. If they need food, clothing, housewares or furniture, ACTS accepts referrals for these items.



ACTS was on the scene long term after the 2005 train derailment in Graniteville, helping with the immediate needs of those displaced as well as partnering with other agencies to help victims find employment and sign up for available benefits.

2011 By the Numbers

- 11,379 individuals received food for a week
- 3,272 individuals received 3 clothing outfits
- 1,047 families received utility assistance
- 482 fans and heaters were distributed
- 164 families received housewares
- 23 families received furniture
- 238 individuals received prescription help
- 378 individuals or families received services including diapers, eye glasses, hot meals or medical equipment
- 29,966 volunteer hours were contributed

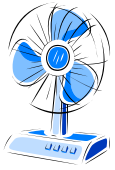
Welcome new board members!

ACTS welcomes Sara Campbell, Ken Kline, Jack Mullin, Kevin Price, Ann Reinhard and Darlene Rittel to the Board of Directors. Thanks to Bill Collins, Tom Grillo, Scott Hunter, Jane Keisler, and Katherine Powell whose terms have expired.

The ACTS Fan Drive!

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