

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



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### ACTS Mission Statement

To partner with churches, organizations, and individuals to provide assistance to our neighbors in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

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This was the banner that welcomed ACTS volunteers and set the theme for the March 15 Volunteers Appreciation Dinner. As each guest entered St. Angela Hall they wrote their name on a shamrock or piece of "gold" to add to the banner.

The event included games, memories and a delicious dinner of shepherds pie, salad and dessert prepared by Aiken Regional Medical Center.

Executive Director Carla Cloud welcomed the group and said for ACTS Irish luck means the organization is blessed with so many caring, committed volunteers. After-dinner entertainment included some Irish-themed games and music as well videos taken of ACTS volunteers, staff and clients by a group of USC-Aiken students for a class project.

### Farewell to Carla

In addition to thanking volunteers the evening also served as a farewell dinner for Executive Director Carla Cloud. Board chair Matthew Steelman presented her with flowers from the group.



Carla announced her resignation in early March and said she has felt for some time a call to start a ministry focusing on women of the Bible. While she is still thinking and praying about exactly what to do, she has received some backing to write and perform a series of monologues based on Biblical women, and hopes to make presentations in area churches and other venues.



ACTS will be closed  
May 28  
for the  
Memorial Day Holiday.



### Warm Coats + Warm Hearts = Warm Thanks!



Thanks to everyone who donated warm coats, blankets, sweaters and other winter wear, made hats and scarves, or who donated heaters and cash for utility payments. (ACTS clients who often live in poorly insulated homes and many have difficulty paying higher winter heating bills. They have been very grateful for the help ACTS was able to give because of your generous donations).



Paladin Productions presented Songs Through the Decades at ten venues in January. The January 23 program at St. Paul Lutheran raised \$2,400 for ACTS in addition to gifts of non-perishable food.

Paladin Productions



Have Show—Will Travel

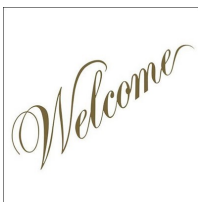
THANK YOU!

### ACTS Cats looking for new home

After years protecting ACTS from things that go bump in the night, the ACTS cats are retiring and looking for a new home. Clarence, a grey tuxedo male, and Baby, a tortoise female, are good friends, in good health, and up to date in their shots.



If you would like to adopt Clarence and Baby, please call ACTS at 649-3800.



Welcome to our new  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Laura Smoak

### Grants and Gifts

Recent gifts to ACTS include "Giving Tuesday" donations from:

- High Country Olive Oil (canned food & \$100)
- Craig Dougherty (\$250)
- Marco's Pizza Canned Food Drive Nov. 6-30
- Western Carolina State Fair (10,000 cans of food)

Other gifts include:

- Sisters of Charity grant - \$3,000 for discretionary fund
- Harvest Home Concert—Nov. 12 @ St. John's Methodist. University, Community & Church choirs
- Floyd & Green—Night of Giving Back—Nov. 9
- Club Corps Charities (Woodside Plantation)

### ACTS Partners

**Aiken Regional Medical Centers**  
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**In honor and in memory—**



*Gifts have been given to ACTS in honor of:* Deborah Brooks, Opal Bullington, Sam & Linda Christine; Kurt Davis, Rita Greenquist, Dan & Nancy Lambert x2, Charles Lide, Kathy and Bill Gassman, Judy and Neal Glove, Amy & Steve Graham, Sandra Hartman, Janis & Lane Howell, Bob & Kathleen McClure, Russ & Jean Schwalbert, Barbara Smith (Beautiful Piano Music), Mr. & Mrs. Steve Woiczehowski, Jean Weeks.

*Gifts have been given in memory of:* Jed Alexander x2, Wade Brodie, Helen Cozada, Neal Donovan, Don Frazier, Leslie George x3, Evelyn Ingle, Feaster Gregorian, Richard Hazen, Garrett Heitkamp, Jim Kohl, Cleo Lettbetter Margaret Mills, Mary Mills, Jake Miniard, Ginny Peterson, Tom Pons x2, H.G. Reynolds, Anita Scott, Austin Scott, Jr x5, Rose Yanek

**2018 ACTS Fan Drive**

Now that warmer weather has finally come it's time to plan ahead for the 2018 ACTS Fan Drive to be held ?????? At Lowe's on Whiskey Road.



Many ACTS clients don't have energy efficient homes or air conditioning, so the fans help them stay cool and lower their utility bills. For less than \$20 you can help! Just pick up and pay for a fan at Lowe's and then turn it in to ACTS volunteers outside the store. Lowe's will have a large display near

**Gift Giving Made Simple!**

Sign up for **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to ACTS!! Remember—after you sign up for the program you must begin your shopping session at smile.amazon.com rather than going directly to Amazon. You will then arrive at the Amazon website.

Your enrollment in **Kroger Community Rewards** needs to be updated each year. To enroll or to re-enroll go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. It only takes a few minutes but donations to ACTS continue all year!

**Project Vision volunteers provide much-needed help at ACTS!**

ACTS is very grateful for the help of more than 20 Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employees and their families who recently reconfigured the parking lot, redesigned clothing bins, and cleaned and upgraded the food storage area as part of Project VISION (Volunteers in Service in Our Neighborhoods.)

The group re-striped the parking lot to provide traffic arrows directing donors to and from the drop off area at the back as well as several designated parking areas. Site leader Tom Boykin likened the new design to a roundabout to help streamline the donation process.

The volunteers also redesigned the blue bins that are normally loaded with clothing donations. With the new design, clothing will be added to the top and removed from the bottom, ensuring that donations will always be rotated and not left at the bottom of the bin.



ACTS Volunteers (l-r) Jan Wright, Donna Becker and Ina Casisa with a rare sight—an empty bin!!

Nearby a trio of volunteers cleaned food freezers and lifted them on dollies, making upkeep easier. "Everything they are doing is huge to us," said Executive Director Carla Cloud. "We are so grateful."





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## Upcoming Events!



April 21 10 AM—2 PM  
ACTS 4th Annual Car Show  
Millbrook Baptist Church

Bring a non-perishable food item or  
cash donation.



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