

The Mission of ACTS is to partner with Churches, Organizations, and Individuals to provide assistance to our neighbors in need, in the name of Jesus Christ.

ACTS

340 Park Avenue SW
Aiken, SC 29801
Hours: M-F, 11-3 (Client)
Office Hours: 9-4:00
Phone: (803) 649-3800
Client Services Phone:
(803) 642-5919
Resale Store:
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resale store

**ACTS of Graniteville
2nd ACTS Resale Store**

50 Canal Street, Ste 6
Hours: M-F, 10-5
Closed Wednesdays
Open Saturdays 10-2
Client Services: Thursday
11-3. By appt: 642-5919.
Phone: (803) 392-7022
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2nd ACTS



ACTS will be closed for:
Independence Day
July 1-5

Good Bye from Gaile -

How did I find ACTS or did ACTS find me? In 1994, I was out of town for my job and received a call that my home had burned to the ground! What to do? A friend suggested I go to ACTS for temporary assistance for my family. I thought ACTS was for only members of the Aiken area churches and I was/am a long-time member of a church in Augusta. She insisted that I try. I was still in shock and embarrassed to ask for help! I recall crying and wanting to leave; then Sister Mary came, put her arm over my shoulder and said, "We're here to help. What can we do?" Her compassionate manner eased me. Everyone was so caring and tender. I set myself a mission to 'repay' ACTS. I designated ACTS as my United Way contribution recipient and in 2002 when I retired from the Federal Government after 17 years at Fort Gordon and another 17 years with Department of Energy (SRS), I came to ACTS to volunteer.



I knew this the place I wanted to volunteer when on my first day—and every day since—we opened our workday with prayer. I began as the "shoe girl" then an interviewer and data clerk. The staff was only 2 positions - the Executive Director and the Operations Manager. In 2003, I was asked if I would accept the vacant Operations Manager position. I declined stating that I had retired and did not want another full-time job, but that I would fill in until someone was hired. In 2004, God sent us Karen as the new Operations Manager. The administrative workload was multiplying exponentially, and I was asked if I would accept a new part time position, Administrative Assistant. I accepted (little did I know about what part time means in the nonprofit world!!) I would do it all over again.

Each day I am reminded this is "His" place and we all are His children and helpers. I am so blessed that He led me here to find so many wonderful co-workers, volunteers, clients, customers and all who enter our doors! It is with a sore heart that I retire from ACTS after 17 years. I am excited to see what He has in store for me on my next 17 year venture, and the next, etc. Until we meet again, prayers and love to all.

Gaile Boyd

Grants and Gifts

Recent gifts and grants to ACTS include:

- Aces for Acts Fundraiser—\$12,000
- Individual Donor—Vehicle for Transportation Program
- New Spring Church \$2,500—General Fund
- Individual Donor \$1,000—General Fund
- Lion's Club of Aiken \$500—General Fund Grant
- Aiken Women's Club—Ladies' & Men's New Undergarments
- Individual Donor—\$100 Childcare Program



Thanks to all donors and volunteers
the ACTS Fan & Utility Drive
May 17-18, 2019 collected
324 fans and \$3,700 to help our clients
stay cool this summer!

Gifts by Seniors Can Restore a Life

If you are 70 or older you can now make gifts directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal.

How It Works

- You must be age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older at the time the gift is made.
- Gifts can be used to satisfy your IRA required minimum distribution each year.
- You must request from your IRA plan custodian a direct transfer of funds to ACTS for the gift to be tax-free.
- Each person may give up to \$100,000 per year.
- Funds held in other retirement plans such as a 401(k) are not eligible UNLESS they are rolled over to a standard IRA first. Then it can be used for a tax-free rollover gift to ACTS.
- You may designate a specific ACTS program for your gift or indicate where most needed.

Next Steps

Contact your IRA Plan Provider. They will require the following information to process your gift:

Area Churches Together serving
340 Park Avenue SW
Aiken, SC 29801
ACTS Tax ID Number is 57-0826271

In Honor and In Memory

ACTS has received gifts in memory of: Jed Alexander, Anika Allemann, Bob Anderson, June B. Busbee, Lonnie Daugherty, Neil Flowers, Bill Gassman, Anne Grefenstette, William Robert Lasswitz, Jr., John & Margaret Newman, Irene Rudnick, Richard W. Smith, Richard & June Spaunburgh, Jean Taylor, Nancy Wheaton, Lois Wolf

Gifts have been given in honor of: Lyddie Hansen, Barbara Bachmann, Liz Cox



ACTS' Needs:



Cereal, pasta, canned beans, dry beans, protein or granola bars, tuna, toothpaste, toothbrush, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, wet wipes, box van and volunteers for furniture pick ups.



Aiken Tennis Players & Pros Serve-Up Fundraiser for ACTS

The first-ever "Aces for ACTS Fun Tennis Fundraiser" raised more than \$12,000 for ACTS thanks to the event organizers, Bob Delfay and Don Haberkost, and 105 area tennis players, volunteers, sponsors and donors.

ACTS extends a 'Thank You' to our local business partners who support our programs and services with their generous financial contributions.

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Volunteer Corner - Welcome to Our New Volunteers

Amy Clark Cole Clark Linda Davis
Beverly Gambrell Debra Halm James Mappus
Chuck Scarton Charlotte Taylor
Dana Hudson Ernest Settle (Both ACTS of Graniteville)



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Did You Know?

- ◇ The Graniteville Resale Store is now closed Wednesdays but open Saturdays 10-2.
- ◇ You can follow the ACTS Resale Store and 2nd ACTS on Facebook to see the Sale of the Day.
- ◇ ACTS now has a bicycle program.



Did You Know?

ACTS has a Christmas/Birthday Store located within the ACTS of Aiken Resale Store. Clients who apply are able to shop for new gifts for their children, ages newborn to 18 years of age, at a minimal charge of \$3.00 per gift. Please consider donating money, new gifts, or your time by contacting Suzanne Jackson or Karen Perry at 803-649-3800.

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