

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

Fall 2020

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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
Client Services: Monday-Friday,
11 am - 3pm by appointment
Client Services Phone:
(803) 642-5919
Office Hours: 9 am - 4 pm

Resale Store: 401 Hayne Avenue

Phone: (803) 649-3800

Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm Phone: (803) 226-0134 Email: info@actsofaiken.org Web: www.actsofaiken.org Facebook: @actsofaiken -and @actsofaikenresalestore

ACTS of Graniteville Resale Store

50 Canal Street, Ste 6

Hours: M-F, 10am - 5pm
Closed Wednesdays
Store Phone: (803) 392-7022
Facebook: @2ndACTSGraniteville

If you are a client seeking assistance, please call the Client Services number at (803) 642-5919.

Verse Connection:

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality."
- Romans 12:13

ACTS Continues to Serve During COVID



ACTS has expanded our Food Distribution to Ridge Spring on the third Wednesday of each month.

services we consider "discretionary." We have been able to focus on serving our rural, underserved communities with a renewed commitment to take our services directly to those who need us most.

We are thankful for the

we are blessed to have had numerous opportunities to serve those most impacted by this pandemic. Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our clients continue to receive food, medical and utility assistance in addition to rent assistance and other accommodations,

While COVID-19 has

presented many challenges

over these past few months,



ACTS partners with Aiken Regional Medical Centers and DHEC during COVID-19 Testing Drives.



ACTS has expanded the monthly Senior Food Program to Graniteville.

generosity of our church partners, grant funders, corporate and individual donors, many partner organizations and volunteers who have come together to support our mission during these challenging times. We continue to see God's work in all we do!

Grants and Gifts

Recent gifts and grants to ACTS include:

- United Way of Aiken County Women United - \$5,000 in support of ACTS Food Program specifically targeting women and children.
- Sisters of Charity Critical Needs Grant \$7,500 for program services during COVID
- St. Paul Lutheran Church \$1,000 for ACTS Car Program
- United Aiken Soccer Team Donation to be used where needed most
- Churches Supporting the ACTS Fan Drive:
 - Aiken's First Baptist \$928 in support of ACTS Annual Fan Drive
 - St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church Mission Team - \$140 collected to purchase fans
- Aiken Mid-Day Lions \$400 for the ACTS 2020 Fan Drive
- Dominion Energy Critical Needs Matching Grant - \$2,000
- Floyd & Green Night of Giving Back
- Aiken Association of Realtors \$5,000 to support ACTS Food Program during COVID
- St. Augustine of Canterbury \$1,500 as their Outreach Partner for the quarter

Volunteers Shine During ACTS' Food Distribution Events





Thank you to all our many volunteers who have helped us continue serving those in need during these unprecedented times!



Thank You for Choosing ACTS as Your 2020 Best Local Non-Profit Organization:



Thank you for choosing ACTS as the Aiken Standard's Aiken 2020 choice for Best Local Non-Profit Organization! We are truly honored to continue to serve the Aiken community!



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











Family MedCenter in Aiken













Dr. Patrick McMenamin, Aiken Ear, Nose, Throat and Allergy

In Honor and In Memory

ACTS has received gifts in memory of: Justin Blohm, Jr., Ann Botts, Steve Behnke, Judith Brasel, Marilyn Brown, LeClair Burckhalter, Jimmy Carlisle, Dana Sims Chipley, Caralyn Christopher, Mrs. Edi Dichiara, Elizabeth Dyches, Jeanie Dynarski, Tom Gorrell, George Gregory, Mrs. A'la Perle Hickman, Henry E. Krippner, Mary Jean Ledbetter, Sally Leiter, Harriet Shallo, Garnet Snyder, Sandy Toerey-Rodin, Annis Moran, Nancy L. Wheaton, Dennis Quinn, Loved Ones at Easter, Sister-in-Law of Jane Keisler

ACTS has received gifts in honor of: Cindy Brown, Bill Collins, Janice Harmon, Jane Keisler, Tom Pavelek, Abraham Sanders Jr., Jane Scott's birthday, Mary Jo Wilson-Spencer, Betsy Wilson-Mahoney



Volunteer Corner: "Welcome" to Our New Volunteers

Carla Cribb • Diann Moreland • Jim Moreland Kimberly Morris • Jack Yeh

(Both ACTS in Aiken and Graniteville)



If you would like to volunteer, call our office at (803) 649-3800 or fill out an application on our website at www.actsofaiken.org/volunteer

Resale Store Update:

The Resale Stores are back open. Monday-Friday: 10 am - 5 pm Closed on Saturdays.

Thank you to our loyal customers of the Resale Stores in Graniteville and Aiken! You have been great during COVID-19. You continue to support both Stores, wearing your masks and practicing social distancing. We are grateful for your patronage.

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Did You Know?

ACTS is an extension of each member church. We are Christ's hands and feet serving our community, whether it is a client, volunteer, donor or staff. We look for the face of Christ in everyone we meet. Everyone has a story to tell about what brought them to ACTS. What's yours?

ACTS' Needs:

During these unprecedented times, we are asking that clothing donations to be placed in a bag when dropped off. We are in a great need of peanut butter, jelly, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and shampoo. Please call 803-649-3800 for more information or with any questions.

Join our email list and stay updated on the news at ACTS. Call (803-649-3800) or Email Lizzie Abshire at lizzie@actsofaiken.org for more information.

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