



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

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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

Hours: M-F, 11am - 3pm

(Client Services) By appointment.

Office Hours: 9am - 4 pm

Phone: (803) 649-3800

Client Services Phone:

(803)642-5919

Resale Store

401 Hayne Avenue
Aiken, SC 29801

Closed due to COVID-19

Email: info@actsofaiken.org

Web: www.actsofaiken.org

Facebook: [@actsofaiken](#) --
and [@actsofaikenresalestore](#)

**ACTS of Graniteville
Resale Store and Client
Services are Closed due to
COVID-19**

50 Canal Street, Ste 6
Graniteville, SC
Resale Store is closed due to
COVID-19.

Call: 642-5919 for

Client Services

Phone: (803) 392-7022

Facebook: [@2ndACTSGraniteville](#)

Verse Connection:

*"Whenever my busy thoughts
were out of control, the
soothing comfort of your
presence calmed me down
and overwhelmed me
with delight."*

-Psalm 94:19

Serving Those in Need During COVID-19

ACTS was initiated more than 33 years ago thanks to the vision of twenty churches that pooled resources to provide for those in need. With the support of 57 churches today and the assistance of our dedicated volunteers and staff, ACTS continues to serve those in the community who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Our goal is to provide assistance while ensuring the safety of our clients, volunteers and employees. The generous support of our donors provides ACTS the ability to remain on the front lines assisting those most vulnerable.

We continue to provide food, medical and utility assistance Monday through Friday between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm. We ask our clients to make an appointment which allows us to serve "curbside" so that the clients don't have to leave their cars and we can observe social distancing. Clients who request assistance with food receive a week's worth of food options based on family size. We have been able to continue our Senior Food Distribution Program serving more than 350 seniors monthly with a week's worth of supplemental food. In the case of medical and utility assistance, staff receives the clients' paperwork (copy of prescription, utility bill, etc.) while the clients are in their car. Once the order for the prescription is processed, we arrange to have the client pick up their medicines directly from the pharmacy or have the prescription delivered. Utility assistance is paid directly to the utility company on behalf of the client. Our staff takes all precautions when working with our clients, wearing face coverings and disposable gloves.

*"I was
laid off
from my job
and I'm having to
find resources...
ACTS made all the
difference."
- Client who
received food
assistance*

Our Resale Stores in Aiken and Graniteville remain closed. However, we are working on our "reentry" plan to reopen and look forward to announcing details soon.

It is hard to grasp the long-term effects of COVID-19, but ACTS remains dedicated to serving many who are struggling during these challenging times. We assess needs on an ongoing basis and modify our processes to ensure we are assisting safely. The generosity from the community has been humbling and we give prayers of thanks and gratitude for all who join us in our ministry. If you wish to support our mission, please consider making a financial gift on-line at www.actsofaiken.org or you may send a check to 340 Park Avenue SW, Aiken SC 29801.

Please continue to pray for our clients, volunteers and staff. Thank you for your willingness to serve those less fortunate in our community.

With Blessings,

Suzanne K. Jackson

Executive Director of ACTS

Grants and Gifts

Recent gifts and grants to ACTS include:

- Community Foundation and United Way of the CSRA COVID-19 Fund - \$50,000
- Kevin & Brittany Kisner Foundation - \$8,000 for children’s needs during and after COVID-19
- Sisters of Charity Urgent Needs Grant - \$3,000 for COVID-19 Relief
- Women of Woodside - \$3,000 for ACTS Food Program
- Cedar Creek Ladies Club - \$1,000 for ACTS Food Program
- Aiken Newcomers’ Club - \$850 to support ACTS Fan Drive and COVID-19 Relief
- Aiken Women’s Club - \$1,000
- Sand River Woman’s Club - \$500
- St. John’s United Methodist Women – \$1,000
- St. John’s United Methodist Church - \$1,000 for COVID-19 Relief
- First Presbyterian Church - \$700 for COVID-19 Relief
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church - \$349 from proceeds of their Pancake Supper

Project Vision Upgrades ACTS



Project Vision, a program of the United Way of Aiken County, had volunteers visit numerous nonprofits on March 12th. ACTS in Aiken and Graniteville had employees from SRNS paint the interior and exterior of ACTS, expand an office, repair siding and the after hours donation box, add shelving, and much more. The team at ACTS extends a enormous “Thank You” to all the volunteers with Project Vision! United We Win!



(Left) Employees from SRNS help expand the office of Darlene Knight, Phone Operator at ACTS, so that she can better assist clients.

Check out our Facebook page to see all the photos from Project Vision at ACTS in Aiken and Graniteville!

“Be an ACTS Fan”

*Join us for our
12th annual ACTS Fan Drive*

Because of COVID-19, our annual Fan Drive will look a little different this year. During the month of May, we ask that you support this important initiative by purchasing

Even during COVID-19, ACTS’ services continue. Knock out the heat and support our virtual Fan Drive!



fans at **Lowe’s on Whiskey Road** or at **True Value located at 121 Laurens Street** in downtown Aiken.

Let the cashier know that you are purchasing fans for ACTS and both stores will hold them for pick-up.

You may also make a financial donation to support the purchase fans and/or to help fund ACTS’ Utility Assistance Program. Visit our website (actsofaiken.org/donate) and designate your donation to the “Fan Drive and Utility Assistance Program”. Or you may purchase your fan at Lowe’s or True Value and drop them off at ACTS. Also, you may send a check to ACTS at 340 Park Avenue SW, Aiken, SC 29801.

We will ensure that fans are distributed to individuals and families in need during the hot summer months.

ACTS extends a ‘Thank You’ to our local churches and corporate partners who support our programs and services with their generous time and financial contributions.

Our 2020 Supporting Churches:

Aiken Unitarian Universalist Church • Aiken’s First Baptist Church • All Saints Anglican Church • Apostolic Faith Church • Bell Grove Missionary Baptist • Bethel Baptist Church • Bethel United Methodist Church • Bethlehem Lutheran Church • Calvary Baptist Church in Graniteville • Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson • Cedar Creek Church • Christian Heritage Church • Cornerstone Baptist Church • Cumberland A.M.E. Church • Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene • First Baptist Church of Montmorenci • First Baptist Church of Windsor • First Christian Church • First Presbyterian Church of Aiken • Friendship Baptist Church • Good Hope Baptist Church • Grace Covenant Church of God • Grace Presbyterian Church • Graniteville First Baptist Church • Highland Pines Baptist Church • Hillview Baptist Church • Howlandville Baptist Church • Jackson Bible Church • Langley Church of God • Matlock Baptist Church • Memorial Baptist Church • Mercy Church • Millbrook Baptist Church • Mount Anna Baptist Church • New Covenant Presbyterian Church • NewSpring Church • Pentecost United Methodist Church • Second Baptist Church • Shaws Fork Baptist Church • Solid Rock Baptist Church • South Aiken Presbyterian Church • Spirit of Prevailing Faith • St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church • St. Gerard’s Catholic Church • St. James Lutheran Church • St. John United Methodist Church in Graniteville • St. John’s United Methodist Church • St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church • St. Paul Lutheran Church • St. Paul’s Episcopal Church • St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church • Talatha Baptist Church • Town Creek Baptist Church • Trinity United Methodist Church • Union Baptist Church • Wagener United Methodist Church • Williams Chapel Church of God

Our 2020 Corporate Partners:

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In Honor and In Memory

ACTS has received gifts in memory of: Diane Barker, Judith Brasel, Dr. Joseph Brooks, Alice Burdette, Eloise Corbin, Bill Keisler, Paul Leibstein, Sally Leiter, Sandy Teorey-Rodin, Sergeant Seth Thomas.



ACTS has received gifts in honor of: Rev. Martha Ebel, Janice Harmon, Jane Keisler, and Mike McComb

**Volunteer Corner -
 “Welcome” to Our New Volunteers**

Mary M. Conningham
 Lauren Carroll
 Larry Snider
 Joyce Vermost
 Marylyn Pfister
 Jane Simpson
 Monica Robinson
 Jessie Michler



(Both ACTS in Aiken and Graniteville)

Graniteville Corner:

- Resale Store is closed due to COVID-19
- Monday-Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
- Closed on Saturdays.
- If you are seeking food, medical or utility assistance during COVID-19, please call our Client Services line (803-642-5919) and we will be glad to assist you.

Did You Know?

ACTS provides 350 seniors a week's worth of food every 3rd Saturday of the month? If you or someone you know is 60 or older and would like more information, call 803-642-5919. If you are interested in volunteering, please email volunteer@actsofaiken.org or call 803-649-3800.



ACTS' Needs:

During these unprecedented times, we are closing our donations drop-off area until further notice. Our Facebook page will provide updates regarding our services. We are accepting canned goods, financial donations, and disposable gloves. Please call 803-649-3800 for more information.



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

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