



Dear Friend,

When Helene made initial landfall in Aiken County, I don't believe any of us were prepared for the extent of its destruction. We all have been impacted in one way or another and for some the recovery will be months into the future. It is heartbreaking that lives were lost and that many are dealing with extensive damage to property. We pray for all who were and will continue to be impacted.

From the onset, we assisted with higher than normal requests for **food and clothing**. Initially our food resources were hindered and we worked tirelessly to secure enough inventory to continue our daily Food Pantry and our eight monthly food distributions in the outlying communities. Having access to adequate and nutritious food has been an ongoing concern for many of our clients well before Helene and will continue to be a priority for those impacted.

Individuals with prescription and other medical and dental needs can access **ACTS Medical Assistance Program** for services. This will help alleviate the difficult financial decisions that many face when prioritizing critical needs.

ACTS is prepared for an uptick in requests for **utility assistance** to prevent disconnection of service now that power has been restored. This service is of particular importance to seniors with medical issues and families with young children.

Our **volunteers** have stepped up to help in various roles. Though many were personally impacted, they are committed to helping those whom they perceive have greater needs.

These are trying times and the needs are great. Recovery is just beginning for many of our clients. Yet we are humbled by the ongoing generosity of those who provide hope through their overtures of kindness. There is no doubt that God is with us as we continue along our journey.

Thank you to our many partners who have come together to show compassion for our community.

Blessings,

Suzanne K. Jackson

Suzanne K. Jackson, Executive Director

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become the noonday.

ISAIAH 58:10



Boy Scout Troop 110 Benefits Those Impacted By Helene

Boys Scout Troop 110 held a food drive on Saturday, October 12th, to collect non-perishable food for the ACTS Food Pantry. The food will be distributed to individuals and families who seek food assistance in the aftermath of Helene.

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

PROVERBS 19:17






Church Youth Partner with ACTS During Vacation Bible School

Middle school youth who participated in Vacation Bible School at New Covenant Presbyterian Church and St. John's Methodist Church joined ACTS during the month of July. The youth helped with a variety of tasks in the Food Program area.



ACTS Needs

Please consider donating these items in support of our clients:

- » Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits
- » Canned and Dry Beans
- » Tomato Sauce
- » Canned Salmon or Chicken
- » Soup (any variety)
- » Complete Meals (ravioli, beef stew, etc.)
- » Canned Fruit
- » Pasta
- » Rice
- » Macaroni and Cheese
- » Shelf Stable Milk
- » Peanut Butter
- » Jelly
- » Can openers
- » Toilet Paper
- » Paper Towels
- » Dish Detergent
- » Laundry Detergent
- » Personal Hygiene Items
- » Feminine Hygiene Items
- » Wipes
- » Diapers
- » Hand Sanitizer

Other items needed for the Resale Stores:

- » Gently used housewares and furniture
- » Gently used men's, women's, youth and children's clothing

Please call 803-649-3800 for more information or with any questions.



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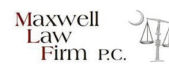


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Centerra-SRS is extremely proud to have provided security services at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site for over 40 years. We fulfill a critical National Security mission by protecting Nuclear materials and other security interests, people and property at the 310-square-mile Site. Our employees have successfully met this mission with a continual focus on safety, professional excellence, and cost-effectiveness.

The Company's vision, core values, key business drivers, goals and objectives are strategically aligned to ensure contractual compliance and continued success.

The Company's motto, *Mission First...People Always*, drives our approach. We are committed to mission accomplishment but also realize that our employees are our most important resource, and we value not only their talents and expertise, but also their input as we strive for continuous improvement.

We are committed to working cohesively with our client and all Site organizations to ensure that SRS maintains the highest safety and security standards.



ACTS Is Focused on Workplace Safety

Thanks to a generous donation from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, ACTS was able to purchase two AEDs (automated external defibrillators) for our ACTS locations in Aiken and Graniteville.

Samantha Coates, an instructor with SRNS, provided CPR and AED training to all ACTS employees. We give thanks to Samantha and SRNS for helping us be better equipped in case of an emergency.

PROVIDING HOPE
TO OUR
Neighbors in Need

MAIN OFFICE
340 Park Avenue, SW, Aiken
Office Hours
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My mom and
all her hard work
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and her dedicated staff
and volunteers
Our Grandchildren

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Aiken Regional Medical Centers
Carolina Handling donated a
Raymond 8210 motorized pallet jack
celebrating the company's
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Helene Disaster Relief

Dominion Energy
Charitable Foundation
Hurricane Helene Community Crisis Fund
for the Central Savannah River Area

St. John's Methodist Church
Special Offering for Helene
Boy Scout Troop 110

RECENT MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS



GET INVOLVED WITH OUR MISSION:
Volunteer, Donate, Assist Our Neighbors In Need