



**SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION**  
*of South Carolina*

# 2007 Annual Report

Since its inception in 1996, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina continuously strives to change lives of the poor and underserved by addressing the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and family, investing in programs and understanding policy issues.

The fact is, in 2007 the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina invested more than \$2.2 million through 77 grants to organizations confronting poverty and offering the promise of change.

Strategic, consistent investments can create positive outcomes for our neighbors, our communities and our state. Apart from traditional grantmaking, the Foundation has an ongoing commitment to organizations in its family. The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families received funding to assist in its sustainability plan. The Center, an outgrowth of the Foundation's Fatherhood Initiative, continues to reconnect and strengthen the relationships between low-income fathers and their children. Additionally, a grant was provided to Healthy Learners, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, to enable them to continue their work of providing uninsured and underinsured school-age children access to needed health care and transportation to receive this care in rural areas of South Carolina. Funding was also given to the Salkehatchie Healthy Communities Collaborative. Through a partnership with the Foundation, the Collaborative was created to address the health care needs in Allendale County and surrounding areas.

Our job is to invest in our communities to inform, convene, advocate and collaborate. This investment goes well beyond funding dollars. As part of the Foundation's strategic goal to impact poverty using a variety of methods, significant resources were spent on education, evaluation, capacity building for non-profit organizations and public policy work.

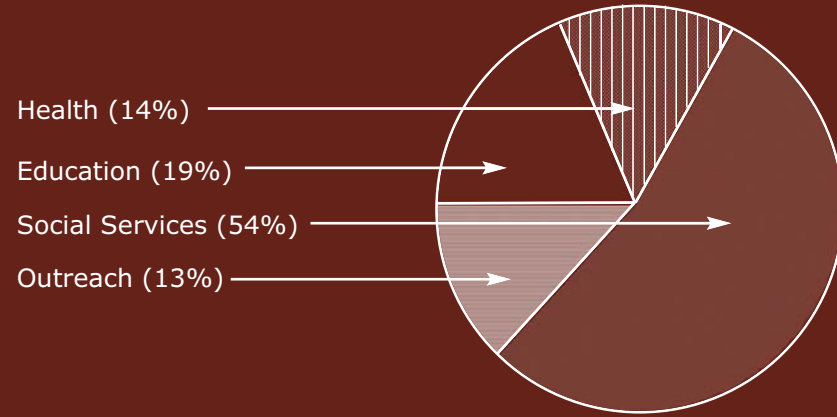
This annual report offers a glimpse of the Foundation's effort over the last year to impact the lives of the poor in our state; not only the lives of today, but also those who follow.

Thomas C. Keith, Executive Director

Kevin Hall, Board President

# 2007 Grantmaking

Grants by Program Area



## Community

Central Community Ministries  
Dorchester Interfaith Outreach Ministries  
FAMILY Community Development Center  
Good Samaritan House of Fairfield County  
Life Church

**\$26,000**

M.K.  
Pee Dee Community Project  
Rural Mission  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

## Economic

Access Network

**\$175,000**

## Education

Eva P. Trezevant Memorial Library  
And Resource Center  
Georgetown County School District -  
Kensington Elementary School  
Heartworks Ministry  
HOPE *worldwide* - South Carolina  
Midlands Education and Business Alliance  
Richland School District Two  
Roscoe Reading Program  
Saint Teresa Community Outreach and  
Empowerment

**\$404,293**

St. Ann Catholic Outreach Center  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
St. Martin de Porres Catholic School  
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Immaculate  
Conception Parish - Goose Creek  
Teach My People  
The Healing Species  
Thumbs Up  
Trident Technical College Foundation  
Youth Empowerment Services

## Employment and Training

YWCA of Greater Charleston

**\$25,000**

## Health

Bluffton Community Center  
Camp Discovery  
Catholic Charities Counseling Services  
Early Learning Partnership of York County  
Family Connection of South Carolina  
Free Medical Clinic of Newberry County  
Friendship Medical Clinic and Pharmacy  
Good Samaritan Medical Clinic

**\$332,430**

Healthy Learners  
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg  
National Foundation for Credit Counseling  
ReGenesis Community Health Center  
The Free Medical Clinic  
Salkehatchie Healthy Communities  
Collaborative

## Outreach

Family Honor  
Franciscan Center

**\$77,000**

Felician Sisters of St. Ann Catholic  
Outreach Center

## Religious

"Under the Palmetto Tree"

**\$30,000**

Wholeness Holiness Retreats

## Social Services

Bluffton Self Help  
Catholic Charities  
Christ Central Ministries  
Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry  
Friends of Juvenile Justice  
H.E.A.D. Community Outreach Center  
Harvest Hope Food Bank  
Helping and Lending Outreach Support  
Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach  
ITN Charleston Trident  
Michael C. Butler Community  
Development Corporation  
Miracle Hill Ministries/Miracle Life Mission

**\$1,229,248**

PK Outreach  
South Carolina Center for Fathers and  
Families  
South Carolina Department of Social Services  
St. Benedict's St. Vincent de Paul Society  
St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul Society  
St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society  
St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Society  
St. Philip's Catholic Outreach  
The Noisette Foundation  
The Nurturing Center  
United Ministries of Clarendon County  
United Way of the Midlands

# 2007 Year in Review

- The Foundation hosts a Responsive Grant Information Session in Columbia in February. This workshop, attended by approximately 100 potential grantees, educated participants on the Foundation's grantmaking philosophy as well as offered insight into the 2007 Responsive grant process.
- Grant applications go online. The Foundation enhanced its Web site which included new features such as a story-telling bank for grantees and online grant applications.
- The Collaboration for Ministry Initiative holds a capacity building workshop at Clemson University in February. The conference provided opportunities for the group to be interactive by sharing experiences and lessons learned in the areas of board development, fundraising and marketing.
- John Boudreaux is re-elected president of the Board of Trustees in April. Other 2007 elected officers were Kevin Hall, vice president; Dorothy Grillo, secretary and Dennis Dabney, treasurer.
- Along with six other funders representing South Carolina, the Foundation travels to Washington, D.C. to participate in Foundations on the Hill 2007. The team met with South Carolina senators and representatives to discuss the important role of philanthropy in our state and continue to sustain support for the work foundations do to improve the lives of South Carolina citizens.
- In March, the Foundation travels across the state to Allendale, Columbia, Florence, Greenwood and Lancaster/Chester hosting workshops on the fundamentals of grant writing.
- Tobin Cassels, Thomas P. Otis, Patricia Moore-Pastides and Roy Tucker, Jr. are elected to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.
- In July, Foundation representatives once again travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional leaders and build relationships with the congressional delegation from South Carolina.
- The Foundation awards 13 Responsive grants totaling \$752,860 to non-profit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina.
- The Foundation releases a report on women religious in South Carolina.
- "Crossroads," a documentary about women religious in South Carolina, is completed. The documentary, a collaboration between the Foundation and Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University, went on to air on SCETV Easter Sunday in 2008 and was honored with two Telly awards.
- In October, the Foundation hosts a daylong Beyond the Grant Workshop attended by over 150 participants. By selecting which sessions to attend from board governance, communications and marketing, ethics, evaluation, financial management, fundraising, grant writing basics and strategic planning, participants were able to tailor the workshop to meet their organization's needs.
- The Collaboration for Ministry Initiative holds its third annual statewide seminar in Myrtle Beach in November.
- The Foundation awards eight Collaboration for Ministry grants totaling \$90,000 to programs led by women religious in South Carolina.
- The Foundation awards 30 Caritas grants totaling \$87,481.
- At the end of the year, four of the Foundation's founding members rotate off the Board of Trustees. Reverend Ron Brailsford, Bill Otis, Mitch Watson and Rhett Wolfe each served more than eleven years on the Board, and all were committed to the mission of the Foundation and strived to make a difference in the lives of the underserved in South Carolina.
- Kevin Hall is elected board chair, and began his role in this leadership position in 2008.
- Foundation assets as of December 31, 2007 are \$93,773,554.

## Fatherhood Initiative

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina established the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families in 2002 as an outgrowth of its Fatherhood Initiative, Reducing Poverty through Father Engagement.

### 2007 Program Outcomes and Accomplishments:

- In 2007, the Center provided oversight to seven fatherhood programs in 14 locations, serving 20 counties across the state.
- Collectively, the programs served 1,756 fathers. Of these, 1,205 fathers participated in the program voluntarily while 538 were court-ordered as an Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) for non-payment of child support. Consequently, 3,385 children were impacted as a result of their fathers' participation.
- Center representatives traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional leaders. The trip fostered relationships with South Carolina representatives and allotted the opportunity to continue to seek funding for fatherhood programs.
- The Center received \$500,000 from the South Carolina General Assembly and \$83,849 from the South Carolina Bar Foundation to implement the ATI component of the fatherhood programs. ATI allows fathers who are behind in child support to be court-ordered to attend a fatherhood program in lieu of incarceration for six months. Fathers must work, pay child support and attend the program weekly for six months.
- The Center's ATI component was sighted as a best practice on the National Court Administration's Web site.
- The Duke Endowment awarded a \$600,000 three-year grant to the Center to create a model for a men's health component in four local program sites.
- The Center, in conjunction with Family Connection, created a new parenting component to reach fathers of children with disabilities and special needs.
- The South Carolina Department of Social Services revised shared parenting language in the Child Support Guidelines.

**For more information on the Fatherhood Initiative and the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, visit [scfathersandfamilies.com](http://scfathersandfamilies.com) or [sistersofcharitysc.com](http://sistersofcharitysc.com).**

## Foundation Focus

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina is committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved by understanding the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and family and measuring the outcomes of these efforts.

## Foundation Core Values

The core values the Foundation employs to fulfill its mission are: Collaboration, Compassion, Courage, Justice and Respect.

## Foundation Leadership

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