MISSION

In response to God’s call and in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Foundation strategically uses resources to reduce poverty through action, advocacy, and leadership helping families in South Carolina to live out of poverty.

CORE VALUES

Compassion Courage Respect Justice Collaboration
“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2015 was a year of intensity and change in South Carolina. We faced adversity head on and stepped forward together in faith.

Many individuals and organizations joined us in our quest to help families live out of poverty. In 2015, we awarded 159 grants totaling $2.2 million, which included 24 grants going directly towards flood relief efforts across the state and investment in Initiatives committed to addressing issues of injustice and ending the cycle of poverty.

Faith galvanizes the work of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. Whether it is supporting the work of nonprofits that helped thousands of flood victims, advocating for immigrant families facing injustices, lifting up kinship caregivers trying to make ends meet, or strengthening the outreach ministries of Women Religious—faith continues to propel us forward as we address the needs of the people in our state.

Throughout the year, there were many unsung heroes that stepped forward in faith and responded to people in need across South Carolina. We want to thank every person who played a vital role in the work of the Foundation during the 2015 year. Our Catholic values are strengthened by the fortitude and compassion of others who selflessly give their time in service to others.

Faith sustains and lifts people out of despair and hopelessness. Faith brought South Carolinians through what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles. Faith guides our mission as we continue to work together to help individuals and families live out of poverty.

Thomas C. Keith, President

Rick Mendoza, Board of Trustees Chair
Collaboration can be intimidating - After the October floods, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina spent time thinking about the lives of those who were affected. Among those impacted were immigrant families. Seeing a need in the community, the Foundation decided to bring Home Works of America’s attention to a potential partnership with PASOs. Immigrant families within our community were hit hard, their homes were in need of repair and many of them were not eligible for government aid.

That’s where Home Works of America stepped in.

Home Works has provided home repairs to low-income homeowners across South Carolina for 20 years. After the floods, the Foundation funded Home Works in order to address the immediate needs of home repair. In total, the initial funds were used to serve single mothers from the PASOs program.

PASOs helps the Latino community and service providers work together for strong and healthy families through education, support and grassroots leadership development. The two Latino immigrant women who received home repairs, Yohana and Daisy, have both lived in the United States and worked with PASOs for many years. Both women work, take care of their children and strive to make their communities better.

Prior to the flood, many Latino immigrant community homes needed roof, ceiling and exterior repairs. Despite this, some of the landlords were unwilling to make the necessary repairs. Eager to expand their outreach, Home Works welcomed the opportunity to help.

Daisy shared heartfelt thanks for the repairs at a meeting with Foundation President, Tom Keith, and Foundation Vice President of Initiatives and Public Policy, Stephanie Cooper-Lewter. Daisy informed us that before Home Works stepped in, her daughter’s asthma symptoms were intensified due to the damaged condition of their home.

The Home Works effort brought community volunteers from all over the country to work on the homes. This not only aided the families but increased awareness of this population’s challenges.
“It is extraordinary what you did with the homes. You never gave up with every challenge that we faced on those homes. You left a great legacy of love and compassion among our families, neighbors and volunteers.”

— Nelly Jolley, PASOs Promotores
Provided Christmas gifts for 117 children

Partnered with 312 nonprofits, state agencies and faith organizations

Rebuilt 12 homes

Replaced lost furniture for 64 families

Served over 90,000 meals

Assisted 32 elderly adults with utility bills

Invested: $100,350
In South Carolina, thousands of children live in the care of a relative caretaker or close family friend, a practice known as kinship care. In 2007, the Foundation approved an initial two-year grant to Helping and Lending Outreach Support (HALOS) to launch a kinship care resource and support program. In 2015, the Foundation partnered with The Duke Endowment to fund a joint $1,017,014 three-year grant award to HALOS to improve outcomes for children in kinship families living in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties. The Annie E. Casey Foundation Child Welfare Strategies Group was also a philanthropic partner in this work.

One example of a kinship care situation would be a family member receiving a phone call with less than 24 hours to decide whether they would be willing to care for a relative’s child when the parent is unable to due to situations such as an unexpected death, military deployment, neglect, persistent drug abuse or mental health concerns. Accepting a family member’s child on a moment’s notice presents unique challenges and requires adjusting family roles when caregivers help by opening their home as an alternative to the child being placed in foster care.

The HALOS expansion resulted in steps of faith for the Foundation’s Kinship Care Initiative, launched in 2014, dedicated to improving services for kinship families across South Carolina. In addition to the grant awarded to HALOS, the Foundation partnered with organizations committed to serving and improving outcomes for kinship families. 2015 also marked the establishment of the Foundation’s Statewide Kinship Care Advisory Council composed of representatives from a range of organizations. The Council worked to raise awareness of the challenges facing kinship families to key stakeholders while offering practice and policy recommendations to also help with outcomes for this population.

Through the Kinship Care Initiative, the Foundation’s goals are to increase permanency, stability and livelihood of kinship families so children safely live in loving homes nurturing their stability, positive identity and belonging.
It's hard to understand the immense physical and emotional toll refugees face when they are forced to flee their country, to resettle in a foreign land. In addition to the upheaval of moving and the struggles of learning a new language and lifestyle, some refugees also experience the challenge of navigating medical disabilities or illnesses. The Foundation partnered with Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) to support refugee families in South Carolina through the Immigrant Families Initiative, which began in 2014. The grant awarded in 2015 enabled LSC to hire an additional job developer devoted to finding jobs for refugees. As a result, a new employer was found who was willing to hire and train refugees to work for a janitorial service at a local mall.

Originally from Iraq, Ayad and his family found refuge in neighboring Kuwait after escaping the war and the oppressive government in Iraq. Separating from his family to seek resettlement through the USA Admissions Program was a very difficult decision to make. However, it was the only permanent solution for Ayad’s safety. Now Ayad lives alone in South Carolina. Ayad’s special journey as a refugee came with the added pressure of finding work that was flexible enough to allow him to manage multiple medical appointments for his disability. Working as a janitor changed Ayad's life. Ayad’s new job allows him to provide financially and take care of his medical needs as an independent and valued member of his new community. Ayad’s strong work ethic and dependability also convinced his eager employer to consider hiring more refugees like him.

South Carolina is enriched as resettled refugees share their culture, making communities vibrant, diverse places to live and work. This grant supports Ayad and other refugees to continue their steps of faith to heal, gain self-efficacy, contribute and move out of poverty – one job at a time.

"This grant enabled us to reach out to employers who offered jobs to refugees looking for an opportunity to start a new life in South Carolina and to provide for their families, impacting so many lives."

— Bedrija Jazic, Service Team Leader for Refugee and Immigrant Services, Lutheran Services Carolinas

steps of faith with immigrants and refugees

8 GRANTS IMMIGRANT FAMILIES INITIATIVE

$107,210
Sister Catherine Marie Lowe, DC, serves the small town of Gloverville, South Carolina with a population of approximately 2,900 people. Within the walls of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Sister Catherine Marie, along with three other Daughter of Charity Sisters, provides services to needy people in the Horse Creek Valley section of Aiken County. This area is one of the poorest in South Carolina, with widespread unemployment that has only grown since the area’s textile mills were closed.

Sister Catherine Marie, who was living and working in Washington, D.C., accepted the call in 2012 to assist at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center. When Sister embarked on this new step in faith, she said “I never expected it. When I was asked to come here, it was to help Sister Mary Jean, DC. When I was told I’d be taking over, I had to sit back and say, oh my. What’s this going to mean? What’s it going to entail? Then there’s the money; I don’t like asking people for money, I’m not good at doing that, and that’s a big part of this job. Then, too, I know that money comes in from people who know you, and who knows me in the Valley? I haven’t built those relationships yet in the Valley.”

Despite the challenges, Sister Catherine Marie has literally stepped out in faith daily to serve this small community by providing vision, leadership and a helping hand. The Center’s many programs include an emergency food pantry, activities for seniors and a popular GED program which have grown as have volunteers and donors.

Sister’s net has been cast wide into Aiken County and she is quick to say that the Lord is opening doors and working through her. The Foundation is honored to be a part of this journey with the Daughters of Charity in the Horse Creek Valley and believe that their faith and works will make a positive difference in many lives for years to come.
2015 GRANT AWARDS

CARITAS
Birthright of Charleston * Bluffton Self Help * Camp Happy Days
* Christian Assistance Bridge * Circle of Hope Ministries * East Cooper Meals on
Wheels * Fair Haven Home For Men * Friendship Place * Golden Corner Food Pantry
* Great Present Food Bank * Hands of Christ * Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach * Helping
Hands of Georgetown * Home Works of America * House of Refuge * Refuge Outreach
Ministry * Jordan Crossroads Ministry Center * Loaves & Fishes * Meals on Wheels
Bluffton-Hilton Head * Midlands Holy Family Fund * North Greenville Food Crisis
Ministry * Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine * Operation Home * St.
Christopher’s Children * Sumpter Free Health Clinic * The Naomi Project * York County
Free Clinic * Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic * Birthright of Georgetown * Caring And
Sharing Inc * Chesterfield County First Steps * Children’s Security Blanket * Christ
Central Ministries Columbia * Coastal Rescue Mission * Community Kitchen Inc. of
Myrtle Beach * Daybreak Ministries * EmmanuWheel * Family Promise of Beaufort
County Inc. * Family Promise of Florence * Food Bank of Greenwood County * Good
Neighbor Free Medical Clinic of Beaufort * Good Samaritan Clinic * Great Falls Referral
Assistance Service Project * Helping Hands of Goose Creek * Hospice and Palliative
Care Foundation of South Carolina * McCormick Children’s Home * Pee Dee Community
Project * Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates * Roscoe Reading
Program * St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic * Teachers’ Supply Closet * The Lighthouse
Ministries * United Way of Greenwood County * Youth Empowerment Services
* Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired - Charleston

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
Camp Discovery * Columbia Oral
Health Clinic * East Cooper Community Outreach * Engaging Creative Minds * Grace
Ministries * Hope Haven of the Lowcountry * Miss Ruby’s Kids * New Directions of
Horry County * Oliver Gospel Mission * Palmetto Place Children’s Shelter * Teach My
People * The ARK of South Carolina * Trident Literacy Association * Trinity Housing
Corporation * Turning Leaf Project * Charleston Area Senior Citizens Services * Florence
Crittenton Programs of South Carolina * Foothills Family Resources * Greenville County
Human Relations Commission * Middle Tyger Community Center * Sea Haven * The
Sustainability Institute * The Women’s Shelter * United Ministries * Work In Progress

DISCRETIONARY
Lourie Center * South Carolina Museum
Foundation * South Carolina Department of Social Services * Winthrop University
* University of South Carolina Educational Foundation * ETV Endowment of
SC * Sistercare * Smalls Institute for Music & Youth Leadership * EdVenture * Healthy
Learners * United Way Association of South Carolina, Inc. * South Carolina Institute of
Medicine and Public Health * American Red Cross - Central SC Chapter * Midlands
2015 Grant Awards

Housing Alliance Inc ∗ South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations ∗ Bethel AME Church ∗ Saint Joseph Catholic School ∗ South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families ∗ United Center for Community Care ∗ CabrailSong School of Vocal Arts ∗ Springbank Christian Center Dominican Retreat House ∗ Mother Emanuel Hope Fund ∗ Central Carolina Community Foundation ∗ Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center ∗ United Way of York County, SC ∗ EdVenture ∗ Fellowship of Christian Athletes of South Carolina ∗ United Way of the Midlands ∗ Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry

STRATEGIC
Anderson Interfaith Ministries ∗ City Year, Inc. ∗ Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network ∗ Healing Families Foundation ∗ Homes of Hope ∗ The Family Effect Foundation ∗ Metanoia Community Development Corporation

FLOOD RELIEF
Black River United Way ∗ Clarendon County Community Development Corporation ∗ Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina ∗ Cooperative Ministry ∗ District 5 Foundation for Educational Excellence ∗ Felician Center ∗ Greater Deep River Pentecostal Holiness Church ∗ Habitat for Humanity Georgetown ∗ Harvest Hope Food Bank ∗ Hearts & Hands Disaster Recovery ∗ Home Works of America ∗ Hopewell Senior Day Care Center ∗ Little Smurf’s Daycare and Learning Center ∗ Mennonite Disaster Service ∗ Ministries on the Move for Christ ∗ Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services ∗ Palmetto Project ∗ PASOs ∗ St. Mark Believers Holiness Church ∗ St. Peter Love Fellowship Ministry Center ∗ The Salvation Army of the Midlands ∗ United Way of Sumter, Clarendon & Lee Counties ∗ Welvista Smiles for a Lifetime

COLLABORATION FOR MINISTRY
Franciscan Center ∗ Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services ∗ Our Lady of Mercy Neighborhood House ∗ Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center ∗ St. Cyprian Outreach Center ∗ St. Martin de Porres Catholic School ∗ St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church ∗ Thumbs Up

IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
Arcadia Elementary School ∗ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia ∗ Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston ∗ Charleston County School District ∗ Digna Ochoa Center For Immigration Legal Assistance ∗ Lutheran Services Carolinas ∗ Neighborhood Outreach Connection ∗ Student Action with Farmworkers

KINSHIP CARE
Richland School District Two Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ∗ Helping and Lending Outreach Support (HALOS)
159 GRANTS TOTALING $2,082,212.52

EDUCATION
$361,576.00

HEALTHCARE
$365,043.52

SOCIAL SERVICES
$1,355,593.00

- Family Ministries and Partnerships, $700,860, 34%
- Kinship Care Initiative, $90,000, 4%
- Strategic, $290,000, 14%
- Collaboration for Ministry Initiative, $121,000, 6%
- Community Enrichment, $344,079, 16%
- Caritas, $126,194, 6%
- Other Grants, $202,520, 10%
- Flood Relief, $100,350, 5%
- Immigrant Families Initiative, $107,210, 5%
- Caritas, $126,194, 6%
TOTAL ASSETS (IN MILLIONS)

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**Total Assets** $93,409,964

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**Total Liabilities** $106,527

**Total Funds Balance** $93,303,437

**Total Liabilities and Balance** $93,409,964

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