

WE'RE ON A MISSION

HELPING FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA LIVE OUT OF POVERTY.

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.

VISION

Families in South Carolina have the resources to live out of poverty.

CORE VALUES

Compassion: Displaying a profound sense of interconnectedness.

Courage: Daring to take risks that our faith demands of us.

Respect: Valuing dignity and sacredness of life.

Justice: Developing right relationships internally and externally.

Collaboration: Promoting inclusive and compassionate relationships.

WE BELIEVE

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina improves the lives of thousands of individuals and families experiencing poverty across our state. We compassionately work to strengthen opportunities for success so children and adults can thrive and achieve their full potential.

We believe diversity is a fundamental strength of the diverse groups of people that live and work in our communities. Our mission is best fulfilled when we embrace diversity, advance equity, and promote inclusion with measurable action steps.

GRANTMAKING

The Foundation invests in organizations that meet the needs of people living in poverty— either directly or indirectly. To determine if your organization should apply for funding from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, explore our website thoroughly to ensure compatibility with our mission, purpose, and funding history.

The Foundation considers grantmaking to be an investment in organizations helping families live out of poverty. Therefore, the goal is to invest in strong, well-run organizations that are clear about what results they will achieve and how the results will be measured. In our grantmaking, we focus on three broad categories of health, education, and social services.

CARITAS GRANTS

Caritas Grants provide support to organizations dealing with situational poverty and/or fundamental needs of individuals and families in South Carolina such as providing food, clothing, shelter, free health services, necessary home repairs, basic educational programming, transportation, and other direct services.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANTS

Community Enrichment Grants are designed to provide financial support to organizations whose services go beyond meeting fundamental needs and will help lift people out of poverty.

STRATEGIC GRANTS

Strategic Grants work comprehensively with organizations to affect organizational and community impact at multiple levels. We partner with each grantee to enhance results, maximize resources and to insure that measurable change occurs.

INITIATIVES

We not only invest in organizations that help reduce poverty, we've started some of our own initiatives to help tackle some of the biggest challenges we see. Leveraging our experience, resources, networks and skillsets, we address core issues of poverty in our state. Through our action, advocacy, and leadership, we are working to meet the needs of the underserved and building stronger families in the process.

COLLABORATION FOR MINISTRY INITIATIVE

The Initiative represents the first systemic attempt to engage, support, and sustain ministries of Catholic women religious in South Carolina.

IMMIGRANT FAMILIES INITIATIVE

The Immigrant Families Initiative seeks to improve the health, well-being and economic mobility of first and second generation immigrants, mixed status families and refugees working alongside our grantees, community stakeholders and philanthropic partners.

KINSHIP CARE INITIATIVE

Dedicated to improving kinship families' well-being, resources and services, this Initiative works to increase permanency, stability and livelihood of kinship families so that children in our state live in safe, loving homes.



WHERE WE BEGAN

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY
IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

OUR HISTORY

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina began its journey in philanthropy in May of 1996. The work started with extensive research on poverty related issues in South Carolina. From that, came the “Dimensions of Poverty” document which outlined the areas of poverty that needed addressing. With that beginning, the Foundation created a two-prong approach to grantmaking with half of its dollars going to strategic or proactive programs, and half going to responsive programs.

Since 1996, the Foundation has invested heavily in grantmaking efforts around the state in programs addressing the causes and consequences of poverty. The Foundation has awarded more than **2,500** grants totaling more than **\$61** million to help South Carolinians deal with poverty in all **46** counties. Foundation funding has supported various aspects of poverty including: health access, programs for seniors, programs for fathers, immigrant families, kinship care providers, food banks, homeless programs, community asset building, affordable housing, programs for women, and multiple programs for children.

The Foundation has established multiple partnerships throughout the state and beyond for more than 20 years. The quest to alleviate poverty in South Carolina continues to be the ongoing emphasis for everyone involved with the ministry.

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MORE THAN OUR MOTTO.
IT'S OUR PURPOSE.**

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