



SISTERS of CHARITY
FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Anti-Poverty Advocacy Agenda

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina's mission is to reduce poverty through **ACTION, ADVOCACY, and LEADERSHIP**. The Foundation is a statewide grantmaking entity and is committed to ushering change in systems that have created barriers and structures that cause or exacerbate poverty for South Carolinians. The following advocacy priorities have been identified to further the mission of the Foundation.

SUPPORT PATHWAYS TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY

ADVANCE Upward Mobility & Income Mobility, **SUPPORT** Workforce Development, and **EXPAND** Access to Affordable Credit

- ◆ Advance pathways to upward and income mobility through increased job creation, economic development and advocating for a living wage.
- ◆ Support policies that increase access to employment opportunities through workforce development and transportation.
- ◆ Work to expand access to affordable credit, by ensuring the equitable availability of affordable lending, while alleviating oppressive and costly debt burdens in underserved communities.

ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY

SUPPORT Economic Security Programs, **ADVOCATE** for Prosperous Communities, **PROMOTE** Quality Early Childhood and Education

- ◆ Support economic security programs by advocating to expand housing assistance, TANF, Tax credit programs, and SNAP.
- ◆ Advocate for the advancement of policies and initiatives that equitably promote prosperous environments that support safety, health, and overall wellbeing.
- ◆ Promote policies advocating for quality early childhood interventions and increased positive educational progression outcomes for all.

PRIORITIZE HUMAN DIGNITY

INCREASE Civic Leadership and Participation, **EXECUTE** Timely Equitable and Just Responses, **ADVOCATE** for Cross-sector Partnerships.

- ◆ Every human being is uniquely valuable and therefore should be accorded the highest respect and care. With this understanding, we will commit to working with communities to create increased opportunities for civic leadership and participation, to be active planners and designers of the communities and systems around them.
- ◆ In accordance with our organizational values and Diversity Equity and Inclusion statement, we will trust the voices of our community and remain nimble to its needs. As issues arise that are unaligned with our mission or go against our DEI values, we will be positioned to lead responses in a timely and thoughtful manner.
- ◆ Advocate for increased opportunities for cross-sector partnerships to build stronger institutions and networks that serve those most in need.

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