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Annual Report



SISTERS *of* CHARITY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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OUR 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.

OUR VISION

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



OUR VALUES

Courage

Justice

Compassion

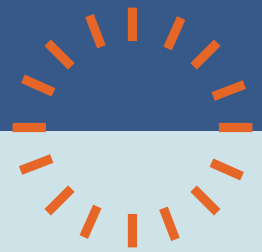
Collaboration

Respect

With a focus on reducing poverty in South Carolina through servant leadership and responsible financial stewardship, we seek to be recognized as a key force behind the impactful changes making South Carolina a place where all people have the resources to thrive.



Letter from the President & Board Chair



Dear Partners,

We are proud to present the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina's 2023 Annual Report, reflecting a year of dedication, collaboration, and impactful initiatives. Through the unwavering commitment of our staff and board, we continue to strive towards ensuring that all South Carolinians have the resources they need to thrive.

Our work is deeply rooted in the calling set forth by our founders, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Their vision for social justice in South Carolina and the establishment of our core values guide us as we fulfill their mission. Under the leadership of Congregational Leader Sister Judith Ann Karam, the Sisters actively participate in the Foundation's work, and we express our gratitude for their invaluable leadership and encouragement.

The 2023 Annual Report includes:

Financial Overview and Team Roster:

A summary of the Foundation's 2023 financials is provided, offering transparency into our financial stewardship. Additionally, you will find a comprehensive staff and board roster, reflecting the dedicated individuals who contribute to our mission.

Mission and Values-Based Learning:

Our work in the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging space is coupled with internal learning centered on Catholic Social Teaching to further guide our efforts, along with our core values.

Policy, Advocacy, and Community Engagement:

We emphasize our continued growth in policy, advocacy, and community engagement. This critical aspect of our work deepens each year, and we are thankful for the numerous partners who join us on the journey to break down barriers for those experiencing poverty.

Grant Recipients:

We are proud to acknowledge all of our 2023 grant recipients. It is through our grantee partners' efforts that we fulfill our mission to reduce poverty in South Carolina. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding work carried out by these partners in support of their communities.

In addition to the report's content, we wish to share three bold statements that inspire us and captures our commitment to accountability:

- We are driven by a higher calling, courageously searching for opportunities to support those experiencing poverty through discovery and non-partisan thoughts and action.
- We are a statewide funder making things possible for high-impact nonprofits making a difference in South Carolina.
- Our staff is a high-performing team and a credible source of information through reliable data and generative partnerships.

We present these statements transparently, inviting you, our valued partners, to hold us accountable. We are committed to living within our core values and principles while collaborating with change-makers in South Carolina who align with our sacred calling.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. We look forward to another successful year ahead and appreciate your ongoing commitment to our shared goals



Donna Waites

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President



Macon Lovelace

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Board Chair 2023

Staff & Board



Donna Waites
President



Meredith Mathews
Senior Director of
Grantmaking and
Strategy



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Community
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Senior Director of
Policy and Research



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Special Assistant to
the President and
Operations Manager

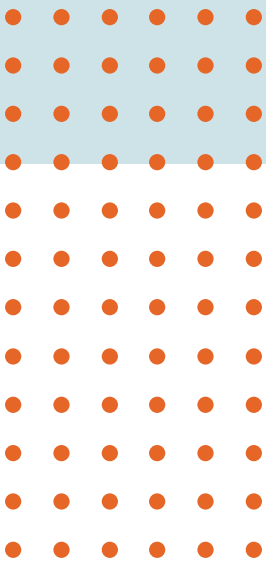


Ericka Wooten
Director of Culture
and Values

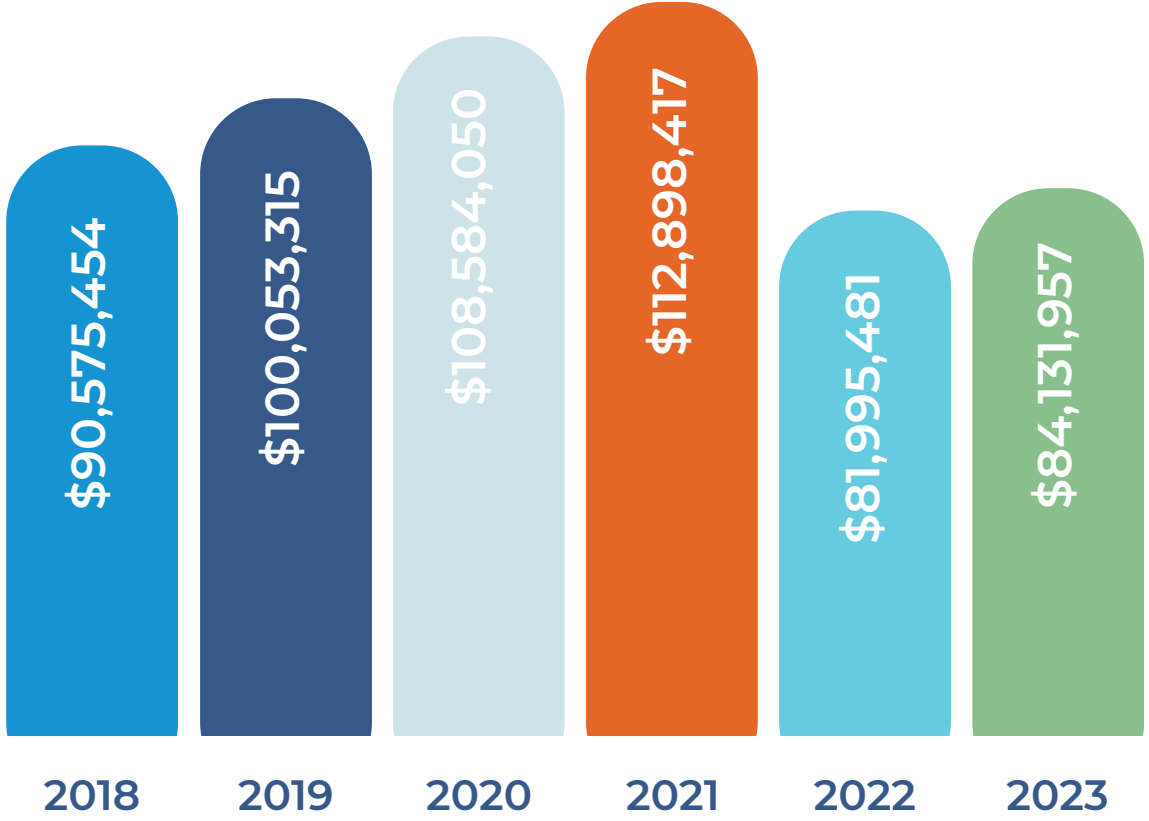
2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Macon Lovelace, *Chair*
Thomas Otis, *Vice Chair*
Lee Pearson, *Secretary*
Gerald Smalls, *Treasurer*
Donna Waites, *President/Ex Officio*
Jan Murphy, *Ex Officio*
Tracy S. Bailey
Lisa Bernardin
Pam Bryant

Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA
Dr. Reshma Khan
Mike McCabe
Rev. Tony McDade
Rick Mendoza
Patricia Moore-Pastides
Lee Pearson
Maria Smoak
Mitch Watson
Tiger Wells



Financial Assets



Mission & Values

The Sisters of Charity Foundation remains committed to elevating the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging as key components in guiding our work. In 2023, the Foundation further leaned into our faith traditions through studying the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which address matters of social, economic, and ecological justice throughout the world. The Foundation also continued exploring issues of systemic poverty through our internal book series, “Growing in GRace.”

The Foundation implemented these two year-long learning plans, intentionally bringing these important tenets of the Foundation’s mission and values together, to enable staff, board, and committee members to more holistically serve communities experiencing poverty.



Call to Caritas: Catholic Social Teaching Learning Plan

During 2023, the Foundation began “Call to Caritas,” an internal learning opportunity based on Catholic Social Teaching and how the seven principles connect our mission to the work of the Foundation. Catholic Social Teaching principles are informed by the belief that we all have a responsibility to participate in society and to promote the common good, especially in those communities experiencing poverty, marginalization, and vulnerability.

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
4. Rights and Responsibilities
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God’s Creation

Growing In GRace



Growing in GRace is an intentional learning and exploration program focused on the systemic issues that are drivers of poverty. The goal of this program is for staff, board, and committee members to deepen personal and professional knowledge while connecting Foundation values to practice. In 2023, Ericka Wooten, Director of Culture and Values, facilitated a 5-session book study on *The Sum Of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone And How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. This book allowed staff and board members to discuss the author's case that discriminatory laws and practices that target African Americans also negatively impact the broader society.

The Goals of the 2023 Growing in GRace:



To explore ways racism affects and harms us all and solutions that must be a collective endeavor.



Discuss opportunities the Foundation could utilize the information to further meet our mission of reducing poverty.

External Engagement

The Foundation remains committed to learning alongside community. As we work to meet our mission to reduce poverty in South Carolina, we recognize the need to stay connected to individuals who are working on a variety of interconnected issues across our state. Our work in community engagement and advocacy focuses on continued relationship building, elevating opportunities for knowledge-sharing, and participating in community-driven coalitions.



Community Advocacy

Advocacy Learning Webinars:

Our Advocacy Learning Series webinars highlight opportunities for community members, nonprofit representatives, and fellow advocates to delve deeper into issues facing our communities. This year, we hosted multiple sessions that centered on civic engagement and breaking down barriers that prevent individuals from fully participating civic processes or engaging with community leaders. These sessions created a diverse, respectful space to explore pathways to increase meaningful participation in community life.

Knowledge-Sharing Event:

In October, Foundation staff partnered with the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health to host “Perspectives on Poverty: Community-Led Innovation.” This event provided students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to hear perspectives from leading professionals representing sectors outside of “traditional” public health careers. The discussion centered on the need to elevate cross-sector, community-led efforts to address poverty with a solutions-based mindset.

Coalition Participation:

The Foundation continues to be an active participant in multiple coalitions that address issues related to poverty. These value-aligned coalitions amplify the voice of individuals and draw on their collective power to make change in their communities.

Two of these coalitions are:

- South Carolina Fair Lending Alliance (SCFLA), which seeks to address predatory lending practices in South Carolina, and
- CoverSC, which works to close the coverage gap in our state and increase access to healthcare to improve productivity of the workforce.



Grantmaking

The Foundation partners with organizations throughout the state that serve individuals and families experiencing poverty through several areas of grant funding: Meeting Immediate Needs, Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, and Systems-Level Change. Additionally, the Foundation allocates grant funding specifically for Healthy Learners and the SC Center for Fathers and Families, both designated as “Family Ministries,” as they are ministries of the Sisters of Charity Health System.

The Foundation’s grantmaking approach continued to be rooted in strategies designed for effective, focused, and mission-driven grantmaking:

- Strategically align grantmaking framework and Foundation resources to increase the Foundation’s impact, focusing intentionally on the areas of breaking the cycle of poverty and systems level change
- Steward resources effectively and efficiently through continued refinement of grants management infrastructure
- Cultivate a positive, value-aligned experience for applicants and grantee partners



Grantmaking Highlights



11 new
grantee
partners



Nearly **62%** of 2023
grants supporting
**systems level
change** and **breaking
the cycle of poverty**



Over **\$2.6 million** in
grant funding
disbursed to
nonprofits across
South Carolina



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Grants



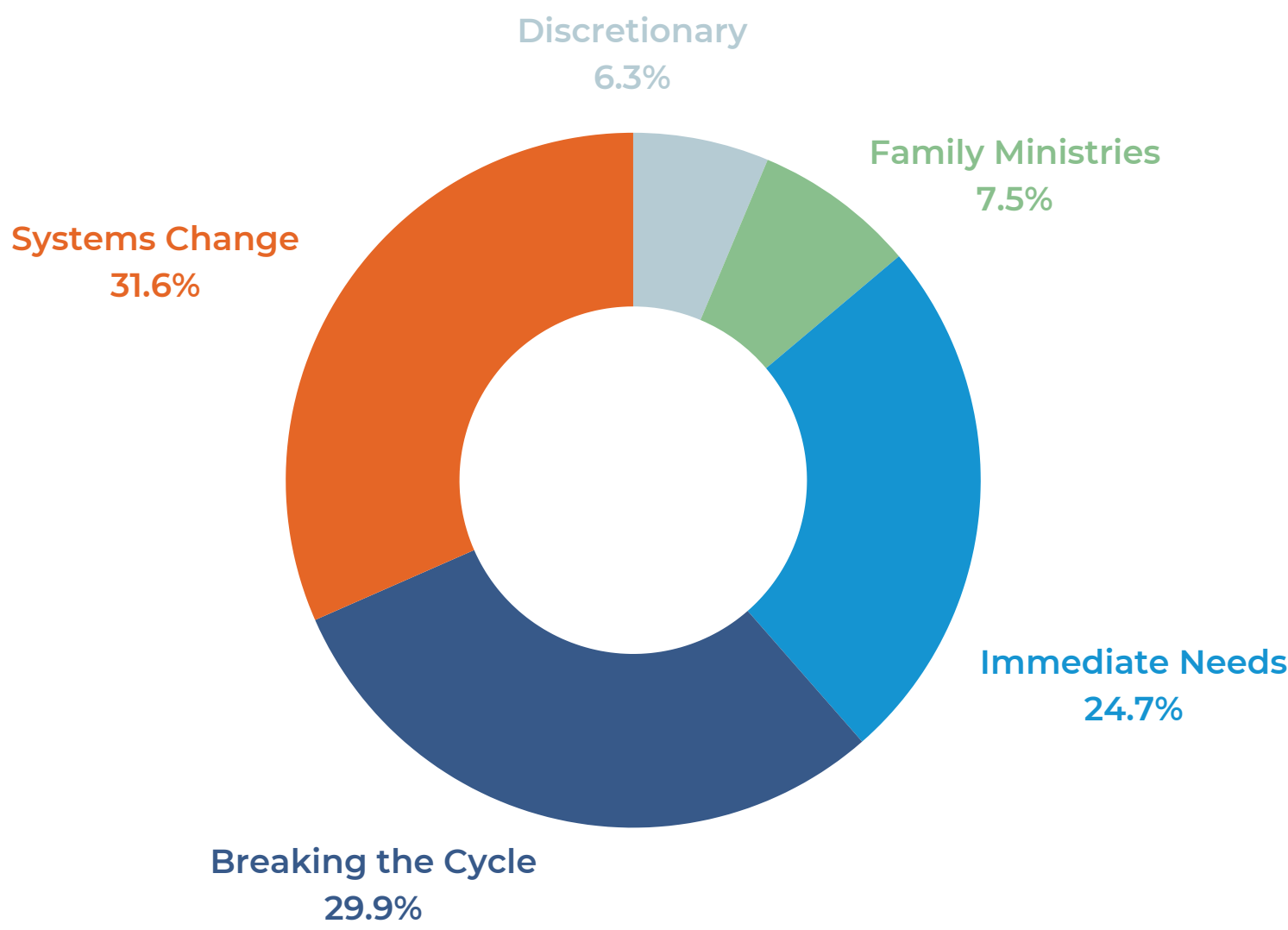
Ongoing **learning**
and **practical
application** of
values-based
practice



Enhanced **feedback
loops** with grantee
partners to bolster
our ability to
effectively fulfill our
grantmaking role

2023

Grantmaking Totals



Category	2023 Grants
Family Ministries	\$200,000
Discretionary	\$168,000
Systems Change	\$839,000
Breaking the Cycle	\$793,000
Immediate Needs	\$656,000
TOTAL	\$2,656,000

Grantee Partners

A Child's Haven
Alston Wilkes Society
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (Cover SC)
American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina Foundation
Anderson Free Clinic
Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Inc. (AIM)
Angels Charge Ministry
Area Churches Together Serving Acts
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC
Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic
Berkeley County First Steps
Bethel Men's Shelter
Beyond Abuse
Beyond Our Walls
Big Brothers Big Sisters Upstate
Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine
Bluffton Self Help
Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry
Bridges For End-Of-Life
Brothers Restoring Urban Hope
Carolina Human Reinvestment (CHRSC)
Catholic Charities of South Carolina - Immigration Services
Central Midlands Justice Ministry
Charleston Area Justice Ministry
Charleston Climate Coalition
Charleston Legal Access
Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services
Charleston Promise Neighborhood
Children's Attention Home
Children's Recovery Center
Christ Central Ministries' Chester Center of Hope
Classroom Central
Communities in Schools of South Carolina
Community Foundation Of Greenville (Greenville Homeless Alliance)
Community Initiatives
Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County
Community Works
Compass Of Carolina Inc
Developmental Center for Exceptional Children - The Champions Center
Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center
Dillon County First Steps
Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center
E3 (Educate, Empower, Elevate)
East Cooper Community Outreach
East Cooper Meals on Wheels

Edisto Indian Free Clinic
EmmanuWheel
Equal Justice Works
Fairfield County Council on Aging
Family Support Services of Horry County Inc.
Felician Center
Feonix Mobility Rising
Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina
Free Medical Clinic of Aiken, Inc.
Free Medical Clinic of Newberry County
Freedom Readers
Friendship Medical Clinic and Pharmacy
Georgetown University (South Carolina Justice Navigator Network, Georgetown Law)
Golden Corner Food Pantry
Good Neighbor Medical Clinic
Good Samaritan Clinic
Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic of Laurens County
GRASP
Greenville County Interfaith Justice Network
Greenville Free Medical Clinic
Greenville Housing Fund
Greenville Literacy Association
Greenville Tech Foundation (African American Male Scholars Initiative)
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg
HELP of Summerville
Helping and Lending Outreach Support, HALOS
Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach, Inc.
Helping Hands of Georgetown
Hilton Head Island Safe Harbour
Hispanic Alliance
Homeless No More
Homeless Period Project
Homes of Hope, Inc.
HomeWorks of America
Hope In Lancaster
Hopeful Horizons
Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation of South Carolina
Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill
ICNA Relief USA, Shifa Free Clinic
Institute For Child Success
Jasmine Road
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charleston
Kershaw Area Resource Exchange - KARE
Kindred Hearts SC
KNOW(2)
Koinonia of Columbia
Laurens County Cancer Association



Grantee Partners

Lighthouse Ministries
Lions Vision Services
LiveWell Greenville
Loaves & Fishes
Lowcountry Food Bank
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers
Lowcountry Local First
Lowcountry Youth Services
Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas
Meals On Wheels of Greenville
Meals on Wheels of Summerville, Inc.
Metanoia Community Development Corporation
Middle Tyger Community Center
Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.
Midlands Mediation Center
Mill Community Ministries
Miss Ruby's Kids
Neighborhood Focus
Neighbors Together
Netroots Foundation
New Directions of Horry County
North Charleston Dental Outreach
Northside Development Corporation
One80 Place
Operation Home
Operation Sight
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services
Palmetto Community Health Care fka York County Free Clinic
Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services
Partners For Active Living
Pendleton Place
Pickens County Advocacy Center Inc
Pickens County Meals On Wheels
Power In Changing
Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country Inc
Pride Link
Public Education Partners
Reach Out And Read (South Carolina)
Reading Partners South Carolina
Rebuild Upstate
Richland Library
RIP Medical Debt
Root & Rebound
Safe Harbor
Second Chance Bikes
Second Helpings
Senior Resources
Servants for Sight
Smith Medical Clinic
Soteria Community Development Corporation

South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center (SC Counts)
South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Inc
South Carolina Environmental Law Project
South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association
South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health
Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council
St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic
Step by Step Ministry Hope Project
Student Action with Farmworkers
Taylors Free Medical Clinic
Teach My People
Teachers' Supply Closet
The ARK of South Carolina
The Aspen Institute (Criminal Justice Reform Initiative)
The Center for Community Self-Help
The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center
The Free Medical Clinic
The Hive Community Circle
The Naomi Project
The Sustainability Institute
The Village Group
Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative
Trident Literacy Association
Trident United Way
Turn 90
United Ministries
United Way Of Greenville County Incorporated (On Track Greenville)
United Way of Horry County
United Way of Kershaw County
United Way of Lancaster
United Way of the Midlands
United Way of the Piedmont
United Way of York County
University of South Carolina (Center for Community Health Alignment)
University of South Carolina (PASOs)
University of South Carolina Educational Foundation-FoodShare
Vision To Learn (Charleston)
Vital Aging of Williamsburg County
Volunteers in Medicine Hilton Head Island (VIM HHI)
We Are Family
Welvista
Wholespire
Windwood Farm
WINGS
Women's Rights And Empowerment Network
YMCA of Greenville (Judson Community Center)
YouthBASE



To our **grantee partners**,
community leaders, and
fellow advocates:

Thank you for making a
positive impact in the lives of
all those you serve and for your
genuine care for those
experiencing poverty.



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