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HANDS OF FAITH

Anderson Interfaith Ministries Newsletter • Fall 2018

AIM's Mission: Connecting people with support, resources, and education so they can empower themselves to become self-sufficient.

ALL IN Dinner and Silent Auction

AIM's annual ALL IN Dinner and Silent Auction was held May 4th at the Bleckley Station in Downtown Anderson. Sponsored by Big O Dodge and United Capital, the event raised over \$92,000 for AIM's many programs. Over 350 people walked through to bid on more than 80 silent auction packages with items donated by community supporters while enjoying music provided by Benny Whitten. Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill provided the amazing meal for this event and Pepsi graciously donated the drinks for our guests. After dinner we enjoyed our keynote speaker, Kensley Deanhardt, one of the mothers in our WACS Program who graduated from Clemson in May. Thank you to all who donated their time, money, services and products to this event and a huge thanks to Jimmy Johnson, our Auctioneer for our live auction items, thanks to you all for making this event such a huge success.

Tailgate with Attitude: A Fashion Affair

AIM's 2nd annual Tailgate with Attitude: A Fashion Affair was held August 30th at the Anderson County Civic Center. Sponsored by Big O Dodge and Walmart, the event raised over \$42,000 for AIM's programs. Over 400 attendees enjoyed dinner catered by Creekside BBQ and music provided by Ben Phillips with Carolina Elite Entertainment. The event had 36 vendors for attendees to shop for all things tailgate. Hampton Furniture brought several man caves for football lovers to sit and enjoy Clemson, Carolina, and Georgia game reels during the event. Our Fashion Show, emceed by Virgil Hobbs, sponsors were Sassy's of Clemson, Miss Cocky's Boutique, Swaggin Wagon, and Susan D Boutique who all provided adorable outfits for our models to show off new and stylish tailgate fashion. Overall, the event was a huge success and it could not have been done without our amazing staff, volunteers, and community. Thank you all.



AIM Annual Themed Table Luncheon

Presented by South State Bank

Thursday, November 8th, 2018

Anderson Civic Center — 11 am-2 pm



Join us for our annual event that includes a catered lunch from our community partners, a table decorating contest, and shopping for a good cause!

Book your table today! Table of 8 for \$400.

Contact Susan Anderson at 864-965-9082 to book your table or sign-up to be a vendor.

Visit our website to learn more: www.aimcharity.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS



WACS (Women and Children Succeeding)



AIM's Women and Children Succeeding program is a college support program for low-income mothers. Our goal is to transition the families we serve toward an independent, self-sufficient, and successful life. To remove the economic barriers that face mothers who are seeking post-secondary education, we assist with the costs of childcare, transportation, education, and emergency events. We were recently made aware that DSS would no longer fund childcare with the DSS block grant that provided \$114,000 of funds that provided quality educational programs for our Women and Children Succeeding (WACS) clients' children. Since we can no longer count on funding from the State of South Carolina to provide the support needed to assist our families move from dependency on government support to total self-sufficiency we need your help. If we are going to continue to touch the lives of these families, this community is going to have to step up and support our initiative to educate and empower these women and their children.

Will you sponsor a child for a year (\$6,750)? Provide a month of childcare (\$540)? Sponsor one week (\$135) for a child to remain in a stable, educational childcare facility while his/her mom attends college full time?

For AIM to continue to "Give Hope and Change Lives" we need your investment; I promise you the return is HUGE!!

—Kristi King-Brock- Executive Director of AIM

EDUCATION AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

This department focuses on the foundation for employment and job retention. We provide a variety of professional development opportunities for Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens County residents which lead to a full-time career and job retention. These opportunities include Educational Workshops and Employment Pathways.



Employment Pathways connects participants with resources and education to work toward full-time sustainable employment. Program participants work with a Career Coach to evaluate employment needs and develop a plan of action. The individualized plans include a variety of experiences to enhance learning and are frequently modified with progress. Guidance and support are provided by the Career Coach throughout program enrollment.

HOUSING PROGRAM

AIM's Housing Program is phasing out Rapid Re-housing and re-vamping our Emergency and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation program to help low-income families keep their homes safe and livable. For many families this home is all they have, so keeping it in good condition is vital.

Our Ramps and Minor Repairs program is full-steam a head working with the Appalachian Council of Governments to keep providing families with wheelchair, and access ramps.

If you are interested in Volunteering or Donating to this program contact Tim Copeland, our new Housing Director, at 864-965-9075.



ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

This Summer our Assessment and Emergency Assistance program was blessed by Electrolux, and in turn has been able to bless several families as well. Electrolux, in June, donated 32 Air Conditioning Units and 24 Full Sized Refrigerators to AIM. Both the AC Units and the refrigerators have made huge impacts on our client's lives.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO INTERVIEW CLIENTS

Before we can help anyone, we need to know what their needs are. Our Interviewers do just that, come and join in on finding out what our clients' needs are.

HUNGER MINISTRIES

Summer Food 4 Kids

This year we served 2,877 bags to children over 7 distribution sites in low-income areas of Anderson. This is valued at \$27,331.50 in community assistance. We thank our community partner, United Way of Anderson County for providing us with all the bags (residual bags from their Backpack-Snackpack Program) we needed to serve His Kingdom this year.



Trick or Treat so Others May Eat

20th Annual Food Collection and Hunger Awareness Event

Together we can carve out hunger!

Contact us to discuss your participation ideas or to register a team

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Thanksgiving and Christmas

As we enter the Holiday Season we hope to stay in your hearts, so food can stay in our client's bellies. During November and December, we will be asking for foods to fill our holiday meal packages, as well as for volunteers to help make these packages (closer to the holidays themselves). Mark your calendars and please help if you can.



We will be taking the below items both in whole packages as well as individual items. All is accepted. Every item received gets us closer to meeting every holiday need that we anticipate for this year.

Frozen Turkey/Canned Ham- Instant Mashed Potatoes- Canned Green beans/peas- Canned Yams- Stuffing Mix- Canned Cranberry Sauce- Canned Corn- Gravy/Gravy Mix- Packaged Macaroni and Cheese- Packaged Desert Mix



Monetary Donations are also greatly appreciated and accepted for our holiday food fund.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Support low-income families in Anderson County with children ages 0-12

Ways to get involved:

Adopt a Family - commit to spending \$125 per child
Make a financial donation to our Christmas program
Organize a donation drive at work, church, or school
Volunteer



Contact Sarah Ann Skelton at 864-965-9083 or email Sarah.Skelton@aimcharity.org.



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