



Helping Neighbors Ride Out Summer's Heat Wave

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Summers in the South can be brutal, as all Upstate South Carolinians know.

With most days reaching ninety degrees Fahrenheit and almost one hundred percent humidity, it's terrifying to realize that some people do not have access to cool air in their own homes.

To celebrate their employees and new factory in Anderson, Electrolux donated eight hundred window air conditioning units to AIM to distribute to the community.

"God has really blessed us and we're very fortunate to give to others," says Kristi King-Brock, AIM's Executive Director.



AIM has partnered with Electrolux and other organizations for years.

On one side of the parking lot, eighty-five clients came through the carpool-style line to receive their free A/C unit.



At the same time but on the other side of AIM's campus, twenty-four community partners and agencies came to pick up anywhere from two to one hundred A/C units to give out to their clients.

Some of these agencies included churches, health centers, and other nonprofits in the Upstate.

Totaling a value of \$230,000, these A/C units helped community members beat the heat this summer.

"I have three kids and it's very hot," states Portia Allen, a client whose air conditioning unit recently went out.

Not only did Electrolux donate eight hundred window air conditioning units, they also brought at least twenty employees to AIM's campus to help unload trucks and load vehicles alongside AIM's staff and volunteers. Chick-fil-A provided breakfast that morning.

As Amanda Dow from Duke Energy said, "I've told everyone that AIM is the poster child for success."

Providing the opportunity for community involvement and helping neighbors ride out Summer's heat wave is the best way to celebrate.



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