

FUNDED PARTNER AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

HEALTH-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

Meals on Wheels - Piedmont Agency on Aging

864-938-0572 ext 8159
Contact: Christine Piles
96 LC residents signed up for the program

Kathy Hendricks-Dublin, Executive Director
P.O. Box 997
Greenwood, SC 29648
kdublin@piedmontaoa.com



Approximately 650 meals are prepared in the Piedmont Agency on Aging's kitchen for Meals on Wheels each day. The faithful volunteers deliver these hot, nutritious meals right to the door of the individual. At the time of meal delivery, the volunteer is able to check on the welfare of the client and make contact on their behalf if needed. In addition to hot meals, frozen meals are available for those that live outside our hot meal routes or those that need weekend service. New for the year is a "Boxed Meal" program, which assists individuals who are on the waiting list for hot meals. Each box is packed with 14 meals, and contains items which are shelf stable or refrigerated. These meals provide 1/3 RDA recommendations, and serve as a bridge until a spot is available for hot meals. The individual with the greatest need will be the first to be moved to the hot meal service.

Family Health Enhancement Program - Clinton YMCA

864-833-1555
Gene Simmons, Director
PO Box 492
100 YMCA Drive, Clinton, SC 29325
www.clintonyymca.org



At the Clinton YMCA, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and neighbors. Responding to the various needs of the community since 1967, the YMCA seeks to put Christian principles into practice through these programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all, for youth development, healthy living, and for social responsibility develop the values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility to strengthen family life and enrich human relationships.

Snack Pack Program - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325



The Snack Pack program serves five schools in District 56 to ensure that children do not go hungry over the weekends or holidays when school meals are not available. There is a limit to the number of children served at each school, due to funds and space. This program is a partnership with local schools.

Children's Advocacy & Sexual Trauma Counseling and Services - Beyond Abuse

864-227-1623
Mrs. Cathy Miller, Director
115 Alexander Ave. East
PO Box 693
Greenwood, SC 29648
www.beyondabuse.info



Beyond Abuse provides services and support to victims of child abuse and sexual assault in Abbeville, Greenwood, and Laurens Counties. Many services are provided, but support for Laurens County residents through United Way funding includes children's advocacy and counseling services with a masters-level therapist. All funds raised in Laurens County are designated to help Laurens County victims.

Youth Feeding Program – SC Empowerment Centre

864-984-1817
Allen Lawson, Director
Mailing Address: PO Box 1895 Laurens, SC 29360
600 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC
1020 Old Airport Rd., Laurens, SC
www.sccpower.org



South Carolina Empowerment Centre was launched to address the increasing challenges facing youth living in generational poverty by providing support, mentorship, and services that encourage youth to realize their full potential. The vision is that all youth have the support and tools to lead a productive and rewarding life. Good nutrition is vital for a child's growth and development. The Youth feeding program helps to keep students healthy and not hungry, so that they can focus on their studies.

EDUCATION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 13 programs focusing on education

Youth Job Training – SC Empowerment Centre

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Allen Lawson, Director
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600 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC
1020 Old Airport Rd., Laurens, SC
www.sccpower.org



Factors that improve a child's ability to overcome the cycle of generational poverty are positive social influences that can be gained through involvement in afterschool programs that focus on mentorship, career exploration, and workforce and leadership development. South Carolina Empowerment Centre is a community-based service organization that uses this evidence-based approach to support youth during their middle and high-school years.

FINANCIAL STABILITY-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 6 programs focusing on financial stability

Childcare Sponsorships - First Steps of Laurens County

864-984-8130
Rosemary Patterson, Director
1029 W. Main Street Laurens, SC 29360
864-984-8130



Laurens County First Steps' sole mission is to get children ages 0-4 ready for school, healthy, and ready to learn. Services are contracted to expand programs in other agencies such as: Family Literacy Programs, Child Care Training and Professional Development opportunities, on-site mentoring and technical assistance to child care centers, Countdown to Kindergarten, a summer transition program for at-risk four-year-olds going to kindergarten in the fall, and child care scholarships to provide quality care for income eligible families.

Day Care and Afterschool Care Scholarships – YMCA of Greater Laurens

864-984-2621
Brian Harlan, Director
410 Anderson Drive Laurens, SC 29360
(864) 984-2626
www.laurensymca.org



Nurturing the potential of every child and teen is a priority of the YMCA of Greater Laurens where many youths are taking a greater interest in learning; making smarter life choices; and cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, the pursuit of higher education and goal achievement. This can be offered through scholarships so that parents can work without the burden of worrying about the safety of their children and relieving some of the financial strain childcare may cause on a family.

After School Care Scholarships - Clinton YMCA

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100 YMCA Drive, Clinton, SC 29325
www.clintonyymca.org



The Clinton YMCA believes that children should have a safe and secure, yet stimulating environment staffed by warm and caring adults. Children should have a quiet time and place in which to do their homework, under the supervision of a knowledgeable adult who can provide appropriate assistance from time to time as needed. The Happy Days curriculum should provide children with opportunities to develop new skills and abilities, and to build on and improve those they already possess. This can be offered through scholarships so that parents can work without the burden of worrying about the safety of their children and relieving some of the financial strain childcare may cause on a family.

AmeriCorps Financial Stability Programs - Benefit Bank, Money Smart, etc. with United Way of Laurens Co.

864-340-9286
PO Box 544
16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org



The AmeriCorps member with United Way of Laurens County serves as a Financial Stability Counselor and is intended to facilitate and amplify the operations of United Way in its mission to promote financial stability. Programs under this initiative will help low-income workers increase their personal income, build savings, and gain and sustain assets.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - VITA with United Way

864-833-3623
PO Box 544
16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org

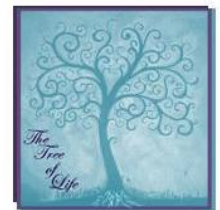


Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a free service offered by United Way of Laurens County to help low-income families file their state and federal taxes—free of charge. Any household making under \$54,000 during the 2017 year will qualify for this service in 2018. Our VITA sites will be open from February-April. The specific program schedules will be posted on www.uwlc-online.org.

Criminal Domestic Violence Out of Shelter Assistance - SAFE Home of Laurens County

864-682-7270 / 24-Hour Hotline - 888-598-5932
Dawn Marie Ardelt, Director
Post Office Box 744 Clinton SC 29325

Our Little Shop (Safe Home) - 864-681-0672
1500 W Main St, Laurens, SC 29360
Tues.-Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10-am-3 pm



The Safe Home provides a comfortable, safe place for female residents that are fleeing from a potentially violent home and seeking shelter for themselves and their children. Case management, legal advocacy counseling, support groups, and community resources are just a few of the services provided to assist victims of domestic violence.

Financial Assistance for Utilities - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325
Mon & Wed 9 am-Noon



United Ministries of Clinton provides utility assistance to qualifying residents of Laurens County. United Ministries Educational Ministry refers and offers financial assistance to clients for GED classes. Other financial stability services offered at United Ministries include: Referring clients to One Stop for employment opportunities, referring families with outstanding debts to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and Requiring all clients that receive assistance (financial or food) to attend a 1-session workshop on budgeting. This budget workshop must be attended before the client can receive any additional assistance.

Financial Assistance - Salvation Army of Greenwood

864-229-3407
Captain Jason Hughes
222 Pressley St., Greenwood, SC 29648
www.salvationarmycarolinas.org
Mon-Thurs. 9-12, 1-4 pm



The average family requesting utility and rental assistance from The Salvation Army of Greenwood have rent paid by HUD, receive food stamps and a utility check. There is a lot of "working poor" that use this assistance program. Single parent homes, working minimum wage, receiving little to no child support. The economy brings many of the clients in, layoffs, shorter hours, and weather conditions wreak havoc on the families living pay check to pay check.

EMERGENCY SERVICE-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 4 programs focusing on emergency services

The Criminal Domestic Violence In-Shelter and Out of Shelter Awareness - SAFE Home of Laurens County

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Free Food Assistance - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325
Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 until 3:00



United Ministries Food Bank provides food to qualifying residents of Laurens County. All clients that receive assistance (Financial or food) are required to attend a 1-session workshop on budgeting. This budget workshop must be attended before the client can receive any additional assistance.

*The grant process for United Way of Laurens County is held from January – March each year. Applying organizations must submit new applications each year, and present programmatic outcomes.
Funding is zero-based each year, and is not guaranteed.*