

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Brookland Foundation Quarterly Newsletter

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BROOKLAND FOUNDATION

“Moving Mountains for Community”

The Foundation's Programs

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Welcome

Welcome to our quarterly Brookland Foundation Newsletter, “**The Mountain View**”. In this edition, we want to highlight key activities/events, support available to the community, how you can make a difference, and say “**Thank You**” to our donors, supporters, and volunteers.

The **mission** of the **Brookland Foundation** is to improve the lives of people by developing and promoting efforts to enhance their spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and economic well-being.

Major Accomplishments & Upcoming Events (click graphics below for more details)



Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You
23rd Annual Golf Tournament
(June 7, 2019)



Informing the
Community
HIV/AIDS Training
(June 28, 2019)



Thanks to Volunteers
for Serving
Feeding the Homeless
(July 3, 2019)



Community Forum
Mental, Physical, & Spiritual
Health Dialogue
(August 14, 2019)

Grants Awarded to the Foundation Provides Critical Support to the Community



In addition to all of the support the **Brookland Foundation** receives each year from its donors and supporters, the foundation is also awarded grants to help achieve its mission. One of the critical grants received this year was the **Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation** grant for our **Project Open Arms** initiative. With this \$10,000 grant, the Brookland Foundation has been able to assist several families and individuals with rental assistance, mortgage assistance, water assistance, hotel vouchers, gift cards (for food and gas), and purchases of air conditioner units.

The assistance we are able to provide with this grant has been very emotional for several people. One young lady whom we assisted was brought to tears when she was told that we could help her. She was just discharged from the hospital after experiencing complication with her heart. She is a home healthcare worker and was still attempting to work even while sick. She was in desperate need for rental assistance. This grant enabled us to assist her in this critical time of need.

In addition, the Brookland Foundation has also received this year The Emory University Rollins School of Public Health COMPASS Coordinating Center Core Grant for Technology (\$4,500), the Core Grant for Staff Continuing Education (\$3,000) and the Core Grant for Community Convening Support.

Please visit our website (www.BrooklandFoundation.org) and Facebook page to see our upcoming activities and events.

Thank You to Our Donors, Supporters, & Volunteers



Thank you for the support in helping us achieve our mission

The Brookland Foundation receives multiple calls per day to support the community (Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Orangeburg, Colleton, Hampton, etc. Counties) by providing families and individuals with emergency bill payment assistance, rental assistance, transportation needs, and hotel/emergency shelter assistance to name a few.

Please consider volunteering 1-2 hours per week or donating to the foundation. No matter the contribution, it makes a huge difference.

You can **donate to the foundation at anytime** via our secure website (*includes options for monthly reoccurring donations and selecting specific programs to support*).

Be a “Mountain Mover”

Call the Brookland Foundation (Juanita Farmer, Development Director, (803) 744-7914) or Visit <http://www.BrooklandFoundation.org> for more details.

Philanthropist: Give, Support, and Volunteer



Anyone can be a Philanthropist

A philanthropist is a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, often, but not always, with **donations of time, resources, or money**. Based on this information, you may already be a philanthropist.

In 2018, we named our first Philanthropist of the Year. This year, the race is on for our 2019 Philanthropist of the Year. Whether you donate, volunteer, or support an event, you make a big impact.

Rev. Charles Cherry is a philanthropist in the community and a committed supporter of the Brookland Foundation. As part of the Brookland Foundation's 25th Anniversary, the foundation's Board Members and Program Directors were asked to donate \$10.00 for each year the foundation had been in existence. As part of Midlands Gives (on giving day), Juanita Farmer's goal was to obtain 5 donors to match her donation gift. When she reached out to Rev. Cherry with this request, he agreed without any hesitation.

In addition to being a strong supporter of the foundation, he also supports many other causes. For example, for his birthday every year in December, he celebrates by hosting an event to give back to others. During his birthday celebration at Ladson Presbyterian Church, he encourages others to bring socks, hats, blankets, coats, gloves, and toiletries for the homeless. Additionally, he travels to the Fish Hole in Eastover to buy fish and chicken, which is served along with grits and all the trimmings. The Brookland Foundation looks forward to supporting and celebrating this event with him each year. We all salute Rev. Charles Cherry as our highlighted philanthropist in this quarter's newsletter.



The Color Pink: 11th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Gala



Health and Wellness Program Initiative

The Brookland Foundation's Health and Wellness Program is busy preparing for our upcoming **11th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Gala (The Color Pink - "I Surrender All")**. The event will take place on **October 3, 2019 at 6:00pm** at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center (1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169). Please click **HERE** to learn more about the event and our sponsorship opportunities.

Additionally, our "**Project Young Athlete**" initiative is in progress. We partner with physician offices to provide **free sports physicals** to middle and high school students to help encourage participation in community and school **team sports**. Physicals are being offered until the end of August. Vouchers can be picked up from the Brookland Baptist Church (1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169) reception desk during this time.

"Survivor's Circle: Celebrating Life!" Breast Cancer Support Group meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. All who are interested are invited to attend to garner Support, Care and Love. Interested persons can contact Sandra Golden Brown (sgoldenbrown@yahoo.com) or Sharon Scott (sgscott330@gmail.com).

For additional information or to volunteer/participate at any activity or event, please call the Brookland Foundation at (803) 744-7914 or contact Adreane Grant (Program Director) at adreane.grant@gmail.com.

Volunteering and Serving the Homeless



Homeless Outreach Program Activities

Do you know what it feels like to be homeless? Now that we have your attention, **we invite you to attend a Poverty Simulation at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church on August 27, 2019**. This is a free event. However, you **must have a ticket to attend**. We have 5 tickets remaining. Contact us if you are interested in attending.

The **Homeless Outreach Program** will be sponsoring a "**Back to School**" dinner at the **Family Shelter on August 15, 2019**. Over the years, our volunteers have fed and supported many initiatives to support the homeless. Within the last month, we have even had five new persons come out and join us with our events. A special "Thank You" goes out to all volunteers that serve our homeless community.

Each month, volunteers serve Dinner at Transition (1st Wednesday, 30-45 minutes), Breakfast at Transition (3rd Saturday, 30-45 minutes), and participate in special events. Many other special events are planned for the next 3 months. Please visit the foundation website for additional details.

For additional information or to volunteer/participate at any activity or event, please call the Brookland Foundation at (803) 744-7914 or contact Frarazia Johnson (Program Director) at fjohnson_ops@yahoo.com.

Preparing for an Exciting 2019-2020 School Year



Tutorial Program Welcomes New Tutors and Students

We want to "Thank" our tutors and students for a great 2018-2019 school year. It was wonderful seeing our students progress during the year and our new tutors inspire them to do their best.

Hope everyone had an awesome summer. Now, let's prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. **The tutorial session start on Monday, September 9, 2019**. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The Tutorial Program provides after-school and evening tutoring assistance for students in K-12 in all subject areas. The sessions are Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Lakeview Empowerment Center.

We are always looking for new tutors and volunteers to help support the education of our students. For additional information or to volunteer/participate, please call the Brookland Foundation at (803) 744-7914 or contact Cassandra Conyers-Rush (Program Director) at ccrush208@gmail.com.

Empowering Our Community with Knowledge



HIV/AIDS Program Initiative

The HIV/AIDS program seeks to inform and educate the community about the HIV virus, while encouraging risk educations/preventive behaviors.

The HIV/AIDS Program "CARES".

C - Compassion
A - Awareness
R - Respect
E - Education
S - Support

Our HIV/AIDS program volunteers and participants meet monthly to discuss activities and coordinate upcoming events. For additional information or to volunteer/participate at any activity or event, please contact K. Allen Campbell (Program Director) at (803) 744-7906 or kcampbell@brookland.cc.

Supporting the Male Community



Male Initiative Program

The Male Initiative focuses on strategies and solutions designed to empower males and their families.

On **Wednesday, August 14, 2019 (6:00pm - 8:00pm)**, we will be hosting a **Community Forum** to discuss **mental, physical, and spiritual health**. Please click **HERE** to see the details and RSVP by August 13, 2019. The RSVP information is included via the link provided.

Additionally, for Suicide Prevention Month (September), we are planning a "**Self Talk Suicide Intervention Training**". Please visit our website (www.BrooklandFoundation.org) and Facebook page to see our upcoming activities and events.

To assist us with achieving our goals, we are seeking volunteers and supporters that can help us continue to build this program. For additional information or to volunteer/participate at any activity or event, please call the Brookland Foundation at (803) 744-7914 or contact Lewis C. Hicks (Program Director) at lchicks101@gmail.com.

Shop and Make a Difference (AmazonSmile)



AmazonSmile donates to Brookland Foundation when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0994150. Support the Brookland Foundation every time you shop.

In other words, you can **do good for your community** while you're shopping on Amazon -- at **no extra cost to you**.

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