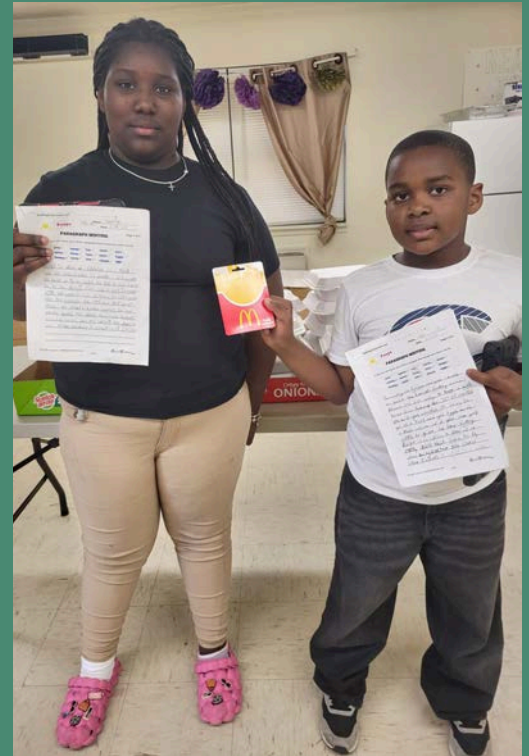




SOUTHEASTERN

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



2023 ANNUAL IMPACT 2024 REPORT

Southeastern Housing &
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Community Resources Days Held

In **7** Locations

327 Tax Returns Filed

\$524,000 Secured in Tax Returns

Owner Occupied Rehab

1 Emergency Rehabilitation Project

\$15,000 Value of Work Completed

Housing Trust Fund Advocacy Efforts

Played a key role in advancing program improvements, such as:

- Aligning Workers' Compensation coverage requirements for Home Repair programs with the minimum standards set by South Carolina state law.
- Streamlining processes by exempting properties that meet DHEC criteria from mandatory asbestos testing.

Blight Elimination Program

2 Purchased

15 Deconstructed



The Blight to BRIGHT program has made a tremendous positive impact on the City of Barnwell as there have been sixteen residential properties in the city that have been removed and properties cleaned up. This has made such a difference aesthetics in neighborhoods and thoroughfares throughout the city. -Lynn S. McEwen



21 Complexes

713 Units

479 New Individuals Housed

224 New Move Ins

11% New Move Ins were Displaced

3% Victims of Domestic Violence

6 Previously Living in Substandard Housing



After I lost my home in a fire, I didn't know where I'd end up. I stayed with my sister for a while, but space was tight, and I had nothing left. On top of that, my health issues made everything harder. Moving into Holly Hill Apartments gave me something I hadn't had in a long time—stability. I finally have a place that's mine, where I feel safe and at ease. It's taken a huge weight off my shoulders. Having stable housing again has made all the difference.”

— Jacob Williams



Porsha Pressey's Journey to Stability

After the loss of both parents, Porsha Pressey moved into Denmark Gardens with a clear goal—temporary housing while she rebuilt her life. Despite emotional challenges, she remained focused on her children's well-being and future. With determination and support from the community, Porsha secured a new home and began a new chapter. Her story reflects resilience and the power of a supportive environment during times of hardship.



24 Yes Scholarship Recipients

17 Youth Participated in Organized Sports

7 Birth Certificates Attained

32 Residents Received Transport Tickets



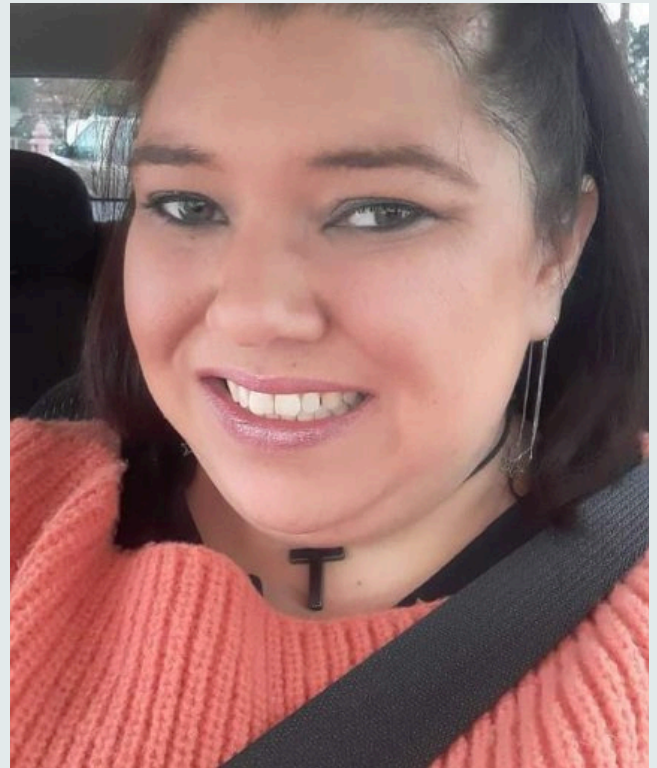
Phoenicia Rowe's Journey to Economic Independence

Phoenicia Rowe, a single mother, overcame major barriers—lack of transportation, childcare, and job experience—to pursue medical training. With targeted support from ROSS, she gained experience as a resident event coordinator and enrolled in Denmark Technical College. Excelling in her clinicals, she graduated as a certified medical assistant. Phoenicia now earns a steady income, is saving for independent housing, and approaches life with renewed confidence. “I am proud of my success, and my children will learn the value of hard work”, she says, embodying the spirit of resiliency. Phoenicia’s story illustrates how personalized support can empower residents to achieve self-sufficiency and inspire others to take the first step toward change.



Kimberly Barefoot's Path to the Classroom

Despite facing a brain tumor diagnosis, single mother Kimberly Barefoot remained committed to her dream of becoming a teacher. With support from ROSS and the Bamberg-Barnwell Adult Education Program, she completed her GED, began substitute teaching, and is now preparing for a full-time role as a teacher's aide with a \$4,000 salary increase. Reflecting on her journey, Kimberly shared "I had a great experience getting my GED through the Bamberg-Barnwell Adult Education program. Kimberly also credits her ROSS Coordinator for providing school supplies and encouragement that helped make her goals achievable.



447 Children Benefitted from the Summer Feeding Program

3,011 Children Impacted by Receiving School Supplies

38 Teachers Impacted by Receiving School Supplies

52 Clients Received Benefits Assistance

22 Clients Received Employment Services

Eviction Prevention Services Provided to
38 families

73 Received Health Services

41 Enrolled in Adult Education





FINANCIAL RESOURCE CENTER

A PROGRAM OF SOUTHEASTERN HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Financial Resource Center, a statewide HUD- Approved Agency within Southeastern Housing and Community Development, assists first-time homebuyers in achieving homeownership through personalized financial counseling and guidance. By offering one-on-one coaching, the program helps individuals navigate the complexities of budgeting, credit improvement, and mortgage readiness. Additionally, the Financial Resource Center provides access to various down payment assistance programs, ensuring that participants are well-prepared to make informed decisions and successfully purchase their first homes.

58 Participates Recieved Counseling

3.8% Average Interest Rate

18 Families Purchased Homes

\$257,495 Average Home Loan Approval

17 Single

\$42,160 Average Household Income

1 Married

18 Total Home Loans Approved

5 years approved for HUD Housing
Counseling Grant

17 502 USDA Direct Program

1 Traditional Financing



As a single mother, the thought of purchasing a home seemed daunting. However, with the support and guidance I received from the Financial Resource Center, my home-buying journey became a positive and rewarding experience. The team's professionalism and extensive knowledge of the process gave me confidence from the start. There were many moments when I reached out after hours, and they always made time for me, making me feel heard and supported. Their dedication went above and beyond my expectations.

This was my first time navigating a home loan, and the guidance I received made all the difference. Thanks to the Financial Resource Center, I now own my home, and I'm grateful for their commitment to helping me succeed. I've even referred them to others who are looking for the same type of support. My homeownership success story is a testament to the incredible work done by the Financial Resource Center. - Kalee Tharp





FOODSHARE BAMBERG COUNTY

FEEDING A NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Order Your
FoodShare Box:



FoodShare Bamberg's mission is to improve access to and consumption of fruits and vegetables through community-driven initiatives. FoodShare's work is centered on food security and food justice, aiming to ensure that everyone in the community has access to fresh produce. As a leader in food security in South Carolina, FoodShare collaborates with like-minded organizations to expand access to nutritious food for all.

8,729 FoodShare Boxes Distributed

50 Average Volunteers Per Distribution

28 Housing Communities are being served across Bamberg, Barnwell, Aiken, Orangeburg, Hampton and Jasper Counties.

9 Partner Sites (Bamberg Civic Center, The Well, Ehrhardt Pharmacy, Denmark-Olar Elementary School, Richard Carroll Elementary School, Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, Allendale County DSS, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, Barnwell Elementary School)

100+ Customers, now enrolled in the NEW online SNAP Ordering

Established a new partnership with VeggieRX through Clemson Rural Health and Bamberg Family Practice to enhance community health initiatives.

Carolyn has been a participant in FoodShare Bamberg program for two years. She appreciates the fresh fruits and vegetables provided through the program. With high blood pressure and cholesterol issues, the produce in the box has been beneficial to her health. Carolyn has recommended the program to many of her family members and friends. She extends her gratitude to FoodShare Bamberg for their support.





Saltcatcher Farms, LLC is a vegetable, herb, and cut flower farm that uses organic and sustainable practices. Our mission is threefold: (1) to heal the land at our Warehouse site—a former auto scrap yard—via a suite of regenerative farming techniques (deep compost, cover cropping, minimal tillage); (2) to become a sustainable business that generates jobs for local people via organic farming; and (3) to model and share appropriate technology for small, sustainable market gardeners via workshops, our tool lending library, and shared packing and storage facilities.

This year at glance:

- *Saltcatcher held its inaugural plant sale, generating over \$600 in revenue.*
- *Partnered with the Bamberg County Office on Aging for "Tea Time," where we introduced the community to healthier alternatives to soft drinks, using herbs from our garden.*
- *Spoke on the value of local produce at the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber's 2nd Annual Blessing of the Crops event.*
- *Served as a host site for Bamberg County's First Annual Ag + Art Tour, where over 49 guests explored our grounds and learned about our sustainable farming practices and produce.*



Saltcatcher Youth Leadership Program

Through seed to sale programming, the Saltcatcher Youth Leadership Program seeks to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. The SYLP team plants, produces, packages, and distributes healthy food for the residents of our community, develops skills in sustainable agriculture, provides youth leadership opportunities, and teaches financial literacy. Through character building and strong work ethic, Saltcatcher Youth Leaders inspire and support others to create change in their own communities.

3 Youth Participated

This year at glance:

- *Hosted the Growing COB Youth Group for Earth Day on April 20th, where participants learned how to start seedlings and toured our warehouse gardens.*
- *The youth volunteered at Prosper Farm in Columbia, SC, helping to harvest produce for distribution to those facing food insecurity.*



Financials

\$1,702,807	Cash & Investments
\$142,470	Accounts Receivable
\$12,557	Grant Receivables
\$10,942,012	Property & Equipment
\$1,513,976	Other Assets
\$8,236,139	Unrestricted
\$106,203	Temporarily Restricted
\$528,743	Notes Payable, Current Maturities
\$395,723	Line of Credit
\$981,267	Accounts Payable
\$132,879	Accrued Liabilities
\$45,212	Prepaid Rents
\$150,326	Tenant Security Deposits
\$3,737,330	Notes Payable, Net of Current Maturities



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Greg Bruner-Maintenance-Apprentice

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Gregory Clark-Maintenance

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Community Development

Tania Hester-Farm Manager

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Albert Rice- Farm Manager Assistant

Rosilyn Hines-Owner Occupied Grant Specialist

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Financial Resource Center

Roy Haigler-FRC Coordinator

Laralie Davidson-Financial Counselor

Cassandra Rivers-Homeownership Packager

Nicole Davis-Receptionist

Resident Service Coordination

Shanice Willingham- Director of Supportive Services

Brittney Holman Angelia Sloop

Lisa Creech Katherine Rivers



We sincerely thank our incredible partners for their unwavering support and collaboration, which has been instrumental in the success of our programs and initiatives.

S.C Regional Housing Authority No. 3	CASA Family Services
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	Hope Health
SC Association of Community and Economic Development	Fort Mill Housing
Barnwell Recreations Department	Department of Social Services
Williston Recreation Department	SC Housing
Bamberg Recreation Department	Rural Development
Dream Imagination and Gifts	Smart Box
Bamberg County First Steps	SC Thrive
Barnwell County First Steps	SC Works
Barnwell County Consolidated School District	The Cumbee Center
Orangeburg County Consolidated School District	Save the Children
Bamberg County Consolidate School District	Handy Ride
Hampton County Consolidate School District	HEALing Partners
Bamberg County Health Coalition	City of Bamberg
Tri-County Health Network	City of Barnwell
Bamberg Board of Public Works	Ehrhardt Pharmacy
FoodShare of South Carolina	Snap-ED
South Carolina Office of Rural Health	DSS Health Bucks
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Family Solutions
Golden Harvest Food Bank	Together for Hope
Amazing Grace Ministries	Plot to Pot, LLC
Allendale County Alive	Palmetto Garden Club
Community Uplifting Alliance Project	Axis 1
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