



# THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

*...to prevent and eliminate unlawful discrimination thereby promoting harmony and the betterment of human affairs for all people,  
S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-20*

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## Orangeburg's Civil Rights Movement and School Desegregation

The Community Relations Division at SCHAC kicked off the month by attending a special discussion hosted by USC's Center for Civil Rights History & Research, the Cecil Williams Civil Rights Museum, and the Orangeburg County Library!

On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, CRD Consultant Danielle Lindley, attended a panel conversation hosted by the students who desegregated Orangeburg's school system in 1964. The panel was moderated by Dr. Devin Randolph and included Mr. Andre Moss, Mr. Tyrone Dash, Reverend Arthur Rose, Jr., Mr. Tyrone Robinson, Mrs. Brenda Adams Collins, Dr. June Manning Thomas, and Mrs. Brenda Smiley.



Group shot of the students who helped desegregate Orangeburg's School system

## Lancaster's Neighborhood Watch

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ayana Crawford, attended Lancaster's first Neighborhood Watch (also known as the Meeting Street Committee) from 6 pm to 7 pm at Municipal Justice Center (405 E. Arch St., Lancaster, SC 29720). There were approximately 20 community individuals present including the Mayor, T. Alston DeVenny, and the new Chief of Police, Don Roper. This event was also streamed live on Facebook.



## Pelion Peanut Party

On Saturday, November 5, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ms. Danielle Lindley, attended as a community vendor at the SC Pelion Peanut Party to provide SCHAC's resources to the people of Pelion.

Farmers in Pelion have been producing and harvesting peanuts for years. It has long been an autumn tradition for the people of Pelion to gather for the annual boiling of the peanuts. Members of the Pelion Ruritan Club continue the tradition at the annual Pelion Peanut Party. This year's festival featured a craft show, parade, car show, military exhibits, peanut butter & jelly sandwich eating contest, frozen T-shirt contest, festival food, and amusement rides.



SCHAC CRD Consultant, Danielle Lindley, at the table at the Pelion Peanut Party

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## USC: Equity Summit

From November 9th through the 11th, SCHAC Consultants, Ayana Crawford, and Danielle Lindley had the opportunity to attend the 2022 Equity Summit hosted by the USC Collaborative on Race! This three-day conference focus on Environmental Justice: Designing for Spatial Dignity. The Collaborative on Race defines spatial dignity as, "the practice of consciously creating environments of respect and inclusion. It values the needs and well-being of each person in all spaces and interactions, regardless of ability or social



position. Summit participants will gain concrete tools to incorporate spatial dignity into their communities and develop new practices for the benefit of all."

The 2022 Equity and Inclusion Summit is an extended discussion of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion within The College of Arts and Sciences and the broader community. The EI Summit creates a space for those actively engaged in race equity and inclusion efforts across the Southeast to lean on and learn from each other. This mini-conference brings together academics and activists to marry theory and action. It creates a network spanning the Southeast of people working toward race equity, inclusion, and accessibility.



SCHAC CRD Consultant, Ayana Crawford, at the table at the USC Equity Summit

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## Dillon's Battle of the Bands

On Saturday, November 12, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ayana Crawford, attended Dillon's Battle of the Bands event at Dillon High School (1730 US-301, Dillon, SC 29536) from 1 pm to 10 pm. There were at least 100 students, parents, vendors, and school officials present at this event. SCHAC was the only organizational/state agency present as a vendor. Ms. Crawford connected with students and parents from Dillon and Kingstree and provide information about our services.



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## ***Meltdown in Dixie: Georgetown County***

On November 17, 2022, SCHAC Community Relations Director, Robert Snipes, attended the *Meltdown in Dixie* documentary viewing and follow-up panel discussion at Waccamaw Library in Georgetown County, located at 41 St. Paul's Place, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

The discussion was moderated by Ellen Zisholtz, the Executive Director of the Center for Creative Partnerships, and featured Ms. Lee G. Brockington, historian, author, and Senior Interpreter of History for The Belle W. Baruch Foundation, and Mr. Steve Williams, historian, author, and columnist.



Audience members at the Waccamaw Library in Georgetown County

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## **Serving Up Thanks: Resource Fair**

SCHAC volunteered at the Serving Up Thanks: Resource Fair hosted by the North Columbia Youth Empowerment Initiative and Serve & Connect.

This event was on Tuesday, November 22nd, at the New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church at 1003 Colleton Street. The fair connected the Belmont Community of North Columbia to local organizations and resources including the Belmont Community Association, Gable Oaks Apartments, New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church

(Harvest Hope Food Bank agency) and the Knowledge is Power Coalition. Attending resource/service providers included: CAN Community Health, Pathways to Healing, Moms Demand Action & the Survivor Network, SCHAC, LRADAC, SC Thrive, DMH Columbia Area Mental Health Center, Prisma Health, Cooperative Health, Dominion Energy's Customer Assistance Outreach, Senior Resources, and Richland Library.



SCHAC CRD Consultant, Danielle Lindley, at the "Serving Up Thanks": Resource Fair

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**The Sisters of Charity  
Foundation of South  
Carolina needs your voice!**

Please complete this quick survey to further inform the Foundation's advocacy efforts.

SISTERS of CHARITY  
FOUNDATION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina needs your voice! As the Foundation moves forward in prioritizing the work of their [Anti-Poverty Advocacy Agenda](#), they want your perspective on the greatest needs facing South Carolinians. The [brief survey](#) is less than 10 questions, takes less than 7 minutes to complete, and will be open until December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please help us uplift your voices and the voices of our communities!

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## Grant Opportunity: Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Through the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI), this grant opportunity is designed to support eligible local rural law enforcement entities (i.e. county sheriff, municipal police, rural district attorney's/prosecutor's office, and federally recognized tribal law enforcement) to address specific rural crime problems. This opportunity is also intended to help support new and existing partnerships between local law enforcement and the communities they serve. Grant awards will likely be an average of \$50,000 - \$150,000 with a term of twenty-four (24) months.

A LISC grant application may be appropriate if:

- The applicant hopes to develop deeper community outreach and engagement opportunities to support improved relationships and encourage community leadership in strategy development and/or implementation.
- The applicant is seeking to build or further develop partnerships with community-based partners to support problem-solving around persistent crime challenges.
- The applicant is considering a place-based approach to its crime reduction strategies that may include collaborations with community or economic development partners to explore revitalization opportunities to complement law enforcement interventions.
- The applicant is looking to support a diverse cross-sector partnership team to help manage the project's set of comprehensive implementation activities, which could include, but is not limited to: *Community Violence Intervention (CVI)* approaches to crime reduction, *reentry programming* for returning citizens or *Alternatives to Incarceration*

The simple application and related materials can be found at the below link.

John Connelly, with LISC Safety & Justice, would be happy to answer any questions from potential applicants ([jconnelly@lisc.org](mailto:jconnelly@lisc.org); 414-930-1744).

The initial deadline to apply is **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

Application Link: <https://lisc.tfaforms.net/705>

LISC is a nationwide initiative with a local office right here in South Carolina! LISC Upstate SC is located in Spartanburg, SC under the leadership of Executive Director, Dawn Deck.

To learn more about LISC, please visit: <https://www.lisc.org/>

For the Upstate SC office, please visit: <https://www.lisc.org/upstate-south-carolina/our-mission/>

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## Opportunity to be Trained Mediators

Below is the schedule for Midlands Mediation Center's Introduction to Mediation. Registration is \$1000 per session and \$495 for volunteers; MMC provides hardship **scholarships** for individuals who would like to learn mediation skills to support their local community. If you know someone who would like to participate, please let us know!

To learn more about the Midlands Mediation Center, visit: <https://midlandsmmediation.org/>

Winter 2023 Mediation Training – January 9-12, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmw.eventbrite.com>

Winter 2023S Mediation Training – January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmws.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023 Mediation Training – April 24 -27, 2023 - <https://2023itms.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023S Mediation Training – April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 2023 -

<https://2023itmss.eventbrite.com>



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## Justice Weekend

Justice Weekend is a three-day event that will capture the essence of the Black Liberation Fund (BLF)'s Mission: to alleviate obstacles and hardships that the stigma of incarceration brings to black families and incarcerated persons by offering direct services, education, advocacy, and resources. It will be held June 1 through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, and includes a Minority Business Tour, Justice Village, and gala! BLF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was founded in 2020. It is focused on community bail in underserved communities. They are the first full-at-cost organization that supports bail, and legal services for those affected by the criminal justice system and assists in community record clearing (expungement and pardons).

If you have any questions email them at [blackliberationfund@gmail.com](mailto:blackliberationfund@gmail.com) or visit their website.

For more information on Justice Weekend, visit [www.justice-weekend.org](http://www.justice-weekend.org).



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## December: Universal Human Rights Month



The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10th, 1948. The UDHR proclaims the protection of, “the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.” In 2001, President George W. Bush declared the first Human Rights Week beginning the second week of December. For 2022, the United Nations is centering the theme on Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All. Next year marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration and the U.N. will launch a year-long campaign to showcase the UDHR by focusing on its legacy, relevance, and activism.

Whether it's reading the [Declaration of Human Rights](#), volunteering with organizations to help protect the rights of others, or giving back to your community, let us know how you're celebrating Universal Human Rights Month!



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## Annual Event Calendar for CRC's

### January

MLK Day/Day of Service

### February

African American History

### March

Women's History/End Racism Day

### April

Fair Housing

### May

Law Enforcement/Community Relations/Pacific-Asian Month

### June

Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation/Disaster Preparedness

### July

Employment Discrimination/Economic Opportunity

### August

Youth Project/Back to School

### September

Hispanic Heritage/Cultural Diversity

### October

Disability Employment Awareness



**November**

American Indian Heritage/Veterans' Appreciation

**December**

Age & Poverty Issues

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**Interested in hosting a community meeting in your area?  
Please contact the Community Relations Department at 803-737-7800**

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throughout the State!**



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