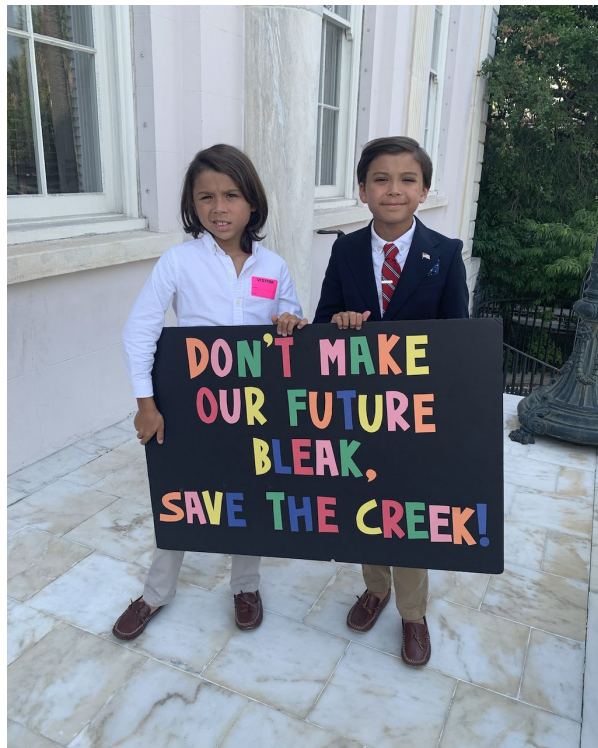


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CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY
Building a Charleston where justice and equity prevail

June 21, 2022

Students used their powerful voices at the Charleston City Council Meeting last night and called on the Council to Save Gadsden Creek!



Also last night!!!! Charleston County Council set aside \$20 million


for Affordable Housing!




20 MILLION

Following a lengthy debate, 6 Charleston County Council Members voted in favor of setting aside \$20 million dollars in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for affordable housing. Now county staff will work to develop a plan of how that \$20 million will be used. Once that plan is developed, they will present that to County Council for final approval. We encourage you to watch the debate that took place so you can see how your council member responded to this motion. The discussion begins at the 59 minute mark [here](#). **Council members who voted FOR the \$20 million set aside were Councilmembers Wehrman, Middleton, Darby, Pryor, Johnson and Honeycutt. Council members who voted AGAINST \$20 million for affordable housing last night were Councilmembers Moody, Sass and Schweers.**

SC Primary Runoff: your vote is your voice.

SC Supt. of Education
 Kathy Maness
Ellen Weaver

US Senate
 Catherine Fleming Bruce
Krystle Matthews

June 22-24 Early voting, 8:30 am - 5 pm
June 28 Election Day, 7 am-7 pm

Compare candidates:
VOTE 411

Your choices for SC Superintendent of Education and US Senator will be decided in the June 28 Primary Runoff, 7am – 7pm, at your neighborhood location. Weigh in! All SC voters can participate. If you voted Republican on June 14, you must vote Republican again. The same applies if you voted Democratic. If you did not vote in the June 14 primary, you can choose either runoff ballot. No-excuse early voting will be held at the same county early voting locations, June 22-24, 8:30 am- 5 pm. Find yours at <https://www.scvotes.gov/early-voting>. Compare the candidates at www.VOTE411.org. Your vote matters!

CAJM receives "BIG HEART" Award

On May 12, CAJM received the "Big Heart" Nonprofit Lowcountry Diversity Leadership Award! The ceremony was put on by the Charleston Regional Business Journal to recognize individuals and organizations that have shown exceptional leadership in making diversity, equity, and inclusion a strategic priority. [Click here to read more about it!](#)

Lowcountry
*Diversity
Leadership*
Awards 2022

BIG HEART NONPROFIT: CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry is a coalition of 40 faith-based congregations built on the idea of diversity, equity and inclusion. Roughly half of The Charleston Area Justice Ministry's membership is made up of minority congregations. Collectively, they



address issues of inequity, such as the high suspension rates of minority students in public schools and the lack of access to primary health care for many in minority communities. Each year, they hold an assembly to advocate for the implementation of best practices to eliminate systemic injustices.

One example of this was their successful lobbying of the Charleston County Council to allocate funding to SC Legal Services, so they could provide legal aid and advocacy to help workers recover stolen wages. Since their intervention, \$90,000 in wages have been recovered.

The ministry has been recognized with the Harvey Gantt Triumph Award for Lasting Contributions to Civil and Human Rights, the first organization to be recognized for this award ordinarily bestowed upon an individual.

Help out with CAJM's corporate drive!

It's summertime and that means that CAJM's corporate investment drive is underway! We need leaders and network members like **YOU** to come and tell local businesses about our work. It's good for us to take a small group of people into our corporate visits so business

owners can see CAJM's diversity. If you are able to attend any of these visits coming up, please let us know.

Peak Performance Consulting

WHEN: Wednesday, June 22 / 3:00pm pre-meeting / 4:00pm meeting

WHERE: CAJM Office (2021 Reynolds Ave)

RSVP: lydia@thedartcenter.org

We're also always looking for referrals! Know any business owners who share CAJM values? Let us know so that we can share our work with them!

Upcoming Committee Events

Check here for opportunities to be involved in CAJM's active campaigns!



Healthcare Full Committee Meeting

Join us for an update and to talk about accountability measures for Fetter, Roper, and MUSC!

WHEN: Thursday, July 7 / 6:30pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Zoom - [Click here to get a link!](#)



Charleston County Council Meeting (Housing) - **Large turnout needed!**

Come out to support an Affordable Housing Trust Fund! At this meeting, Charleston County Staff will be presenting their housing plan to council so we need strong turnout!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 12 / 5:45pm

WHERE: Lonnie Hamilton Building (4045 Bridge View Drive)

RSVP: amber@thedartcenter.org



Charleston City Council Meeting (Environmental Justice) - **Large turnout needed!**

Come out to stand against the filling of Gadsden Creek!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 19 / 4:30pm pre-meeting / 5:00 City Council begins

WHERE: Charleston City Hall (80 Broad Street) / pre-meeting right next to City Hall in Washington Park

RSVP: lydia@thedartcenter.org



Fetter & Roper (Healthcare)

Join us for a check-in with officials from Fetter and Roper where we'll hear an update on their partnership and the status of funding for the mobile health unit.

WHEN: Thursday, July 28 / 12:00pm pre-meeting / 1:00pm meeting

WHERE: Location TBD

RSVP: anna@thedartcenter.org

Community Events & Happenings

Check here to see how you can be involved in the community between CAJM events!

Know a kid who needs school clothes or supplies?

Presbyterian churches across the Lowcountry—including CAJM congregations Edisto Presbyterian, Hebron Zion Presbyterian, and St. James Presbyterian—are giving out free back-to-school clothing and

supplies. See the flier below for dates and locations.



Back-To-School Program

FREE
For All Students
4K Through 8th

One Set
School Clothes
And Grade Related
School Supplies

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Applicable COVID protocols will be practiced. As such we will limit each family to a maximum of five children. We serve grades K-4 through 8th grade. Each child will receive one set of clothing plus a bag of grade-specific school supplies. The child must be present to be served. A child will only be served once per year in order that we might help as many children as possible.

2022 Schedule

Date	Church	Address	Location	Time
Sat 23 Jul	Aimwell Presbyterian Church (DT)	8925 Charleston Highway	Colleton County	10:00 AM
Wed 27 Jul	Edisto Presbyterian Church (DT)	1890 Cypress Bottom Road	Edisto Island	4:00 PM
Fri 29 Jul	Charleston Atlantic Presbytery*	4701 Park Place West	North Charleston	4:00 PM
Sat 30 Jul	Charleston Atlantic Presbytery*	4701 Park Place West	North Charleston	10:00 AM
Wed 3 Aug	Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church (DT)	2915 Bohicket Road	Johns Island	4:00 PM
Wed 3 Aug	First Presbyterian Church	419 West Main Street	Moncks Corner	4:00 PM
Thur 4 Aug	First Presbyterian Church	419 West Main Street	Moncks Corner	4:00 PM
Fri 5 Aug	Second Presbyterian Church	342 Meeting Street	Downtown Charleston	4:00 PM
Sat 6 Aug	Second Presbyterian Church	342 Meeting Street	Downtown Charleston	10:00 AM
Mon 8 Aug	Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church (DT)	5931 North Murray Drive	Hanahan	4:00 PM
Mon 8 Aug	Summerville Presbyterian Church	407 S Laurel Street	Summerville	TBD
Thur 11 Aug	Westminster Presbyterian Church	1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.	West Ashley	4:00 PM
Fri 12 Aug	Westminster Presbyterian Church	1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.	West Ashley	4:00 PM
Sat 13 Aug	Westminster Presbyterian Church	1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.	West Ashley	10:00 AM
Sat 20 Aug	St. James Presbyterian Church (DT)	1314 Sessionville Road	James Island	10:00 AM

The times above are when doors open to the public to be served. Doors will remain open for two hours or until we reach capacity for the day, whichever comes first.

(DT) Indicates Drive Through Distribution *Former Park Circle Presbyterian Church



Charleston County is asking for your input!

Please complete the Riley Center's survey for Charleston County to help them determine how funding should be spent—especially around housing.

[Click here to fill out the survey!](#)

Can we do a paper swap?

CAJM was gifted paper but it's in sizes we don't use. If you use these sizes, we'd love to swap for some regular old 8 1/2 x 11 paper with you. Or if you'd like to purchase it from us, we'll give you a really good deal!

Here's what we have to swap:

Legal (8.5 x 14 inches)

6.5 cases

32,500 sheets

Tabloid (11 x 17 inches)

1 full case (2,500 sheets) + 1 partial (2,000 sheets)

4,500 sheets total

If you're interested in swapping or purchasing, please contact Amy at charlestonareajusticeministry@gmail.com.

Have you made your 2022 investment in CAJM?

CAJM's 2022 investment drive goal is **\$215,000!** In honor of our tenth year, we are striving for 100% participation for investments! In other words, we're going ALL IN for year ten!

It's not too early to make a payment towards your 2022 CAJM investment! You can do so by clicking the link below. Reach out to your team leader or organizer with any questions about investing.

[Click here to invest!](#)

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