

Building a Charleston where justice and equity prevail

September 6, 2022

What's going on with our Education campaign?

Last month, students and educators returned to schools for another year of learning together. In our work for justice, the new school year calls on us to ensure that learning happens for all students on a foundation of strong, supportive relationships.

We know where we've been: For years, Black and Brown students in CCSD schools have been suspended at rates 10 times higher than their white peers.

We know what we've asked for: the implementation of positive behavioral intervention systems and Restorative Practices (RP) across the district. At the Nehemiah Action last spring, we got a commitment from Superintendent Kennedy to collaborate with CAJM and deliver a 3-year plan to implement RP across CCSD.

So, where are we now? This summer, CAJM, CCSD and RP trainers heard from educators and district officials. The data and the stories confirm it—RP is making a difference. And that implementation plan? We received a draft of it in a meeting on September 1st, with the energy to move forward.

We're not there yet, but we are seeing progress. **But continued progress requires presence and power.** So join us! Learn more about RP, spread the word with teachers, parents, and your friends, and vote for school board candidates that support equity in our schools. Let's deliver on the promise of a school year where everyone can belong and learn.

Want to learn more? Join us for the Education Full Committee Meeting this Thursday! Click here to register!

Want to read more about Charleston County's holistic plan for housing and house affordability? Click here!

Upcoming Research Committee Meetings



Housing Full Committee Meeting Thursday, September 8 6:00pm Location: ZOOM Email amber@thedartcenter.org to RSVP



Education Full Committee Meeting Thursday, September 8 7:00pm Location: Zoom Click here to register!



Charleston City Council (Flooding) Tuesday, September 13 Pre-Meeting: 4:30pm Meeting: 5:00pm Meet in the park next to Charleston City Hall (80 Broad Street) Email Iydia@thedartcenter.org to RSVP

Keep an eye on your email for an exciting update coming SOON from the Healthcare Committee regarding our work with Roper St. Francis!

Community Events & Happenings

Gadsden Creek Community Clean-Up



PLEASE JOIN US TO CLEAN UP AND RE-IMAGINE GADSDEN CREEK A HISTORIC SALT MARSH ON THE WESTSIDE OF CHARLESTON An Essential Fish Habitat and Critical Wetland

> SATURDAY / SEPTEMBER 17/ 9:30 AM Meet at Harmon Field at The corner of Hagood & Line

Remember to wear close-toed shoes, a hat, & sunscreen, & bring a water bottle.

Our Flooding Committee is working hard in the fight to save Gadsden Creek, but there's no reason to wait until we win to make it even more beautiful! Join the community for a clean-up.

Email CAJM Flooding Committee member Merrie Koester to RSVP at merriekoester@com cast.net



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.

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