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## Investing in CAJM is investing in yourself and your community

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We all are well aware that justice work requires financial support. This year, CAJM's 2023 investment drive goal is **\$250,000**. So far, we've raised **\$72,947**. This time last year, we had already raised **\$100,000**. Though we are slightly behind where we were last June, the good news is there's still plenty time to make your investment. What's important to note that is that investing in CAJM is more than a financial contribution: it is an investment in **yourself** and **your community**.

In recent years, your gifts have helped CAJM reach outstanding achievements towards the work of justice. A few are worth noting: Roper St. Francis to commit to funding a mobile health unit for Fetter Healthcare Network; 90 percent of CCSD schools are considering, implementing or actively using restorative practices; Charleston County has finally passed the Housing our Future plan that promotes affordable housing, and much more. None of these actions would have happened without your investment. Please consider making your investment today!

## Pay your 2023 CAJM investment!

[Click here to invest!](#)

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# Upcoming Research Visits

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We encourage all CAJM members to join us for research visits and full committee meetings! Email [dorightcajm@gmail.com](mailto:dorightcajm@gmail.com) to be connected with our research committees, and/or use the links below to sign up to attend.

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## **Friends of Gadsden Creek & Gadsden Green Juneteenth Celebration**

**What:** CAJM will be joining Gadsden Green residents and Friends of Gadsden Creek for a Juneteenth Celebration! Stop in anytime to meet your neighbors!

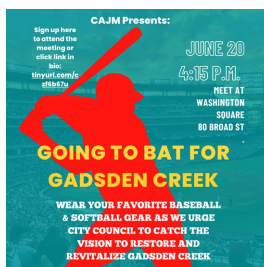
**When:** Sunday, June 18 | 2:00pm-5:00pm

**Where:** Gadsden Green

**Want to volunteer?:** [Click here to sign up](#)

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## **Turn out to Charleston City Council to save Gadsden Creek!**

**What:** CAJM is heading to Charleston City Council to present our 1000 signatures to Council to Restore and Revitalize Gadsden Creek! Our theme for the night is BATTING 1000: It's time for City Council to CATCH the Vision! We want you to come out decked out in your baseball and softball uniforms or favorite team t-shirts including with your gloves! We want to pack out the chambers so please let us know if you can attend and if you can bring someone with you!

**When:** Tuesday, June 20

**Pre-Meeting:** 4:15pm in the park next to City Hall

**Meeting:** 5:00pm

**Where:** Charleston City Hall (80 Broad Street)

**RSVP:** [Click here to sign up](#)



## **Join the Flooding Full Committee or the Policing Full Committee!**

**What:** CAJM's Flooding and Policing Full Committee will meet!

**When:** Tuesday, June 27

**Meeting:** Flooding - 5 p.m.; Policing - 6 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

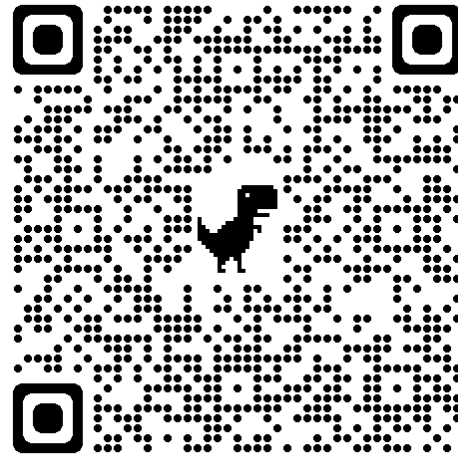
**RSVP:** [Click here to sign up.](#)

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## **New to CAJM and want more information?**

We are so glad you are here,  
and we'd love to connect you  
with a CAJM Team Leader!

Use the QR code to the right, or  
follow [this link](#), to fill out a short  
survey so that we can match you  
with the Team Leader who best  
fits your needs.



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## **Community Board**

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### **RiverBend Recovery Rally**

Hosted by the local nonprofit  
[Quest](#), the RiverBend Recovery  
Rally is Charleston's first  
[community awareness event](#)  
of this kind for mental health and  
recovery awareness, and they  
have some incredible speakers  
and performers involved!



[Here is a video about the event.](#)

This also happens to be on the 8th anniversary of the AME tragedy, and Chris Singleton will be there to share his testimony.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)



**UPDATE:** CAJM is a member of the SC Fair Lending Alliance, a statewide coalition advocating to pass legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans in our state at 36%. Currently, there is no limit, which has allowed some supervised lenders to charge as much as 950% APR.

In January, a bill was introduced in the Senate by SC Sen. Katrina Frye-Shealy (District 23) legislation (S.518) to cap interest rates at 36%. Thank you to everyone who wrote, emailed, or called your SC senators to make them aware of bill S.518. This bill had four readings and discussion in subcommittee before the legislature adjourned. It was hoped that the bill would have moved to the full committee by now but that places us only a half step behind our plan. This bill is not dead!

It will be January 2024 before we expect the bill to move to the full committee and then come up for a vote. Stay tuned for more updates and for what you can do to help. For now, you can follow along on the SC Fair Lending alliance web site [capratesc.com](http://capratesc.com) or contact Susan Fender with Circular Church: 864-905-5466.