



More Than a Donation: This Week's Investor Spotlight

This week, we're proud to celebrate a \$1,500 corporate investment from the **Law Office of Arthur McFarland**. His investment helps power the organizing, research, and leadership development happening across our 41 member congregations right now.

"I've spent my career serving this community, and I've seen firsthand what CAJM's organizing can accomplish when neighbors and congregations come together. Investing in CAJM is an investment in the kind of Charleston I want my clients and my neighbors to live in." — Arthur McFarland

We're grateful for his partnership, and for standing publicly with the Lowcountry community he serves.

Contact CAJM by replying to this email to learn more about becoming a corporate investor.

Invest in CAJM Today!

When a local business invests in the Charleston Area Justice Ministry, it's doing more than writing a check. It's standing with 41 congregations and partner organizations who work together, year after year, to make real change happen across Charleston County and the Lowcountry.

We call it an *investment*, not a donation, because it gets results. Your investment helps build a healthier, more just community and your business becomes a visible, trusted part of that work.

What Your Investment Supports

Every dollar from a corporate partner helps CAJM:

Do the research and build the relationships behind campaigns like our Regional Food Council work and the Local Housing Trust Fund, which has grown from zero to more than \$11 million in seven years.

Bring 1,000+ neighbors together each spring at the Nehemiah Action, where elected officials answer directly to the community.

Train local leaders — everyday members of our congregations who learn how to research issues, speak with power, and organize their neighbors. This is how the next generation of Lowcountry leaders gets built.

Follow up all year to make sure public officials keep the promises they make.

What Investing in CAJM Does for Your Business

CAJM is **self-funded** through individual giving, congregational dues, and corporate investment. Because we rely on this support, we believe in being open about it. We **publish** who supports our work, plain and simple.

That openness works in your favor too. When your business's name is connected to CAJM, your clients and neighbors see exactly where you stand. That builds trust. And trust is what builds your customer base.

Businesses that invest in CAJM help support:

- Stable neighborhoods and affordable housing
- Food security for Lowcountry families
- Stronger, more accountable public schools
- Safer, more connected neighborhoods

That's not just a sponsorship. That's your reputation in this community.

Join Arthur?

Is your business ready to invest in a more just Charleston area? We'd love to talk with you about investment levels and what your partnership can make possible this year.

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School Governance

Through our School Governance work, CAJM pushes for transparency and accountability in the Charleston County School District, and this is a pivotal moment. CCSD is setting its 2027–2032 District Goals, and with school board elections just around the corner this November, the decisions made now will shape our schools for years. Showing up to a community conversation is one concrete way to hold the district accountable and put our community's priorities on the record. **Please join one of the final two discussions:**

Monday, July 13 · 11 a.m. — CE Williams North, 1776 William Kennerty Dr., Charleston 29407

Monday, July 13 · 5 p.m. — Burke High School, 244 President St., Charleston 29403

Election season is coming, too. Five of the nine seats on the CCSD Board of Trustees are on the ballot this November 3! Keep an eye on who is running in your district and get to know where they stand before you vote.

Your vote is your voice! **There are five school board seats up for election on November 3rd: Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.**

Make sure to pay attention to candidates, check your voting district, and make a plan to vote.

[Click here to look up your voter information on SCVotes.gov.](#)

We need a school board made up of members who serve the whole of our community, who have the best interests of our children at heart, and who take the responsibility of fair, effective governance seriously. Do your research on the candidates in this race. Know what they stand for. Then show up.

Take Action to Protect Gadsden Creek

Write to Mayor Cogswell about why you don't want to see development on Gadsden Creek!

Please write a postcard, if you live and vote in the City of Charleston, and ESPECIALLY if you live on the peninsula.

[Print the postcard!](#)

[Here are talking points for your message.](#)

Postcards have their greatest impact when personally handwritten and addressed.

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 652
Charleston, SC 29402

Upcoming Events

Annual Assessment

Saturday, July 11
10am to 1pm
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church

Team Leaders, BOD, and Clergy Only

We will be assessing our entire cycle, from the House Meetings in the Fall to the Celebration the other week!

[Register here!](#)

GOAL: \$200,000

40% \$79,719

We've received a total of \$79,719 so far in 2026 toward our \$200,000 individual investment drive goal! We look forward to your continued support this year.

[Click Here](#)
Invest in CAJM Today!

Faith Under Pressure — A Research Survey Invitation

Calling all volunteers, ministry leaders, program coordinators, outreach teams, staff members, facilitators, and individuals involved in community support or social service efforts within CAJM-affiliated faith-based organizations.

Jessica Cohen, Doctoral Candidate at California Baptist University, is conducting a research study exploring how faith-based organizations navigate outside influences while maintaining trust, credibility, and community impact through social service delivery.

If you serve within a CAJM-affiliated faith-based organization and contribute to programs, initiatives, coordination, facilitation, outreach, or organizational support efforts, you are invited to participate in a brief, anonymous survey. Your voice and experience matters to this research and to the broader field of understanding how organizations like ours sustain their mission under pressure.

Participation is completely voluntary, and no personally identifying information will be collected. Please watch the brief video introduction and use the survey link to participate.

This is meaningful work that helps lift up the story of what faith-based organizations like ours do every day in our communities. We encourage anyone who is eligible to take a few minutes to participate.

[Watch introductory video](#)

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FaithUnderPressure>

In the Community

Be Still & KNOW
THE POLLY SHEPPARD STORY
LUMINA
A SPECIAL SCREENING
PRESENTED BY THE
CMBC MOVIE MINISTRY
Inspiring Faith. Building Community. Sharing Stories That Matter.
TRUDY B. LUCAS
VISIONARY & PRODUCER

WHEN
Thursday,
July 9, 2026

WHERE
Charity Missionary
Baptist Church
Banquet Hall
1544 E. Montague Avenue
N. Charleston, SC 29405
Reverend Nelson B. Rivers, III
Pastor

SHOWTIME
6:30 PM

[Finding a church or person who needs a piano.](#)

One of Circular's members would like to donate her grandmother's piano to a church or person who would use it.

It's an upright with baby grand strings: a Hafford Vertichord. It is 100 years old and cannot be tuned to perfect pitch.

Help us find its right home in a church or person with need.

Contact: Shawn McKay
shawn.mckay.sm@gmail.com

Need to Know — North Charleston UDO

Not part of our active campaigns, but worth knowing if you live in North Charleston: the City has officially launched One North Charleston, its Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) — a full rewrite of the city's zoning "rule book" (the first since 1974) that will shape how the city grows and how affordable housing fits into our neighborhoods for decades. Join the mailing list for upcoming sessions at onenorthcharleston.com, and watch for applications and updates on the resident steering committee — a real chance for residents to help shape the ordinance from the inside. You can also invite the project team to your neighborhood association (Project Manager Eileen Duffly, 843-740-2578). Read how North Charleston listens to residents: ow.ly/CgJlM50ZasFJ.

Summer Food Service Program

Monday-Friday | June 1-July 24 | 11AM-1PM | 18 & younger | FREE

The City of Charleston Recreation Department is participating in the Summer Food Service Program at the following sites:

Arthur W. Christopher Community Center, Deming Park, Martin Park, Freddie Whaley/ Rosemont, Shaw Community Center, St. Julian Devine Community Center, Thomas Johnson Park, Willie Guines

SUMMER FEEDING SCHEDULE
JUNE 1-AUGUST 7

FOOD SERVED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Food service will be closed on June 19 and July 3 for the holidays. All meals are first come, first served for ages 5–18.

Lunch Provided by Charleston County School District
Meals must be eaten on site | Available June 1 to July 24

- **Baxter-Patrick James Island Library:** 11:30 AM–12 PM
- **Dorchester Road Library:** 11:30 AM–12 PM
- **Dart Library:** 12–12:30 PM
- **Hurd/St. Andrews Library:** 11:45 a.m. a 11:15 a.m.
- **John's Island Library:** 10:45–11:15 AM
- **Keith Summey North Charleston Library:** 12–12:30 PM
- **Main Library:** 10:45–11:15 AM (June only)
- **Otranto Road Library:** 11:30 AM–12 PM
- **West Ashley Library:** 11–11:30 AM

Lunch or Snacks Provided by Lowcountry Food Bank
Available June 8 to August 7

- **St. Paul's Hollywood Library:** 11 AM–2 PM
- **McClellanville Library:** Mon.–Thu. 10 AM–2 PM; Friday 10 AM–1 PM
- **Edisto Island Library:** Mon.–Tue., Thu.–Fri. 10 AM–2 PM; Wednesday 2–5 PM

HORARIO DE ALIMENTACIÓN DE VERANO DEL 1 DE JUNIO AL 7 DE AGOSTO

El servicio de comida se ofrece de lunes a viernes. Por favor, recuerda que el servicio estará cerrado el 19 de junio y el 3 de julio. Las comidas se sirven por orden de llegada para niños y adolescentes de 5 a 18 años.

Almuerzo gratis por Charleston County School District
Las comidas deben consumirse en el lugar | Del 1 de junio al 24 de julio

- **Baxter-Patrick James Island Library:** 11:30 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.
- **Dorchester Road Library:** 11:30 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.
- **Dart Library:** 12:00 p. m. a 12:30 p. m.
- **Hurd/St. Andrews Library:** 11:45 a. m. a 11:15 a. m.
- **John's Island Library:** 10:45 a. m. a 11:15 a. m.
- **Keith Summey North Charleston Library:** 12:00 p. m. a 12:30 p. m.
- **Main Library:** 10:45 a. m. a 11:15 a. m. (Solo junio)
- **Otranto Road Library:** 11:30 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.
- **West Ashley Library:** 11:00 a. m. a 11:30 a. m.

Almuerzo gratis por Lowcountry Food Bank
Del 8 de junio al 8 de agosto

- **St. Paul's Hollywood Library:** 11:00 a. m. a 2:00 p. m.
- **McClellanville Library:** lun.–jue. de 10 a. m. a 2 p. m.; viernes de 10 a. m. a 1 p. m.
- **Edisto Island Library:** lun.–mar., jue.–vie. de 10 a. m. a 2 p. m.; miércoles de 2 p. m. a 5 p. m.

NO COST EYE EXAMS
AND PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES (IF NEEDED)

John L. Dart Library

- June 1, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3 & August 10

Keith Summey North Charleston Library

- June 2, June 3, July 31, August 4 & August 5

Otranto Road Library

- June 4, June 5 & August 7

St. Paul's Hollywood Library

- July 8 & July 21

Dorchester Road Library

- July 9, July 10 & August 11

Wando Mount Pleasant Library

- July 14, July 15, July 16 & July 17

Baxter-Patrick James Island Library

- July 22 & 23

Hurd/St. Andrews Library

- July 28, 29 & 30

Available to children 4-18 years old.
Spots available first come, first served.

BOOK TODAY

Want to receive updates from CAJM issue committees? Let us know [here](#).

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