



Investing in CAJM: The Work Never Stops!

We are still in investment season!

By focusing on reaching our financial goals over the summer, our Fall and Spring activity can really be honed in on building our people power and advocating for real change in our communities.

When we enter the Listening and Research to Action seasons feeling confident about the sustainability of our organization, and when we fund the organization through our own grassroots dollars, that's how we do what CAJM does best: show up, persist, and keep going until we win!

Although we have been highlighting investments lately, **our issue committees are still hard at work**. Here are a few updates and calls to action. This is what your investment supports!!

Invest in CAJM Today!

Food Insecurity

Our newest issue, food insecurity, took center stage at the Nehemiah Action this year. We feel great about the commitments that were won that night, including from the local food access nonprofits and organizations that you saw stand up in support of the Food Council.

As a reminder, the Food Council concept is a proven solution that has been used in other communities to address a disjointed approach to regional food insecurity. A Food Council engages various stakeholders–nonprofits and charity organizations, farmers, impacted individuals, and local governments–to bring them all to the table to develop a real strategic approach to getting food on the table for all families, every day. When we did our research, we saw that a lack of coordination has led to real gaps in services that address the needs in our community. This Food Council will fill those gaps.

Our first goal is to get funding from at least three local municipalities–Charleston City, North Charleston, and Charleston County–to **pay for a professional facilitator to convene the council**.

Our steering committee is busy meeting with public officials and continuing to develop relationships with local organizations and community leaders. Please be on the lookout for calls to action: most likely attending public meetings to support the ask for funding.

We also need to make sure that the process of forming the Council is as inclusive as possible. **If you know of a non profit, charity, or other food access player in the area, we want to make sure we're in contact with them**. Please reach out to Niki (niki@charlestonareajusticeministry.org) if you know someone who should be included.

Housing

Call to Action!

County Council's Special Housing Committee is meeting TOMORROW.

Thursday, July 16th at 5pm

4045 Bridge View Dr., N. Charleston, SC 29405

SC Community Loan Fund will be providing their annual update regarding the Housing Our Future Trust Fund.

They'll be reporting on progress, lessons learned over the first year, and ideas for improvement.

Come hear what's being said and get more understanding on the agreement between the Loan Fund and the County. We are continuing to pay attention to Trust Fund implementation!

There is no public comment period, so you don't need to prepare anything to say–but come and wear your CAJM gear to let them know who is in the audience!



Additionally, please participate in the below survey from the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning initiative–a community-led effort to ensure that growth along the Lowcountry Rapid Transit corridor works for the people already here.

The TOD planning process is designed to address affordability needs for residents and small businesses. The results of the surveys will inform housing and business strategies to be included in the TOD Planning Study. **Thus, your input is essential!**

If you live along the corridor, please take the housing survey: [LCRT TOD Housing Survey](#)

If you own a business along the corridor, please take the business survey: [LCRT TOD Business Survey](#)

Please **SHARE** the surveys with the people in your life who live or work along the corridor as well.

You can also view the TOD website here to learn more about the project and status: <https://www.bcdcoconnects.com/todplanning>

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

Congregation Dues

Another essential source of funding for the work CAJM does is dues payments from affiliated congregations and organizations.

When a congregation covenants with CAJM, part of their commitment is financial. Member congregations work toward the goal of investing just 1% of their operating budget per year.

This shows a tangible commitment to justice in Charleston!

If you handle finances at your congregation, please take some time this summer to check in with your organizer about your dues status.

Corporate Investments

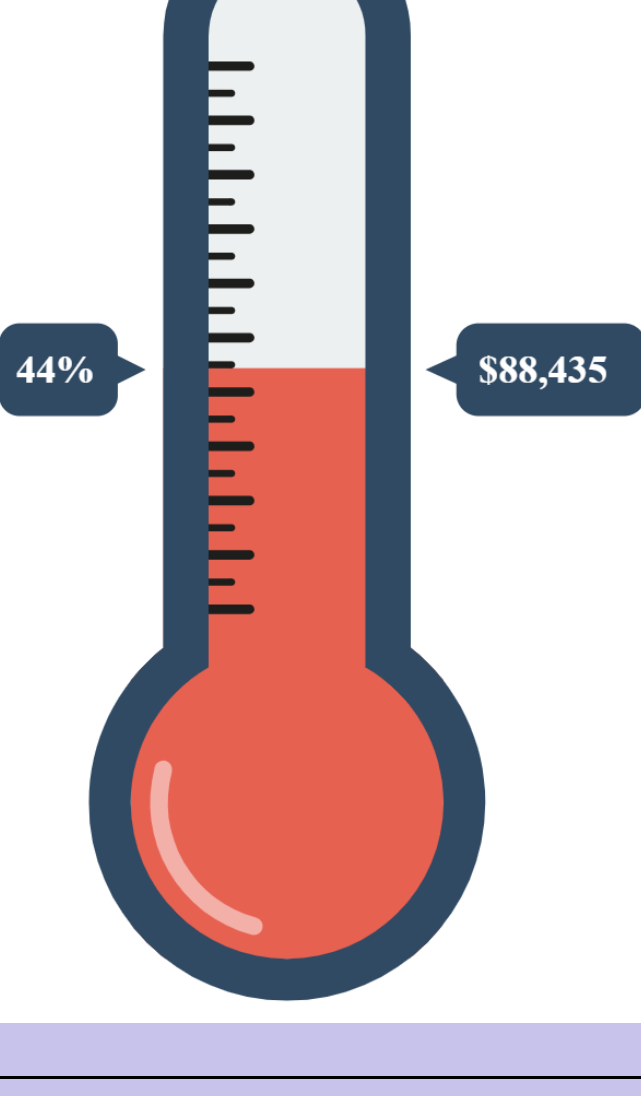
As last week's Manna highlighted, corporate investments are an essential part of building a healthier, more just community–with local businesses as a visible, trusted part of that work.

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.

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

Individual Investments

GOAL: \$200,000



We've received a total of \$88,435 so far in 2026 toward our \$200,000 individual investment drive goal! We look forward to your continued support this year.

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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



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, Denning Park, Martin Park, Freddie Whaley/Rosemont, Shaw Community Center, St. Julian Desine Community Center, Thomas Johnson Park, Willie Gaines

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 AM–12:15 PM
- **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
- **McClintenville 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 consumidas 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 9 de junio al 8 de agosto

- **St. Paul's Hollywood Library:** 11:00 a. m. a 2:00 p. m.
- **McClintenville 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

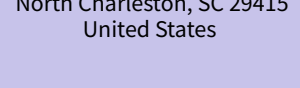
- July 28, 29 & 30

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

BOOK
TODAY



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Let us know [here](#).



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