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Food Insecurity – We Need a Food Council!

Food insecurity impacts too many of us and our neighbors. The Lowcountry is known for its restaurants and abundant natural resources, yet many of us struggle to access the food we need. This is not a problem of scarcity, or of a lack of will to do the right thing: there are so many vital organizations and leaders on the ground working tirelessly to get food to people who need it!

Individual organizations are doing their best, and yet that isn't enough for our current crisis. We need a coordinated a collaborative approach, one that will lead to a real, comprehensive strategy for meeting food needs in the Charleston area.

A Food Council 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 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 nonprofit, 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.

Request for Proposals: Food Council Facilitator

In our research, we learned that a professional facilitator is essential for a successful and sustainable Food Council.

The facilitator's purpose is to provide structure, guidance, and neutral support to help the group move from shared concern to organized action, through helping the group establish their priorities and process, and creating space for all voices to be heard.

The Council needs the best possible candidate!

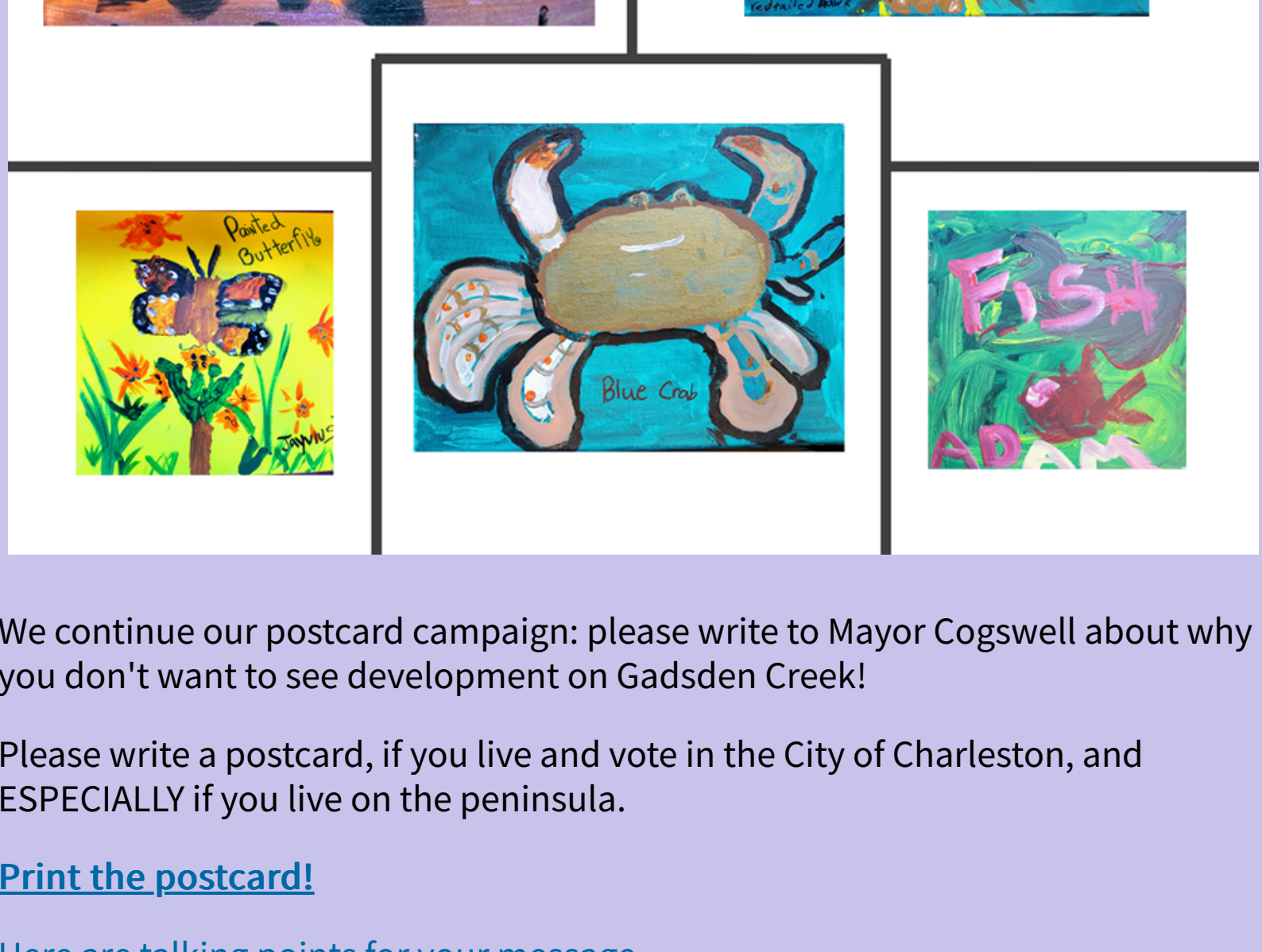
[Please review and share this request for proposals with anyone you think would be a good fit. The submission deadline is August 17!](#)

Once we have proposals back, the selection of the facilitator will be in the hands of the organizations that will make up the Council. We are excited to find the right facilitator for our local needs.

Gadsden Creek Updates

Gadsden Creek is back in the news!

As many of you may know, a Dominion contractor applied very strong herbicides to large swathes of Gadsden Creek. Our environmental community mounted a robust response and the City stepped up, too. See [the full story on TV 5 by reporter Maya Brown](#).



We continue our postcard campaign: please 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.

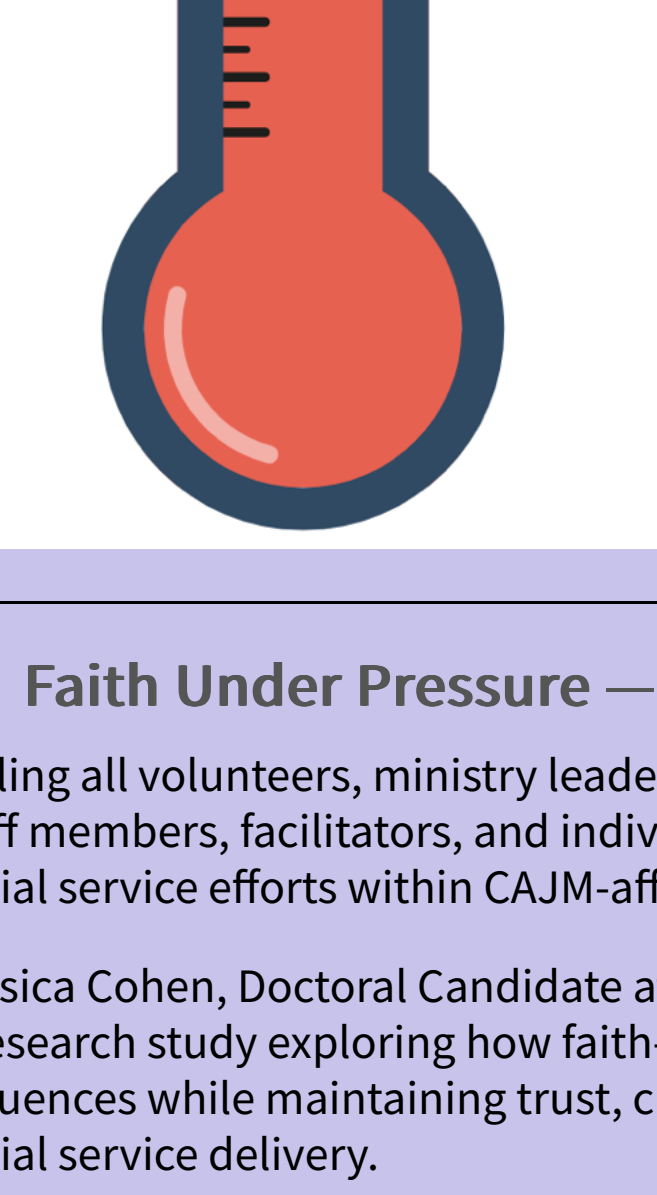
[Print the postcard!](#)

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

Postcards have their greatest impact when personally handwritten and addressed.

Mailing Address:
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GOAL: \$200,000



We've received a total of \$90,114 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 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
- **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 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 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.



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NO COST EYE EXAMS AND PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES (IF NEEDED)

Vision To Learn
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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

Ontranto 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.



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