Community Service Annual Report 2015-2016



Leadership and Service Center



THE MISSION OF THE LEADERSHIP & SERVICE CENTER

The Leadership and Service Center is a premier space on campus offering a unique and collaborative environment for students to explore their own leadership development. Our mission is to provide opportunities that will enhance the college experience, aid students in self-exploration, and prepare them to be leaders after graduation.

Through tailored one-on-one coaching, innovative workshops and programs, and limitless opportunities, we aim to help students:

- Connect to campus and community organizations, activities, and resources.
- Cultivate meaningful experiences, develop a sense of purpose, and identify their passion.
- Articulate the skills and competencies developed through their involvement.
- Become responsible and engaged citizens in their local, national, and global communities.

Organized service efforts at the University of South Carolina began in 1989 with the establishment of the Office of Community Service. These efforts are now led by the Leadership and Service Center, part of the Department of Student Life.

We maintain a supportive environment which encourages each and every student's ability to turn ideas into action.

MEASURING SUCCESS

The Community Service Annual Report not only represents community service initiatives from the LSC, but it embodies community service from across campus. We collect self-reported data from students, organizations, departments, colleges, and programs to represent USC's commitment to service. During 2015-2016, USC volunteers were involved in hands-on community service, philanthropic fundraising, community-based research, service-learning and advocacy initiatives.

28,092 USC VOLUNTEERS 527,651.73 SERVICE HOURS \$1,634,406.34 IN DONATIONS

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$12,788,963.93*

*Estimate based on 2015 value of volunteer time in South Carolina at \$21.14 per hour (www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time?s=volunteer%20time), as determined by the Independent Sector. Report statistics based on voluntary submissions from USC campus partners for the period of July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016. For more information on how to contribute to future reports, contact the Leadership and Service Center at (803) 777-7130 or lsc@sc.edu.

#UofSCServes

In 2015, the University of South Carolina began the hashtag #UofSCServes on social media as a means to highlight and celebrate our service efforts at Carolina. Take a look at some of the posts from this past year!



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October 26, 2015

A group of **#UofSC** students chose to stay in Columbia during Fall Break to volunteer in their community as part of the Alternative Service Break program. They spent days helping neighbors affected by the recent historic flooding. **#uofscserves**







TogetherWeRise: USC

February 27, 2016

@TWRUSC

TWR had a great taco dinner and game night with the foster children of Palmetto Children's Place!! #UofSCServes



Dr. Knox

November 21, 2015 @welovejeri My feet are aching and my back hurt, but getting those hugs from those kids & seeing them enjoy their gifts were well worth it. #UofSCServes





U of South Carolina

September 19, 2015

@UofSC

#UofSC students volunteering at @MidlandsHabitat signed boards to be used to build a future house. **#UofSCserves**



LSC at UofSC

August 18, 2015

@UofSC LSC

#UofSCServes at Lexington Interfaith Community Services! This is one of our service sites for **#UofSCWelcome!**







USC Dance Marathon

August 28, 2015

@USCDM

We love everyone at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital so much! **#uofscserves**





Emily LeBlanc October 29, 2015

What a crew, what a crew! So much work left to do at the Forest Acres Community #UofSCServes #LSC #FloodReliefEfforts



Rohan Thakkar

March 9, 2016

@RThakkar1027
Bob the Builder can take notes. We just completed a 350 foot boardwalk for a Sam's House trail.
#uofscserves







USC Flood Relief

January 27, 2016

@UofSCRelief

@USC_Zetas are out on Greene collecting water for Flint! **#UofSCServes**





dprincefrancis

January 23, 2016

My last MLK day of service and my last day as a service site leader as an undergraduate at USC. Glad I (the past Y-IMPACT President) got to share it with the current President and Graduate mentor. Shout out to the Prestonites and all the volunteers who participated in MLK days of service. #mlkdaysofservice #uofscserves #prestonpride



U of South Carolina

October 28, 2015

@UofSC

#Service learning is changing classrooms & the lives of students like Analisa #UofSCServes uof.sc/1OZMXdf







Alexis Monroe

September 19, 2015

@asm_hope

Friends that serve together stay together **#UofSCServes**

Thank you to the following individuals, departments, and programs whose service is reflected in this year's annual report:

- Alternative Breaks
- Capstone Scholars Program
- Community Service Ambassadors
- Coordinating Office for Community Engagement and Service (COCES)
- Cocky's Reading Express
- College of Social Work
- Dance Marathon
- Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Homecoming Commission
- Impact Weekly Service Trips
- Individual Student Entries
- MLK Days of Service
- Preston Residential College
- Service-Learning and Community Engagement
- Service Saturdays
- Sustainable Carolina
- University Housing (Give it Up for Good Program)
- University of South Carolina Athletics
- UofSCRelief
- Visitor Center (University Ambassadors)



Share Your Community Impact During the 2016-2017 Academic Year!

Would you like your service in the community to be included for the 2016-2017 academic year? We have partnered with the Coordinating Office of Community Engagement and Service (COCES) to create a new portal that will help the University of South Carolina document the impact of our community engagement, as we seek solutions to the most pressing issues facing South Carolina and the global community.

TO TRACK AND REPORT YOUR SERVICE, VISIT

www.sc.edu/coces

We invite you to use this form to report any relevant impact that takes place between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Self-reported totals will be compiled in the 2016-2017 Community Service Annual Report.



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For more information or to be included in future reports, please call 803-777-7130, email lsc@sc.edu, or visit our webpage at http://sa.sc.edu/leadershipandservice