



COMMUNITY SERVICE
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

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**Leadership &
Service Center**
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

WHAT DO WE DO?



The Leadership and Service Center is the premier space on campus offering a unique and collaborative environment for students to explore their own leadership development. Our mission is to equip students to positively impact their communities through involvement, leadership development, service and civic engagement. Our vision is for all students to be engaged, lifelong leaders committed to positive change in the world.

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



MEASURING SUCCESS



WE C COMMUNITY SERV E S

The Community Service Annual Report not only represents community service initiatives from the LSC, it showcases community service from across campus. Self-reported data is collected from students, organizations, departments, colleges, and programs to represent USC's commitment to service. During 2017-2018, USC volunteers were involved in hands-on community service, philanthropic fundraising, community-based research, service-learning and advocacy initiatives.

6,493

USC VOLUNTEERS

139,195

SERVICE HOURS

\$4,391,938

*ECONOMIC IMPACT **

**Estimate based on 2017 value of national volunteer time at \$24.69 per hour (<http://www.pointsoflight.org/tools/volunteercalculator>), as determined by the Independent Sector. Report statistics based on voluntary submissions from USC campus partners for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.*



#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 in South Carolina and beyond.

Why is service important to you?

“ Service helps me free my mind. Being able to help any one of any kind is what makes me happy. What I love about service is it can cost nothing but mean a lot to the person or community you are serving. It feels as though once you are fully emerged in it, all of your problems seem minuscule and the only problems you are focused on are the ones you are trying to improve in the community.

Service is like eating candy - once you have the first piece, you can't stop. I encourage everyone to get involved in some kind of service, because you never know how amazing it feels until you are involved in it. ”

Jaclyn Altizo
Junior, Exercise Science



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“ I believe in giving back to the community that you live in. The places I’ve lived and the people in those places have been vital in helping me become the person I am. As a Carolinian, I see no better way to give back to the school than to help nourish the minds and bodies of my fellow students who need help. ”

Grace McKenna
Senior, Broadcast Jour.



Why is service important to you?

“ Service is important to me because I get the chance to help my fellow brothers and sisters. There are many people in the world who need support whether it is physically, mentally, or emotionally, and I make it my duty to do so.

I did not come from the best background, and my family did not have it all but they made a way out of no way. I want people to know that no matter what their current circumstances are, they have the ability to be great and to make the best out of their lives.

There is always a need for service, I try to make myself available so I can help give people more of an opportunity to succeed just as others in my life have done for me. ”

Daishanna Pearson
Junior, Public Relations



THANK YOU



Thank you to the participating offices, programs, and organizations whose service is included in this year's Annual Report:

- 9/11 Day of Service
- Alternative Breaks
- AmeriCorps Week
- Capstone Scholars Program
- Cocky's Reading Express
- Community Engaged Campus Experience for Youth
- Communities in Harmony
- Dance Marathon
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Gamecock Pantry
- Honors Service Team
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- Impact Weekly Service Trips
- MLK Days of Service
- Preston Residential College
- Project VIDA
- Service-Learning Courses
- Service-Learning and Community Engagement
- Service Saturdays
- The Big Event
- Univeristy Ambassadors
- University Athletics
- University Housing
- Waverly Afterschool Program

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