



# 2016-2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

# 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 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.**

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



Leadership and Service Center



# 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.

**21,605** USC VOLUNTEERS

**480,812.25** SERVICE HOURS

**\$2,089,266.87** IN DONATIONS

TOTAL IMPACT:

**\$12,594,974.53\***

\*Estimate based on 2017 value of national volunteer time at \$23.56 per hour (<http://www.pointsoflight.org/tools/volunteer-calculator>), as determined by the Independent Sector. Report statistics based on voluntary submissions from USC campus partners for the period of July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017. For more information on how to contribute to future reports, contact the Leadership and Service Center at (803) 777-7130 or [lsc@sc.edu](mailto: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 in Carolina and abroad. Read these testimonials from Gamecocks that have gone above and beyond being simply students here at UofSC!

## Dajuan McDonald

Class: *Sophomore*

Major: *Political Science*

Program: Fall and Spring Alternative Break participant

“The alternative break trips have been eye-opening experiences for me. During these trips, not only have I had the opportunity to serve a community in greater need than my own, but I also experienced and gained knowledge of new cultures. These trips were an excellent opportunity for me to give back to a community in need, gain valuable knowledge of new places and bond with service-oriented individuals.”

One word to describe my experience: **Uplifting**



## Celine Peksena

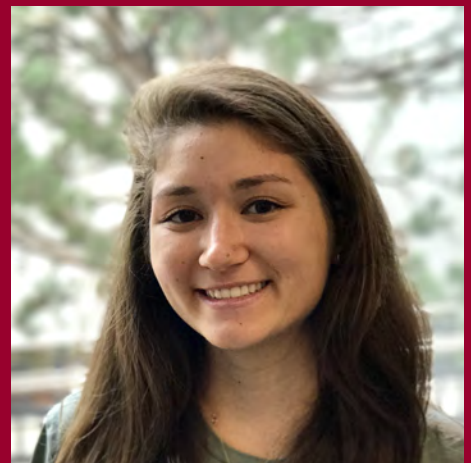
Class: *Junior*

Major: *Biology*

Program: Service Saturday Site Leader

“I love being a part of this program because it allows me the chance to give back to my community which has given so much to me. And not only that, but it allows me to share that experience with other students who also have a desire to give back. It’s inspiring to meet students who are so passionate about helping others and it’s wonderful to be able to share my enthusiasm with them.”

One word to describe my experience: **Fulfilling**



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## Levi Walker

Class: *Junior*

Major: *Music Education*

Program: Service Saturday Site Leader

“I first came to know service through mission trips in the church I grew up in. Last year Service Saturday became another opportunity for me to serve, but in contrast to my prior experiences it is a more personal kind of service. Service Saturday’s continuing partnerships with organizations in the Columbia area have fostered friendships between myself and those that we serve, as well as my fellow students that I might have never known otherwise. These new friendships show just how easily service erases the lines that divide us.”

One word to describe my experience: **Learning**



## Nhon Nguyen

Class: *Sophomore*

Major: *Marketing and Management*

Program: Gamecock Pantry Assistant Director of Marketing

“One reason I chose USC was because of its strong community service environment. I chose the Gamecock Pantry as my first program for me to test the waters. It was perfect for a freshman since it wasn’t a huge time commitment. Thanks to GP, I learned that there is always a community issue that needs to be addressed even if it’s small or unnoticeable. My involvement with GP also led to me become involved with many other programs as well as being its new Assistant Director of Marketing.”

One word to describe my experience: **Catalyst**



# Thank you to the following individuals, departments, programs, and organizations whose service is reported 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, Faculty and Staff 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 2017-2018 Academic Year!**

Would you like your service in the community to be included for the 2017-2018 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](http://www.sc.edu/coces)**

We invite you to use this form to report any relevant impact that has taken place between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Self-reported totals will be reported in the 2016-2017 Community Service Annual Report.



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