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OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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# MISSION

In response to God's call and in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Foundation strategically uses resources to reduce poverty through action, advocacy and leadership.

# VISION

Families in South Carolina have the resources to live out of poverty.

# VALUES

Courage

Justice

Compassion

Collaboration

Respect

Our Catholic Identity

## 2020-2023 STRATEGIC INTENTIONS

- 1** Raise and extend the profile of the Foundation to inspire and influence positive change for those living in poverty in South Carolina.
- 2** Deepen and sharpen our grantmaking focus for greater impact on our mission.
- 3** Elevate and expand action and results in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) space as a driver of reducing poverty.

As a Catholic organization, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina sees the Church's social teachings as guideposts to which our work aspires. Being founded by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, every aspect of our work reflects their mission which upholds core elements of Catholic social teaching:

1. Life and dignity of the human person
2. Call to family, community and participation
3. Rights and responsibilities
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable
5. The dignity of work and the right of workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's creation

Through our mission, we are committed to individuals, families, and communities who are experiencing poverty, and we are carrying out the charge given to us by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine that "echoes the understanding throughout Catholic social teaching that, in God's eyes, the needs and rights of the poor are to be given special attention."

# UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR



The 2021 year was one of both opportunity and growth. The Foundation made significant headway in our work around diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging to DEIB. The DEIB Committee created a DEIB framework that includes a vision statement, values, and belonging for both individuals and organizations. The document is being used to create specific goals for the Foundation to strengthen its operational policies and procedures.

The Board of Trustees approved an advocacy agenda this year which outlines policy priorities for the next few years.

In conjunction with the U of SC College of Social Work, the Foundation released the South Carolina Poverty Study this year. This data driven analysis helps policy makers, organizations and communities better understand the challenges of poverty facing many individuals and families across the state.

We awarded 193 grants totaling more than \$2.7 million this year. Included in this number are 14 new partners being funded for the first time.

We continued our partnership with Benedict College and welcomed two new President's Fellows, Christopher Shepherd and Preston Alexander this year. We also welcomed Brittney Mullins as our social work intern from the U of SC.

We worked with Flock and Rally to develop a brand-new website which was launched at the end of the year. We also renewed our ongoing commitment to women religious in South Carolina by hosting a virtual statewide conference this fall.

We welcomed Macon Lovelace and Gerald Smalls as new trustees and Tiger Wells and Tracy Bailey as new committee members.

This year's mission audit shows that we are reaching tens of thousands of people around the state through grantmaking, public policy, and capacity building work. Our mission to affect poverty in the state is done with compassion and respect through our board and staff's interaction with organizations across South Carolina.

We have been truly blessed this year in many ways and are humbled and thankful for the people that walk along side of us in our quest to serve others.

**Thomas C. Keith**  
*President*

**Andy Folsom**  
*2021 Board of Trustees Chair*

# 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Andy Folsom, **Chair**

Mitch Watson, **Vice Chair**

Brian Murrell, **Secretary**

Gerald Smalls, **Treasurer**

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## 2021 Staff



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Equity, Inclusion and  
Belonging**

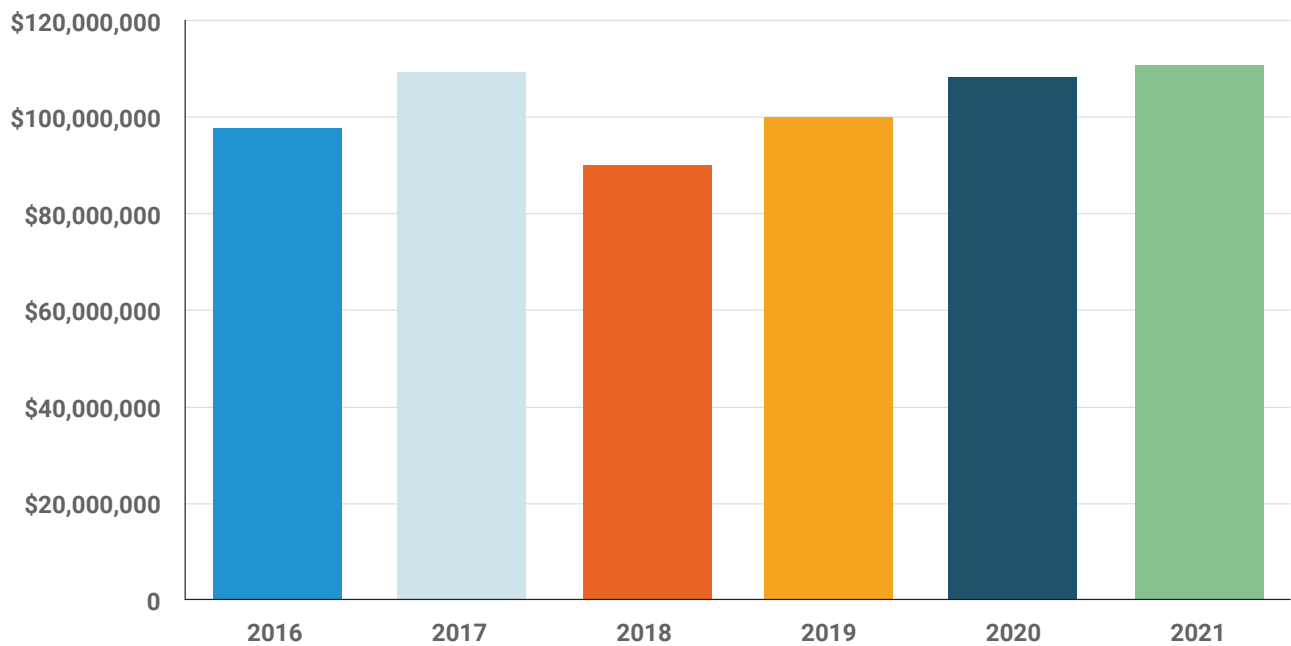


Hiller Davenport  
**Foundation Coordinator**



Sarah Katherine Devenny  
**Community Outreach  
Coordinator**

# TOTAL ASSETS & FINANCIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021



## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$211,832
Prepaid Other	\$17,189
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$230,788</b>

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$21,033</b>
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## INVESTMENTS

<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$112,646,596</b>
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## RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted Assets	N/A
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$112,898,417</b>

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$3,866
Accrued Vacation	\$76,273
Other Accrued liabilities	\$44,045
Accrued payroll	\$27,325

<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$151,510</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$112,898,417</b>
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# POLICY AND RESEARCH

Aimed at reducing poverty in South Carolina, the Foundation recognizes that there are several necessary components which include grantmaking, strategic collaboration, research, knowledge sharing and advocacy. Furthering our knowledge in poverty and expertise in policy, ensures more effective grantmaking and a better environment for our grantee partners. With this understanding, Foundation staff and leadership developed a strategic intention to raise and extend the profile of the Foundation to inspire and influence change. Outlined objectives of this intention were to develop a formal policy point of view, convene cross sector partners, and deepen our intellectual capital. Engaging in public policy can further the programming goals of our nonprofit partners and aid in reducing the barriers faced by those experiencing poverty, because grantmaking alone cannot fix the systemic injustices that have been perpetuated through outdated policies and failed systems.

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Increased the visibility of the Foundation by hosting a webinar to unveil the South Carolina Poverty Study and speaking at numerous Statewide events.
- The Foundation staff is currently an active member on a total of twelve different community coalitions, designed and led by community members.
- The Advocacy Agenda was released highlighting the priorities on which the Foundation will focus.
- Plans for the expansion of the President's Fellows Program began. Expansion will now include a total of four HBCUs; Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University and South Carolina State University.





# ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina's mission is to reduce poverty through action, advocacy, and leadership. The Foundation is a statewide grantmaking entity and is committed to ushering change in systems that have created barriers and structures that cause or exacerbate poverty for South Carolinians. The following advocacy priorities have been identified to further the mission of the Foundation.



**SUPPORT  
PATHWAYS TO  
ECONOMIC  
MOBILITY**

**Advance Upward Mobility & Income Mobility, Support Workforce Development, and Expand Access to Affordable Credit**

**ADVANCE  
HEALTH  
EQUITY**

**Support Economic Security Programs, Advocate for Prosperous Communities, Promote Quality Early Childhood and Education**



**PRIORITIZE  
HUMAN  
DIGNITY**

**Increase Civic Leadership and Participation, Execute Timely Equitable and Just Responses, Advocate for Cross-sector Partnerships.**



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

In 2019 during the Foundation's strategic planning process, the staff and board made the decision to include a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) specific strategic intention "to elevate and expand action and results in the diversity, equity, and inclusion space as a driver of reducing poverty." This strategic intention acknowledges the undeniable connection between poverty and racism. The Foundation's mission to reduce poverty requires us to also address the impact of racism and racial inequities that exacerbates poverty.

DEIB is important to the Foundation because we are a faith-based organization whose core values call us to this work. We also believe that "the existence of racial intolerance, discrimination and privilege is not only a social injustice; we believe that racism is absolutely irreconcilable with the Christian faith." American Catholic Bishops, 1958.



## 2021 DEIB Highlights:



The DEIB Framework was developed including a vision statement, values, guiding principles and commitment to action.



The value of belonging was added to the Foundation's work in the diversity, equity and inclusion space.



The Foundation staff discussed the 1619 Project podcast and the DEIB Committee read and discussed the book Decolonizing Wealth.



# GRANTS

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina partners with organizations throughout the state that serve individuals and families experiencing poverty through several areas of grant funding: Meeting Immediate Needs, Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, and Systems-level Change. Additionally, the Foundation allocates grant funding specifically for Healthy Learners and the SC Center for Fathers and Families, both designated as “Family Ministries.” In response to the success aspiration and goals outlined in the Foundation’s strategic intention to “deepen and sharpen our grantmaking focus for greater impact on our mission,” the 2021 grantmaking strategies build on the groundwork laid in 2020 and continue to increase the Foundation’s grantmaking impact. The actions of year two of the strategic plan centered on framework, process, and value alignment to further the Foundation’s strategic goals: strategically align grantmaking framework and Foundation resources, focusing intentionally on the areas of breaking the cycle of poverty and systems level change; continue to refine grants management infrastructure to align staff/ financial resources with strategic plan goals; and continue to cultivate a positive, value-aligned experience for applicants and grantee partners.

## 2021 Grantmaking Highlights:



**Over \$2.7 million**

in grant funding disbursed to nonprofits across South Carolina



**193**  
Grants

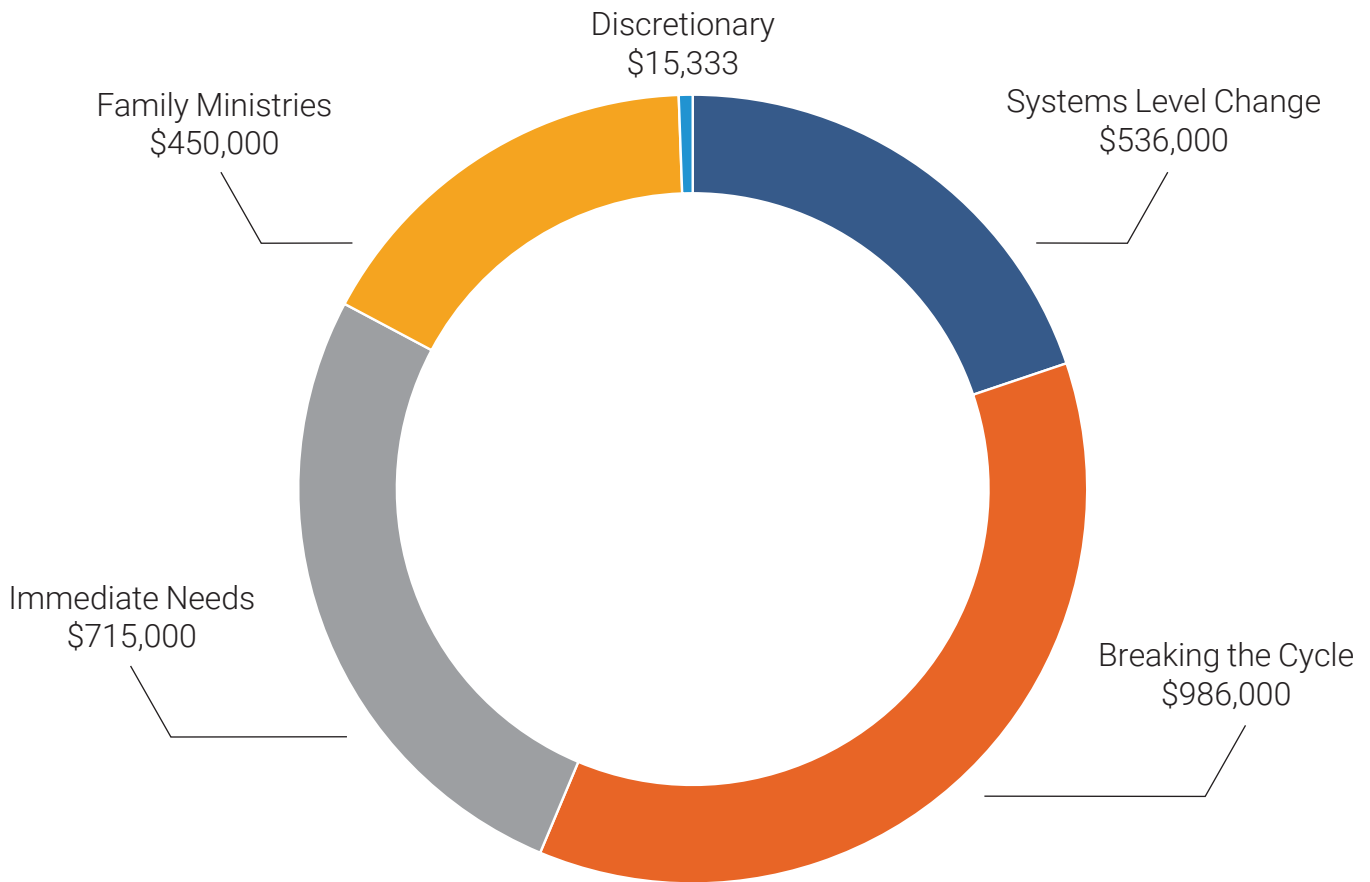


**14**  
New  
Grantee  
Partners

# GRANTMAKING: 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

193 Grants were awarded

**Total:**  
**\$2,702,333**



CATEGORY	NUMBER OF GRANTS	TOTAL
Health	55	\$545,583
Education	49	\$711,250
Social Services	89	\$1,445,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>\$2,702,333</b>

# 2021 GRANTEE PARTNERS

A Childs Haven	Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services	FoodShare	Impact America
Alston Wilkes Society	Charleston Promise Neighborhood	Foothills Family Resources	Institute For Child Success
Anderson Free Clinic	Children's Recovery Center	Free Medical Clinic of Aiken	Jasmine Road
Anderson Interfaith Ministries	Christ Central Ministries' Chester Center of Hope	Freedom Readers	Jewish Family Services of Greater Charleston
Angels Charge Ministry	Communities in Schools of the Charleston Area	Friendship Medical Clinic and Pharmacy	Kershaw Area Resource Exchange - KARE
Area Churches Together Serving- ACTS	Community Foundation Of Greenville- Greenville Homeless Alliance	Golden Corner Food Pantry	Kindred Hearts SC
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC	Community Initiatives	Good Samaritan Clinic	Koinonia of Columbia
Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic	Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach	Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic of Laurens County	Laurens County Cancer Association
Beaufort - Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry	Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County	GRASP	Lighthouse Ministries
Berkeley County First Steps	Community Works	Greenville Free Medical Clinic	LiveWell Greenville
Bethel Men's Shelter	Compass Of Carolina	Greenville Tech Foundation- African American Male Scholars Initiative	Lowcountry Food Bank
Beyond Abuse	Cooperative Ministry	Habitat for Humanity Georgetown	Lowcountry Local First
Beyond Our Walls	Developmental Center for Exceptional Children	Healthy Learners	Lowcountry Orphan Relief- Midlands
Big Brothers Big Sisters Upstate	Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center	Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg	Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas
Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine	Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center	Helping and Lending Outreach Support, HALOS	Meals On Wheels Of Greenville
Bluffton Self Help	Dyslexia Resource Center	Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach	Meals on Wheels of Summerville
Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry	East Cooper Community Outreach	Helping Hands of Georgetown	Memory Matters
Bridges of Hope	East Cooper Meals on Wheels	Hispanic Alliance	Mercy Medicine Free clinic
Brothers Restoring Urban Hope	Edisto Indian Free Clinic	Homeless No More	Metanoia Community Development Corporation
Camp Happy Days	EmmanuWheel	Homeless Period Project	Meyer Center For Special Children
Carolina Human Reinvestment	Family Promise of Anderson County	Homes of Hope	Middle Tyger Community Center
Carolina Youth Development Center	Family Promise of Beaufort County	HomeWorks of America	Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions
Catholic Charities of South Carolina - Immigration Services	Family Promise of Horry County	Hope Center for Children	Mill Community Ministries
Center for Community Health Alignment	Felician Center	Hope In Lancaster	Miss Ruby's Kids
Central Baptist Church- Helping Teachers Help Students	Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina	Hopeful Horizons	Mother Emanuel Memorial Foundation
Central Midlands Justice Ministry		Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation of South Carolina	My Amigos Bilingual Education Center
Charleston Area Justice Ministry		Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill	Neighbor to Neighbor of South Carolina
Charleston Legal Access		Hub City Farmers Market	
		ICNA Relief USA, Shifa Free Clinic	

Neighborhood Focus	Servants for Sight	The Hive Community Circle	United Way of Horry County
Neighborhood Outreach Connection	Serve & Connect	The Literacy Center	United Way of Kershaw County
New Directions of Horry County	Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands	The Naomi Project	United Way of the Midlands
North Charleston Dental Outreach	Sistercare	The Sophia Institute	United Way of the Piedmont
Northside Development Corporation	Soteria Community Development Corporation	The Sustainability Institute	Vital Aging of Williamsburg County
Operation Home	South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center	The Village Group	Volunteers in Medicine Hilton Head Island
Operation Sight	South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families	Thornwell	Welvista
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services	South Carolina Coastal Conservation League	Together SC	Wholespire
Palmetto College	South Carolina Collaborative on Race	Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative	Windwood Farm
Palmetto Cycling Coalition	South Carolina Community Loan Fund	Tricounty Family Ministries	WINGS
Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services	South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health	Trident Literacy Association	Women's Rights And Empowerment Network
Partners For Active Living	Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council	Turn 90	YMCA of Greenville- Judson Community Center
PASOs	Springbank Christian Center Dominican Retreat House	United Ministries	York County Free Clinic
Pattison's Academy	St. Cyprian Outreach	United Way of Aiken County- Project VISION	
Pendleton Place	St. Francis Center	United Way Of Greenville County- On Track Greenville	
Pickens County Advocacy Center	St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic	United Way of Greenville County- Medicaid Expansion Coalition	
Pickens County Meals On Wheels	Student Action with Farmworkers		
Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country	Taylor's Free Medical Clinic		
Pride Link	Teach For America - South Carolina		
Public Education Partners	Teach My People		
Reach Out And Read South Carolina	Teachers' Supply Closet		
Reading Partners South Carolina	The ARK of South Carolina		
Rebuild Upstate	The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center		
Richland County Public Education Partners	The Foothills Alliance		
Richland Library	The Free Medical Clinic Columbia		
Root & Rebound	The Green Heart Project		
Safe Harbor			
Second Chance Bikes			
Senior Resources			



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