From the Director

As we see 2018 in our rear view mirror, we see the 30th year of Clemson Community Care’s service to our community coming to a close. As selected lines from the Tim McGraw song state, “I think I’ll take a moment to celebrate my age, the turning of a page, now it’s time to focus on where I go from there, I’ll do it better in my next thirty years.” We celebrate much as we turn the page on the first thirty years of CCC. We have worked hard to become a stable, vital organization and will continue working to remain that way. We have wide community support and for that we are extremely grateful. We strive to treat all of our clients with dignity and respect and serve them in the way that we would like to be helped if we found ourselves in their position.

As an organization, we look to the future and focus on where we go from here. Our Board is engaged and forward-thinking in its decision making; yet we also rely on those past well-thought-out decisions which have brought us to this place. We hope in our next thirty years to continue to work in this community we love, to serve our clients in the best ways possible, and to remain a vibrant organization. To do this, we need to continue to partner with you. Whether you are a corporate partner, church, school, or civic group, or an individual, you make it possible for us to provide help to those who need it most. Our staff is grateful every day to be a part of this place and consider it a privilege to serve our client families who allow us to share their lives. We appreciate all of the work that our board and volunteers provide and are blessed by the support that you, our donors, give. Thank you for what you do to support your neighbors in our community through us. Please continue to walk beside us as we move into our next thirty years.

We wish you and your family the most wonderful of holiday seasons, with warm homes and full tables. We appreciate what you do to ensure your neighbors enjoy the same!

With gratitude,
Karen Carter, Executive Director

How Your Donations Have Benefited the Community

- 70 seniors received food boxes each month.
- 244 children received toys for Christmas.
- 139 children were outfitted with school supplies.
- 366 families avoided utility disconnect.
- 343 families received holiday food.
- 81 families avoided eviction.
- 1,748 families received food.
Rotary Club of Clemson Grant Funds Backpack Program

For many years, the Rotary Club of Clemson has collected funds to purchase backpacks for students in our client families to begin the school year. The backpacks are ordered from Wal-Mart, picked up by Rotary members and delivered to CCC. We then pack the bags with the help of Girl Scout Troop 1443, who has worked on this project for several years. The bags are packed specifically for each child based on their school and grade according to the school supply list. The bags are then picked up by the families before the first day of school. This year, the Rotary Club of Clemson received a District Grant to fund CCC’s back to school initiative. The funds provided not only covered the cost of the backpacks, but also the cost of the supplies and the School Success workshop.

We are so grateful to the club for their support of CCC in many ways, but this year especially for the funding of this project.

2017 Volunteers of the Year

The 2017 volunteer of the year is two volunteers: Dick and Dodie Desjardins! Dick and Dodie have been an important part of CCC for many years. On Mondays, Dick volunteers in the food pantry and also handles the pickup of all the Clemson church donations. He was also our home repair program chairman and has worked on much needed repairs on homes in Clemson. Dodie has just retired from being a Tuesday client interviewer. With her social work background, she handled this job with ease. She is thorough and compassionate in the face-to-face screening of client situations. When not working in their garden, Dick and Dodie have traveled extensively. We are so grateful and fortunate to have them both as a vital part of our CCC family. Thank you Dick and Dodie!

Looking for Volunteers

Clemson Community Care could not exist without donors and volunteers like you! We appreciate your help and we depend on it. There are many ways you can continue to help your neighbors to help themselves.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in the food pantry
- Provide clerical support
- Perform yard work
**2018 School Success Workshop**

CCC’s annual back to school workshop was held on August 2 at Trinity Wesleyan Church. School personnel from Central Academy of the Arts, Clemson Elementary, LaFrance Elementary, Mt. Lebanon Elementary, Pendleton Elementary, Edwards Middle School and Daniel High School were in attendance to visit with our client families and help them have all the information they needed to get off to a great start in the school year. Administrators talked about schedules, bus routes, breakfast and lunch costs and procedures, attendance, and answered questions from our families. The families then enjoyed a hot dog dinner.

Each student whose family attended signed up to receive a backpack filled with the specific school supplies requested for their school and grade.

We appreciate the school personnel taking time out of their schedules to attend our workshop, the staff of Clemson Elementary School’s after school care for cooking the hot dogs, and Trehel Corporation for allowing us the use of their grill.

A huge thank you goes to Trinity Wesleyan Church for their willingness to share their facility with us and to the youth and staff for their help in setting up and cleaning up.

We appreciate all who worked with us on this event to come together to prepare and supply our families with what they needed to get a great start on the school year.

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**Girl Scouts Complete Bronze Award with CCC**

A Girl Scout Bronze Award requires girls to choose an issue they care about and research, plan and carry out a project that relates to the issue. The girls must devote at least 20 hours to their chosen project. Troop 1453 had concerns about CCC clients with food allergies and diabetes due to several of their own troop members dealing with these issues themselves. The girls and their leaders came to CCC to research our food distribution process, learn about how we plan what items to distribute, and brainstorm what we could do to work with clients who have special dietary needs. They developed a questionnaire for our interviewers to use as they talk with clients, and a flyer about food allergies and diabetes to go in every food bag that goes out of CCC.

We appreciate their concern for our clients, and appreciate the work they put into this project. Their work will have a lasting community impact. Congratulations on receiving your Bronze Award, girls!

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**Repack the Backpack!**

Because notebook paper and pencils do not last all year, students may bring their backpacks to CCC and replenish them with paper, pencils, crayons and markers for the semester.

**Date:** Saturday, January 12, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon  
**Location:** CCC Office
Home Owners Benefit from Home Repair Program

Clemson Community Care partners with the City of Clemson to improve the homes of its residents. To qualify, the client must own the home and have the taxes up to date. The client fills out an application with needs listed, then CCC volunteer George Stockman visits the home and discusses the issues with the client. We then work with a licensed contractor to complete the work. To date, seven projects have been completed. The projects include replacing floors, repairing plumbing, painting a porch, and repairing a porch and accessibility ramps.

This year, thanks to a grant from the W.C. English Foundation, we have been able to add homes in Pendleton to our project list. We have recently completed our first repair there, which was the stabilization of a mobile home and replacement of all of the supporting pillars.

We are appreciative of the support provided by the City of Clemson and the W.C. English Foundation for this important service to our families, one that maintains neighborhoods and keeps residences safe and inhabitable.

CCC Food Pantry Needs

Can you help? Next time you’re at the grocery store, please consider picking up any of the items listed below.

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**Annual TRIO Event to Be Held December 6**

On December 6, the 11th annual TRIO event will be held. This year the Clemson Free Clinic and Clemson Community Care are partnering to host this special event, which will include hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer tasting, and an auction. Our two organizations work closely together to serve the residents of our community with basic need services of food, shelter and utilities and with medical care to the under served. This event will help us raise funds to support these missions. Invite your friends and come raise a glass in support of Help, Hope and Community!

To order tickets, fill out the form below and send to CCC by November 26.

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**TRIO Tickets Order Form**

TRIO tickets are $40.00 each or four tickets for $150.00.

Enclosed is my check for TRIO tickets payable to Clemson Community Care for $_______.

Tickets will be issued at the door.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Number of tickets: _______

Mail this form to Clemson Community Care, P.O. Box 271, Clemson, SC 29633.

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**CCC Dates to Remember**

- **November 12**
  - Holiday Food Distribution Begins

- **November 22**
  - Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

- **December 1**
  - Children’s Christmas Party

- **December 24–December 26**
  - Closed for Christmas Holidays

- **December 27 and 31**
  - Closed for Inventory

- **January 1**
  - Closed for New Year’s Day

- **January 12**
  - Repack the Backpack

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**Feed the Meter—Help Your Neighbors**

Recently, there has been an increase in the transient population in town. The City of Clemson and local churches wanted to find a practical way to assist this population. Assistant City Administrator Andy Blondeau had seen an innovative way other cities have worked to address this need: repurposing old parking meters and placing them in strategic locations around town, such as in parks, to collect donations for the transient population. Mr. Blondeau presented the idea to City Council and it was approved.

The program is being called Feed the Meter—Help Your Neighbors. The ARTS Center of Clemson will paint each meter in a colorful and unique fashion. Rather than giving money to someone who may approach residents in a park or on the street, money can be placed in the meter. The collected funds will be sent to CCC and designated to assist transient people with food and other needs.

We appreciate the City’s innovative, proactive and compassionate response to assisting this population in need.
CCC’s Holiday Programs Need Your Support

We have the opportunity to brighten the holidays for families in our area. Listed below are Clemson Community Care’s holiday programs.

Holiday Baskets

The items for our clients’ holiday meals will be distributed beginning Monday, November 12, and continue through December 20. We will have extended hours and an additional interviewer to handle the increased number of people who visit CCC requesting holiday food. We are grateful to Clemson Elementary School for collecting special holiday food items during its October food drive.

Holiday Turkeys

Again this year we plan to include a turkey with the holiday food items given to our clients. If you would like to help keep the freezers stocked with turkeys, please pick one up for a neighbor when you shop. Turkeys can be delivered to the back door of CCC Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Pendleton BI-LO, Clemson Publix and Clemson Ingles will allow you to leave the turkey after purchase to be picked up daily by CCC volunteers. Please keep in mind that distribution begins on November 12. Thank you in advance for your generosity for our holiday baskets and turkeys!

Holiday Children’s Party

CCC will host our annual Christmas party for our client family children on Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Wesleyan Church. Participating families will receive a gift card to purchase gifts for each child in their family. The gift cards allow parents to play an active role in providing their children with gifts and will be distributed to the parents at the event. Each child will receive a treat bag and have their picture taken with Santa. Refreshments, crafts and games will also be part of the fun!

Thanks also to all of the CCC volunteers who kick off their holiday season by helping us provide this party to our families.

Could you assist with the Holiday Program or make a donation?

Please mail this completed form with any donation you wish to make in the envelope provided.

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________
Your Address: __________________________________________________________
Donation Amount: $_______ Designation: ___ Food ___ Toys ___ No Preference
Change of Address: ______________________________________________________
Tribute Information (if applicable): ___ In Honor of ___ In Memory of
Name of the person you wish to honor or remember: _________________________
Name of person to be notified of this gift: ________________________________
Address of person to be notified of this gift: _______________________________

Thank you!
**About Clemson Community Care**

Clemson Community Care was established in 1988 by ministers from various churches in Clemson, Central and Pendleton as a non-profit charitable corporation to serve the local community. The goal of CCC is to support low income families and individuals to overcome periods of financial crisis and become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community.

In cooperation with local religious, civic, educational and private agencies, staff and individual volunteers, Clemson Community Care supports a variety of basic human needs, emphasizing development of self-sufficiency. Services offered by CCC include:

- Food pantry
- Food stamp application assistance
- Utility bill assistance
- Rental assistance
- Homeless support services
- Home Repair program
- Back to school assistance
- Holiday help for Thanksgiving and Christmas

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Golden Harvest Food Bank
Pendleton High School Work Skills Program
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Pickens County Behavioral Health Services
Pickens County First Steps
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Safe Harbor
SC Works
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**Thank you to all our supporting churches**

Abel Baptist Church
Alive Wesleyan Church
Bethel United Methodist Church
Central United Methodist Church
Clemson Community Church
Clemson Presbyterian Church
Clemson United Methodist Church
East Clemson Baptist Church
First Baptist Church–Central
First Baptist Church–Clemson
First Baptist Church–Pendleton
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church
Golden View Baptist Church
Greater Faith Baptist Church
Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish
Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church
Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
New Holly Light Missionary Baptist Church
New Hope Baptist Church
Peace Congregational Church
Pendleton Presbyterian Church
Pendleton United Methodist Church
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Refuge Baptist Church
St. Andrew Catholic Church
Trinity Wesleyan Church
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson
University Lutheran Church

**United Way**

Clemson Community Care is a partner agency with United Way of Anderson County.

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The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.

~ Terri Marshall