

# Community Services Spotlight

## MAYOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

**D**id you know that May is National Community Action Month? Community Action Month is dedicated to recognizing the success of the national Community Action Network. GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is one of 1,000-plus Community Action Agencies across the country, working to help low-income families and individuals. During a Greenwood City Council meeting on April 15, 2019, Greenwood Mayor Brandon Smith signed a Proclamation for May 2019 as Community Action Month, recognizing the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS HRC and all Community Action Agencies across the country.

See the Mayor's Proclamation in full text on Page 3.



Greenwood Mayor Brandon Smith pictured with Zsaquez Flucker (right), Assistant Program Director for the Community Services Department, during the April 15th Greenwood City Council Meeting.

—Photo courtesy of: Marcella Kennedy, GLEAMNS staff

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR...



**Marcella Kennedy**  
Community Services Program Director

Greetings Readers!

We welcome you to our 7th installment of our Community Services Departmental Newsletter! As a department, we continuously strive to provide excellent, compassionate, and comprehensive services to the communities we serve. We could not accomplish that without our excellent GLEAMNS staff, which I believe is second to none. As always, this issue underscores the amazing successes of our customers and staff. Additionally, this issue features the wonderful partnerships across the counties.

We proudly receive Barbara Sanders as the new member to our team. She served as the Summer Mentor, and now she is the Tutor for our Youth Leadership Program (See more on page 12).

We hope that you enjoy the issue and find it to be appropriately informative! Please share feedback to help us improve our content by contacting our amazing editor at [zflucker@gleamns-hrc.org](mailto:zflucker@gleamns-hrc.org).

*Marcella A. Kennedy*



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## GLEAMNS HRC CELEBRATES COMMUNITY ACTION DAY



—Photo courtesy of: Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

May 2019 kicked off the 55th year since the Community Action Network was established to help families and individuals in America’s “War on Poverty.” As a way to promote awareness of Community Action, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission held its annual Community Action Day on Friday, May 17, 2019. Hosted by the GLEAMNS Community Services Department, the event took place from 10am to 2pm at the Brewer Recreation Center in Greenwood. Over 150 people were in attendance, taking part in door prizes, games, and vendor exhibits.

Throughout the day, attendees were able to fellowship and learn about the various resources available in the local communities. More than 20 vendors were set up throughout the venue, including the SC Works Mobile Unit, parked out in front to offer tours of the technology onboard. Door prizes were donated by local vendors and were received graciously by the respected winners of bingo, musical hula hoops, and cakewalk at the event. The event’s program served as a way to remind attendees of the message of Community Action, from the reading of the Promise of Community Action to even a nod to Red Nose Day, which explained why Community Services staff were donned in red shirts.

Greenwood City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tempore Matthew Miller read the 2019 Community Action Month Proclamation to commemorate the dedication of not only GLEAMNS HRC but all Community Action Agencies across the county. Before a final round of door prizes, the event ended with a testimonial from Community Services staff person Yamedra Lancaster, who spoke on the impact Community Action has had on her and her family, further reminding of how Community Action is helping people and changing lives.

Please visit [www.gleamshrc.org](http://www.gleamshrc.org) for more on Community Action Day and keep reading for more from the event!

### FROM THE EDITOR



**Zsaquez Flucker**  
Assistant Community Services  
Program Director

Dear Readers,

As we say bye to the summer and hello to the fall, our newsletter is finally here! Normally, our first issue for the year goes out sooner, but in between reports, a National Conference, and what not, it’s finally out! And you will see—we’ve had a lot to happen in between January and June this year. Of course, we pay homage to Community Action Month, and we had a few other things to take place—ten-year work anniversaries, a major accomplishment by one of our youth participants, and much more! And you know THE CENSUS IS COMING, right? This year is going by fast, so as we move to another season, we hope you will take a moment to check out what’s happened thus far with us, and join us again for our next edition—when it may be a little cooler outside. And remember, this may be a department newsletter, but the essence of Community Action is still the focus since our primary mission is helping people and changing lives. *Quick note: in case you missed the 2nd edition of our Community Action Month E-newsletter, you can view it here at [www.gleamshrc.org](http://www.gleamshrc.org).*

*Zsaquez Flucker*

## MEET THE AGENCIES AND VENDORS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY 2019



American Family Care (AFC) Urgent Care



Beckman Center for Mental Health Services



**PROCLAMATION**  
*FOR*  
**COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 55 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action serves 99% of America's counties in rural, suburban, and urban communities, connecting millions of children and families to approaches that help them succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is the Community Action Agency in Greenwood County working to help low-income community members to help themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc., provides numerous programs to help low-income citizens of Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Lexington, Fairfield, and Richland Counties. Programs include Head Start, Early Head Start, Community Services, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization, Workforce Development (WIOA), and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brandon Smith, Mayor of the City of Greenwood do hereby proclaim May 2019 as **COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH** in recognition of the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. and all Community Action Agencies.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

*“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...*



Burton Center



Community Initiatives, Inc.



Commission of Public Works (CPW) of Greenwood



Department of Social Services (DSS) - Greenwood



Dominion Energy



Geathers' Italian Ice

*“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...*



**GLEAMNS Head Start Department**



**GLEAMNS Human Resources Department**



**GLEAMNS Weatherization Department**



**Healthy Blue**



**Homestead Hospice**



**Hospice Care of South Carolina**

*“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...*



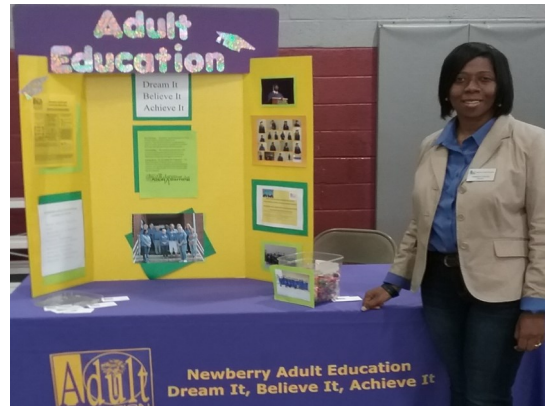
**Insurance Corner**



**Molina Healthcare**



**Morningside of Greenwood**



**Newberry Adult Education**



**Project Hope**



**South Carolina Commission for the Blind**

*“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...*



**The South Carolina Witness Project**



**SC Career Coach (Mobile Unit)**

Thanks to the following agencies and vendors for providing door prizes, advertisement, and support for Community Action Day 2019!

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| <b>Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.</b>              | <b>Index-Journal</b>                            |
| <b>Barnes Oil &amp; Propane</b>                      | <b>Insurance Corner</b>                         |
| <b>Belk</b>  | <b>Laurens Commission of Public Works (CPW)</b> |
| <b>Chick-fil-A</b>                                   | <b>Laurens Electric Cooperative, Inc.</b>       |
| <b>City of Clinton</b>                               | <b>Lockhart Power</b>                           |
| <b>Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority</b>        | <b>Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc.</b>  |
| <b>Effex</b>   | <b>Newberry Electric Cooperative, Inc.</b>      |
| <b>Fatz</b>  | <b>O'Charley's</b>                              |
| <b>Fox Sports Radio Greenwood</b>                    | <b>Palmetto Propane, Inc.</b>                   |
| <b>Greenwood Commission of Public Works (CPW)</b>    | <b>Starbucks</b>                                |
| <b>Greenwood Department of Social Services (DSS)</b> | <b>Sunny 103.5 FM</b>                           |
| <b>Greenwood Rental Agency</b>                       | <b>Town of Due West</b>                         |
| <b>Greenwood SC Chamber of Commerce</b>              | <b>Town of McCormick (Mayor Roy Smith)</b>      |

*Thanks to all the agencies and vendors  
who participated in Community Action Day 2019!  
We hope to see you next year!*

*—Vendor photos courtesy of: Zsazeqz Flucker, GLEAMNS staff*

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

The GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is a youth development component of the Community Services Department, and it is aimed at encouraging life and leadership skills in our “leaders of tomorrow.” Whether it’s during the school year or the summer, our YLP students are always engaging in educational opportunities!

### *Milestone for YLP Student*

Congratulations to student **Michaela White**, who graduated from Greenwood High School this year! Michaela is now attending Piedmont Technical College to pursue a career in the medical field. She joined the GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program in 2017 and has consistently participated in the program. She served as a member on the statewide Youth Leadership Council, and she has been a model student for our YLP participants. One quality that stood out about Michaela was her work ethic—not only was this displayed in her grades, but it was evident throughout her participation in the summer work component of our program. For instance, when Michaela worked as a summer intern at Morningside Assisted Living in Greenwood, her supervisors spoke very highly of her. She was commended for her passion to work with elderly patients, and she was applauded for her punctuality since she would report to work before some of the actual employees. Michaela has been encouraged to continue as a youth mentor with our GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program after her final year as a YLP student comes to end.



YLP student Michaela White graduated from Greenwood High School this year! —Photo from: Michaela White, YLP student

### *Youth Leadership Attends Celebrity Charity Basketball Game*



Greenwood, SC native and Washington Redskins cornerback Josh Norman

—Photo credit: Wikipedia.org—

On April 6, 2019, the GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program along with other youth from Greenwood attended Josh Norman’s Celebrity Charity Basketball Game. The event took place at the Providence Day School Mosack Athletic Center in Charlotte, NC. Josh Norman is the cornerback for the Washington Redskins and is a Greenwood, SC native. As a way to give back to the community, he holds events to benefit youth across the nation, and this year, Josh Norman’s Starz24 Foundation partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for the Charlotte event. Celebrities and club youth coached the teams, and appearances included NFL player Cam Newton, WNBA player Renee Montgomery, and others. The event served as a way to bring community enrichment to youth so they can reach their potential as productive, caring citizens and develop awareness of the world around them. GLEAMNS had five YLP students along with the YLP instructor to represent the agency for this event.

## YLP CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

Once again, the GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program partnered with the GLEAMNS CADETS Program (formerly known as GLEAMNS GEMS) to expand summer job training opportunities to local students. The GLEAMNS 2019 CADETS Summer Program began on June 10, 2019, and for six weeks, students have received hands-on job experience as well as knowledge of how they could further their education after graduating high school. Fifteen students, which included YLP students, were selected to participate in the six-week program. *Please note: The next issue will feature the GLEAMNS CADETS End of Program Celebration, which was held in July, as well as post-activities, so stay tuned!*





## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### GLEAMNS Recognized at the 2019 Statewide Spring Conference

In April 2019, the joint annual South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) and the South Carolina Head Start Association (SCSHSA) Statewide Training Conference was held in Myrtle Beach, SC. The “Awards Banquet” took place on April 25, 2019, and GLEAMNS HRC walked away with awards. GLEAMNS won the “Fiscal Management Award” from the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), and GLEAMNS received the “Innovative Program of the Year” Award from the South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP). The SCCAP award was given in recognition of the “GLEAMNS Driver’s Education Assistance Program,” which is the Transportation program offered by the GLEAMNS Community Services Department. The award recognizes a program that exemplified innovativeness and brought positive impact on families during 2018.



GLEAMNS receiving the “Innovative Program of the Year Award.” Marcella (center) and Zsaquez (right) are pictured with Leon (Ross) Bowens, SCCAP President.



Members of the GLEAMNS agency pictured with OEO staff for the “Fiscal Management Award.”

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### Staff Joins the ROMA National Network

Congratulations to Whitney Mims, who is now a Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer! Whitney was recognized at the 2019 Statewide Spring Training Conference, and she is our first certified ROMA Implementer for GLEAMNS HRC. “ROMA” stands for Results-Oriented Management and Accountability, and it is known as a system aimed at helping Community Action as a whole effectively and continuously measure, analyze, and communicate performance.

*Welcome to the National ROMA Network, Whitney!*



Whitney (right) pictured with Jessica McMoore, Executive Director of South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP).



Group photo of the first Certified ROMA Implementers in the South Carolina ROMA Network. The ladies are pictured here with Jessica McMoore, SCACAP.

## HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY!

### 10th YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### ZSAQUEZ FLUCKER



*Hire Date: February 3, 2009*

**Zsaquez Flucker** serves as the Assistant Program Director of the GLEAMNS Community Services Department, but she didn't start off that way. Zsaquez first came to GLEAMNS when she was laid off in 2009 due to the recession. She had heard about a part-time position with the agency and was hired in February 2009 by then GLEAMNS COO Ron Davis to be the Activities Coordinator for the GLEAMNS Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Teen After-School Center (TASC) Program, currently known as the TASC Program. Few months later, she transitioned to the GLEAMNS Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Department as a temporary full-time summer youth counselor. In August 2009, she joined the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Department as a temporary full-time case manager through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). She was eventually hired by the CSBG Department to be permanently on staff, working as a case manager in Newberry County, Greenwood County, and Saluda County, respectively. As a case manager, she was cross-trained to handle applications in both the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). In 2016, she was promoted to her current position. In her years with the agency, she received the Staff of the Year award in 2012 from the South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) and became a Nationally Certified ROMA Trainer in 2018. She has also served on the GLEAMNS Newsletter committee and is responsible for several publications aimed at promoting the impact of Community Action, including e-newsletters for Community Action Month and more.

### 10th YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### PEARLIE JONES

**Pearlie Jones** serves as the Edgefield County case manager for our GLEAMNS Community Services Department. She is cross-trained to handle applications in both our Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Before she came to GLEAMNS, Pearlie worked at Tax Max in Saluda, SC as a secretary. She became affiliated with GLEAMNS through Sabrina Searles, her Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult Case Manager at the time. Pearlie had been attending the WIA workshops on a weekly basis when an opening for the Edgefield County CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager became available. Ms. Searles submitted Pearlie's name to then CSBG Program Director Columbus Stephens, and Pearlie was called in for an interview...the rest is history! Before becoming a case manager with the GLEAMNS Community Services Department, Pearlie has actually worked in another area of GLEAMNS—she worked as an Administrative Assistant for the GLEAMNS Migrant Head Start program from April 2001 to September 2002. Throughout her time at GLEAMNS, Pearlie admits that she has faced some challenges while working at the agency, but when asked how she overcame them, she stated she followed protocol, policy procedure, and conducted business in a professional manner. In her years with the agency, Pearlie received the Staff of the Year award in 2018 from the South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP).



*Hire Date: February 23, 2009*

## WORK ANNIVERSARY CONT.



Zsaquez (left) and Pearlie (right) at GLEAMNS Community Action Day in 2010.



Zsaquez (left) and Pearlie (right) each receiving the SCCAP Staff of the Year award at their respected Statewide Spring Conferences. Zsaquez received the award in 2012 and Pearlie received hers in 2018.

—Photos courtesy of Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff—

## IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

**Zsaquez Flucker**  
Hire Date: 2/3/09



**Zsaquez's first name has a Hungarian root—**"Zsazsa" means 'God is my oath.'

**Zsaquez's favorite karaoke song:** "Dancing Queen" by ABBA

**Her favorite actresses include:** Zoe Saldana and Angelina Jolie

**Pet peeves:** Slow drivers and the word "pee"

**One of her favorite quotes:** "There comes a time when you have to stop crossing oceans for people who won't even jump a puddle for you."

**Dream job when she was a kid:** Playing in the WNBA

**One of her greatest accomplishments at GLEAMNS:** Obtaining back-to-back mayoral proclamations for Community Action Month from the Greenwood Mayor's office (from former mayor Welborn Adams and current mayor Brandon Smith)

**Pearlie Jones**  
Hire Date: 2/23/09



**Pearlie was given her name because of family traditions.** She has part of her Aunt Pearlina's first name and her grandmother's middle name "Mae."

**Pearlie's college major:** Business Administration

**Her favorite restaurant:** Harbor Inn

**Pet peeve:** "Driving down the highway at the regular speed limit and a driver pulls out in front of you, making you reduce your speed. The other person is only driving the minimum speed limit and then turns off the road shortly thereafter."

**Scripture she lives by:** Psalms 37

**Dream job when she was a kid:** Becoming a nurse

**One of her most memorable moments at GLEAMNS:** Assisting a male customer with his utility bill so his lights would not be disconnected. The customer had informed Pearlie that his neighbor, who happened to be his best friend, had planned to pay his utility bill but was killed in a motorcycle accident the next day. The customer came to the office for assistance, not knowing how he was going to pay his bill. After Pearlie had helped him with his bill, the customer began to cry since he was grateful.

## GOOD NEWS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS

The GLEAMNS Community Services Case Management program is designed to provide educational and transportation assistance to socio-economically challenged adults in becoming self-sufficient and improving their quality of life. Case Management provides a support mechanism that helps individuals to obtain education beyond high school or prepare individuals to become marketable in the work place. Assistance may be available according to needs, as in tuition, uniforms, books, classroom supplies, and driver's training.

### EDUCATION

The following customer enrolled in Case Management for educational assistance and became a success story!

*Edgefield Customer Transitions from Part-Time Sitter to Full-Time C.N.A.*

**Andrea Leaphart** enrolled in Case Management on August 23, 2018 for assistance with the Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) course at Lifelong Learning Center in Batesburg-Leesville, SC. After completing the course in December 2018, Andrea took the C.N.A. certification exam in January 2019, and she passed to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. Upon her enrollment in Case Management, Andrea worked part-time as a sitter on the weekends for the Ridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Edgefield, SC. However, right after receiving her C.N.A. certification, she transitioned to working full-time as a C.N.A. for her employer! Andrea enrolled in Case Management with the desire to transition to a higher paying job, and she did it in less than six months! GLEAMNS assisted Andrea with the cost of the C.N.A. program, uniforms and supplies for clinicals, and the cost of the C.N.A. exam.



**"Success Story" Andrea Leaphart** (Edgefield County) holding her training certificate from Lifelong Learning Center. She is pictured here with Patricia Tiffner (C.N.A. Instructor with Lifelong Learning Center) and Mr. Price (Representative of the District).

*—Photo courtesy of: Pearlle Jones, GLEAMNS staff—*

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## MEET OUR SUMMER MENTOR

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**Barbara Sanders**

Summer Mentor

*—Photo courtesy of staff—*

On June 24, 2019, **Barbara Sanders** joined the GLEAMNS Community Services Department to serve as the summer mentor for our Youth Leadership Program. Barbara has been responsible for supervising and monitoring the students participating in the summer work component of our program. Since our Youth Leadership Program partnered again with the GLEAMNS CADETS program this year, Barbara has worked closely with the GLEAMNS CADETS Summer Director, and she has assisted in developing and monitoring worksites for all participating students. This is the first time the Summer Mentor position has been available, and Barbara has been a great addition for this summer!

## “GOOD NEWS” CONTINUED

### TRANSPORTATION

As part of a component under the Case Management program, the GLEAMNS Community Services Department offers assistance with driver’s training. This facet was created in response to a transportation issue of customers lacking a learner’s permit and/or driver’s license. Thus, eligible individuals can enroll in Case Management to receive transportation services, such as classroom instruction and road testing, to obtain their beginner’s permit and/or driver’s license.



Photo of vehicle from the Anointed Hands Driving Academy, used in providing driver’s training.  
—Photo Credit: [www.anointedhandsdrivingacademy.com](http://www.anointedhandsdrivingacademy.com)—

Participants in the Case Management Transportation program receive driver’s training through the Anointed Hands Driving Academy. Located in Greenwood, the driving academy covers various skills and techniques, including three-point turns, parallel parking, and straight line backing to name a few.

The following customers enrolled in Case Management for driver’s training and successfully completed their training to receive their beginner’s permit/driver’s license:

#### Recipient of Beginner’s Permit

##### **Greenwood County**

Seareas Mitchell  
Keymoreyeah Mitchell

#### Recipients of Driver’s License

##### **Abbeville County**

Masada Nelson

##### **Greenwood County**

Nyasia Padgett (Youth Leadership Program student)  
Tammy Richardson  
Terrance Chinn  
Evianna Casado

##### **Saluda County**

Dion Avant, Jr.

*Stay tuned to see how many more are empowered to handle the road!*

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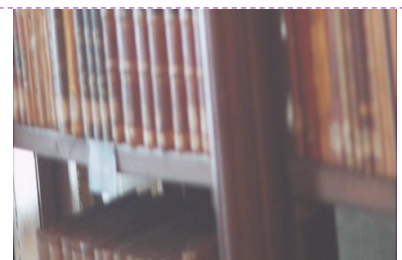
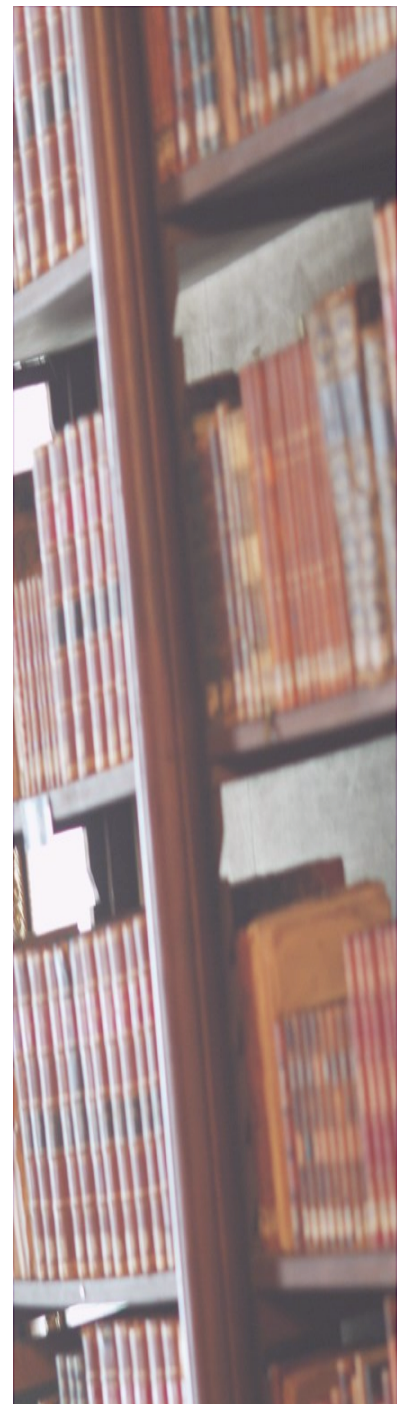
*“Helping a person will not change the world, but it will change the world for that person.” - Anonymous*

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### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CASE MANAGEMENT?

*If individuals have a desire, willingness, and commitment to improving their current situation, then several opportunities may be available. Assistance may be available according to needs, as in tuition, uniforms, books, classroom supplies, and driver’s training.*

*For more information about the Case Management program offered by the GLEAMNS Community Services Department, please contact your local CSBG office. (See page 21 for Office Locations.)*



# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



## It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



## It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

## It means \$675 billion.



Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.



## It's about redistricting.

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



# JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

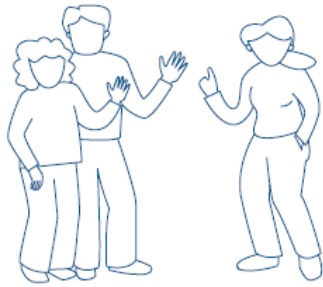
United States  
**Census  
2020**

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# THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING!!!

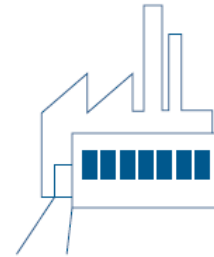
## Census data are being used all around you.



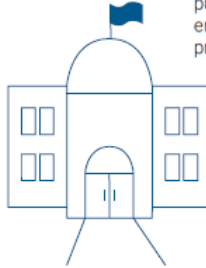
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



## Your data are confidential.

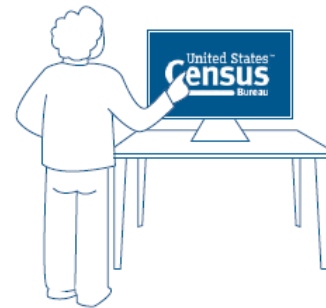
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.



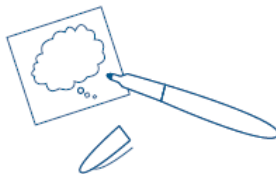
## 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



## You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



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Bureau

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
[census.gov](http://census.gov)

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[CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS](http://CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS)

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2020

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*What did you like most about Community Action Day?*

***“Community Action Day exposed GLEAMNS to the community.”***

*(Survey Response from Attendee of Community Action Day 2019)*

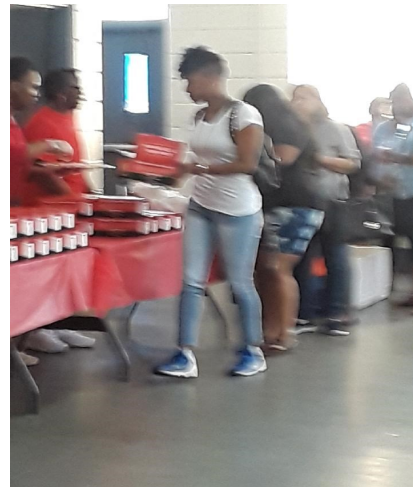
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## MOMENTS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

Various moments were captured throughout Community Action Day on May 17, 2019. From the reading of our Proclamation to a nod for “Red Nose Day,” these are a few of the highlights from the event.



Community Services staff preparing for lunch.



Attendees receiving free lunch boxes.



A happy cakewalk winner!



Attendees listening to the reading of the Community Action Month Proclamation.

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***“I appreciated the fact that Mayor Pro-Tempore Matthew Miller was willing to come and read the Proclamation, and the staff testimonial was awesome to hear as well! The vendors were great, too. I believe, all in all, it was another great Community Action Day!” - Anonymous Attendee***

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## *"MOMENTS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY" CONTINUED*



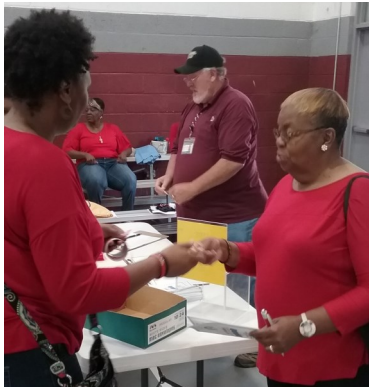
Greenwood City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tempore Matthew Miller with the Proclamation of Community Action Month.



Community Services staff showing support for "Red Nose Day."



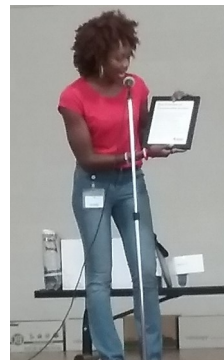
Attendees ready for lunch.



Vendors/exhibitors checking in.



GLEAMNS Community Services Department with Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Miller.



Staff participants from the event program—left to right: Victoria Ernest (Emcee), Marcella Kennedy (Welcome), Quiana Davis (Star-Spangled Banner), Zsaquez Flucker (Promise of Community Action), and Yamedra Lancaster (Staff Testimonial).

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Attendees conversing with Burton Center representative.



A cakewalk winner awaiting to receive her prize.



Event helper from GLEAMNS Head Start smiling for the camera.



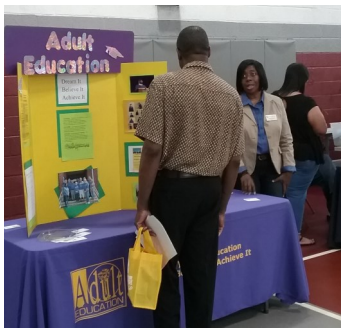
Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Miller reading the Proclamation of Community Action Month to attendees.



GLEAMNS CEO Shunna Vance Jeter and Greenwood City Councilwoman Betty Boles (GLEAMNS Board Chair) in front of the SC Works Mobile Unit.



GLEAMNS HR speaking with Community Services staff.



Attendee listening to representative from Newberry Adult Education.



Cakewalk participants listening for instruction.

**For more moments from Community Action Day, visit our website at [www.gleamnshrc.org](http://www.gleamnshrc.org).**

## STAFF “IN ACTION”

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, NEWBERRY

On March 7, 2019, Libra Wilmore (Case Manager, Newberry County) met with Newberry Adult Education staff to discuss the Case Management program offered by the GLEAMNS Community Services department. The meeting took place at the Newberry Adult Education Center in Newberry. Libra spoke with staff and provided information regarding Case Management assistance. Information included participant eligibility requirements, the potential services offered, and other pertinent information for the program. The meeting gave Newberry Adult Education an opportunity to touch basis with Community Services staff regarding what Case Management has to offer.



Libra (far right) pictured with Newberry Adult Education staff at meeting, from left to right: Tracy Hill (Diploma Lab Manager), Tracy Hunter (GED Testing Coordinator), and Roberta Kinard (Adult Education Director). —Photo courtesy of: Libra Wilmore, GLEAMNS staff

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, GREENWOOD

On June 7, 2019, Yamedra Lancaster (Case Manager, Abbeville) and LaRoysha White (Case Manager, Greenwood) took part in the HUD Strong Families Initiative 2019. The HUD Initiative focuses on improving the quality of life in families living in HUD assisted housing communities; therefore, community partners were asked to participate in the event as a way to help connect resources in the community to families living in HUD assisted housing. HUD Strong Families events are celebrated during the months of May and June and are designed to empower families with resources to ensure positive opportunities. For more information, visit <https://www.hud.gov/fathersday>.



Yamedra (left) and LaRoysha (right) promoting services at the HUD Strong Families Initiative.

—Photos courtesy of: Yamedra Lancaster, GLEAMNS staff

## STAFF “IN ACTION” CONTINUED



Community Services staff with Tara Jones, VP of Operations at Effex Management Solutions (center), after plant tour. —Photo courtesy of: LaRoysha White, GLEAMNS staff

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, GREENWOOD

On June 12, 2019, Community Services staff along with other local community partners attended an Effex cookout at Fujifilm in Greenwood. A plant tour was provided, and attendees were able to meet with the management team. Community Services staff in attendance (see photo) are pictured with Effex Vice President of Operations, Tara Jones (center). In referenced photo, Community Service staff left to right are: Yamedra Lancaster (Case Manager, Abbeville), Zsaquez Flucker (Assistant Community Services Program Director), LaRoysha White (Case Manager, Greenwood), and Annie Burton (Case Manager, Greenwood).



On April 23, 2019, Community Services staff served as ushers during the Opening General Plenary Session at the 2019 Statewide Training Conference. The spring conference is hosted every year by the South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) and the South Carolina Head Start Association (SCSHSA). This year, it took place in Myrtle Beach from April 22-April 26th.

—Photos courtesy of: Marcella Kennedy, GLEAMNS staff—

## “BIGGEST LOSER” COMPETITORS

Each year, GLEAMNS HRC takes part in a statewide health initiative sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships. As part of the initiative, Community Action Agencies compete to win the title of “Biggest Loser,” and the winning agency is announced at the end of either the spring or the fall cycle. The GLEAMNS weight loss team is called the GLEAMNS Go-Getters or G3, and in the 2019 Spring Cycle, the following staff from our Community Services Department were a part of the team: **Beaneatha Williams, a.k.a. “Blissful Beaneatha”**; **Ambra Drummond, a.k.a. “Ambitious Ambra”**; and **Vergia Mgbo, a.k.a. “Valuing-My-Health Vergia.”** Beaneatha and Ambra serve as case managers for our Laurens office, and Vergia is the Intake Specialist for Laurens County.



2019 Spring “G3” Participants from our department! (From left to right—Beaneatha, Ambra, and Vergia)

—Photo compilation courtesy of: Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

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## A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GLEAMNS HRC

The mission of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission Incorporated, a community-based organization, is to deliver quality services, assistance and opportunity to eligible customers with emphasis placed on education, employment, and self-sufficiency.

GLEAMNS offers a comprehensive set of programs designed to combat the causes and conditions of poverty throughout the local communities. Programs include but are not limited to:

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program
- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Magic Johnson Community Empowerment Center/Teen After-School Center (TASC)
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Workforce Development (WIOA)

Through the bundled-services approach, families are better aligned with the appropriate services targeted to help them develop and maintain self-sufficiency.

Please check out our entire agency online at [www.gleamnshrc.org](http://www.gleamnshrc.org). There's more to GLEAMNS than meets the eye!

## OFFICE LOCATIONS

If you are ever in need of utility, rental, or educational assistance, please contact your local GLEAMNS CSBG/LIHEAP office below:

**Abbeville County**  
 706 Carolina Circle  
 Abbeville, SC 29620  
 Phone: 864-459-2100  
 Fax: 864-459-2616

**Cherokee County\***  
*(Senior Centers of Cherokee County, Inc.)*  
 499 W. Rutledge Ave.  
 Gaffney, SC 29341  
 Phone: 864-489-6140  
 Fax: 864-649-5420

**Edgefield County**  
*(Edgefield SC Works)*  
 21 Star Road  
 Edgefield, SC 29824  
 Phone: 803-637-6161

**Greenwood County**  
 301 N. Hospital St.  
 Greenwood, SC 29646  
 Phone: 864-229-8862  
 Fax: 864-227-1729

**Laurens County**  
 221-A West Laurens St.  
 Laurens, SC 29360  
 Phone: 864-984-5123  
 Fax: 864-681-1137

**McCormick County**  
*(McCormick SC Works)*  
 109 W. Augusta St.  
 McCormick, SC 29835  
 Phone: 864-852-2662

**Newberry County**  
 1303 Main Street  
 Suite 211  
 Newberry, SC 29108  
 Phone: 803-597-5300

**Saluda County**  
*(Saluda SC Works)*  
 407 W. Butler Ave  
 Saluda, SC 29138  
 Phone: 864-445-2047

**Spartanburg County\***  
*(The Bethlehem Center)*  
 397 Highland Ave.  
 Spartanburg, SC 29306  
 Phone: 864-707-5029  
 Fax: 864-707-5440



*\*Please note: GLEAMNS only provides LIHEAP (energy) assistance in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties, not CSBG services (rental or educational assistance). The other seven counties provide both LIHEAP and CSBG services.*



The main office of the GLEAMNS Community Services Department (shown above) is located in Greenwood, SC. The department has satellite locations in nine counties.

—Photo courtesy of: Zsazquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

## Thanks for giving us a read!

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