

# CACH MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 4, 2023



## <u>OUR MISSION</u>

To provide strategic support through innovation, collaboration, education, and advocacy among community partners so that they may effectively and efficiently serve those who are experiencing and/or at risk of becoming homeless.

## AGENDA



- 1. Staff Updates
- 2. Financial Updates
- 3. Rules of Engagement
- 4. Agency Updates
- 5. Looking Ahead



## <u>OUTREACH UPDATES</u>

- Service Agency Meetings
  - We have now met with 12 service agencies in the area
    - Recent meetings: Better Bound Youth, SC Legal Services, Veteran Affairs
  - If you have not met with us and would like to, please email info@sccach.org
     to schedule a meeting
- Library Hours
  - Thursdays 9 AM 12 PM
  - Resources will be available as soon as possible



## OPERATIONS UPDATES

- CACH Summary on Housing & Homelessness will be distributed to the below service agencies for review following today's meeting
  - Bethel Shelters, Family Promise, Fullife Hope
     Center, Habitat for Humanity, Haven Men's Shelter,
     Her Place, Housing Authority, Housing
     Development Corporation, Life House Women's
     Shelter, Mercy House, Pathways Community
     Center, Pilgrim's Inn, Safe Passage, The Salvation
     Army, and Tender Hearts

2023

The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in York County







SC Opioid Recovery Fund



## ADDITIONAL UPDATES

- My Ride Route Changes
- If any agency is looking for summer interns, particularly those in Graphic Design/Marketing, contact Tressa Harris THarris@yorktech.edu

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Goal: To establish clear guidelines and expectations for how members of the coalition will interact and collaborate with each other. These rules are designed to promote effective communication, minimize conflict and misunderstandings, and ensure that all members of the coalition are working together towards a common goal.

Purpose • Respect • Person-Centered Language • Common Misconceptions • Solution-Focused • Empowerment-Based



### <u>PURPOSE</u>

Our hope is that this coalition...

- Be a safe space for all who would like to join
- Build trust and respect among coalition members
- Further collaboration
- Empower members to make positive changes within the community

Goal: That homelessness be rare, brief, and non-recurring





- Be considerate
- Practice active listening
- Seek clarification
- Be communicative and concise
- Suggest a sidebar (if needed)



### PERSON-CENTERED LANGUAGE

- Put the individual first in your language, not their circumstances or conditions.
- Prioritize highlighting the individual's strengths and capabilities, instead of focusing solely on their hardships or challenges.
- Use phrases that show respect and empathy, such as "individuals experiencing homelessness" instead of "homeless people."
- Recognize that using person-centered language helps to reduce stigma and discrimination towards individuals with complex life experiences or conditions.



### PERSON-CENTERED LANGUAGE

- Understand that person-centered language helps to promote a more holistic and compassionate understanding of the individual and their unique circumstances.
- Shift the focus from blaming individuals for their circumstances to addressing the systemic issues that contribute to those circumstances.
- Remember that using person-centered language is not only respectful, but also helps to create a more inclusive and equitable society for all.



## <u>COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS</u>

#### Homelessness is a choice

Everyone makes mistakes, but the descent into homelessness is not necessarily the direct result of "choices." Far more often a sudden illness or an accident, losing one's job, or falling into debt leads to eviction—or doubling up with family or friends becomes untenable.



### People who experience homelessness are lazy

Many individuals experiencing homelessness are employed. In addition to this, securing employment can be extremely difficult for individuals experiencing homelessness. To find and keep a job, people usually need to have a resume, reliable access to transportation, clean clothes to wear and have means of contact, like a cell phone or email address. Even with all of these resources, employment may not fix the underlying issues of break the cycle of chronic homelessness.



### People who experience homelessness are dangerous

Those experiencing homelessness are far more likely to be the victims of violence than the perpetrators. Of course, some homeless individuals may commit acts of violence beyond self-defense but studies have shown, such acts rarely affect the non-homeless individuals they encounter.



#### People who experience homelessness are addicts

While drugs can be a cause of homelessness, some studies show addiction develops after an individual loses housing. Those experiencing homelessness can fall into alcohol and drug abuse to numb their reality. Addiction can become a coping mechanism for people in negative situations, like homelessness. The stigma about substance use and homelessness makes treatment for addiction less likely for people in this difficult situation.



#### Nothing can be done

There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but community responsibility for those experiencing homelessness can have a great impact. Prevention will also be a crucial step in effectively addressing homelessness. By tackling the root causes of homelessness, a decrease in homelessness is likely.



## HOUSING SOLUTION FOCUSED

Being solution-focused is important because it helps us to approach problems and challenges in a constructive and proactive way. Instead of dwelling on past failures or problems, a solution-focused mindset encourages us to look for practical and effective solutions to move forward.

According to the National Alliance of the Homeless: The solution to homelessness is straightforward: housing. By connecting people experiencing homelessness to housing and services, they have a platform from which they can address other areas that may have contributed to their homelessness — such as employment, health, and substance abuse.



## HOUSING SOLUTION FOCUSED

There are two homelessness-focused housing models that have been demonstrated to effectively end homelessness.

- Permanent supportive housing: Permanent supportive housing pairs long-term rental assistance with supportive services. It is targeted to individuals and families with chronic illnesses, disabilities, mental health issues, or substance use disorders who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness.
- Rapid re-housing: Rapid re-housing provides short-term rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase selfsufficiency, and stay housed.





- Promotes self-determination
- Builds resilience
- Fosters collaboration
- Promotes social justice
- Increases accountability



#### AGENCY UPDATES

#### South Carolina Legal Services

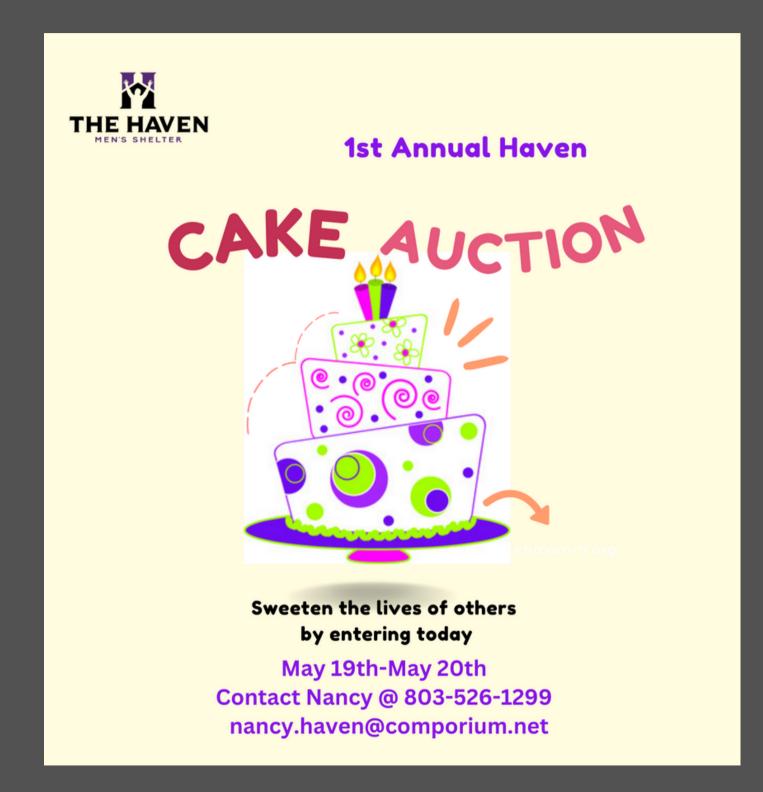
- Types of cases include the following: Consumer/Finance, Education, Elder Law, Employment, Family, Health, Housing, Income Maintenance/Public Benefits, Immigration/Migrant, Tax
- If you have a client that is in need of the services...
  - Ensure the client has an email address
  - Complete an online application or contact SC Legal service by phone
    - Phone: (803) 327-9001
    - Toll-Free: (800) 922-3853





The Haven Men's Shelter is having its 1st annual Cake Auction!

- May 19th-May 20th
- For more information, contact
   Nancy
  - 0 803-526-1299
  - nancy.haven@comporium.net



#### AGENCY UPDATES



No Sad Story & Cry Out 2 Get Out Ministries are hosting their

annual Fundraiser event!

- Broken Crayons Still Color
- Saturday, May 20th @ 11 AM
- Union Baptist Church 1195

Hands Mills Hwy Rock Hill, SC

• Tickets = \$40







New Covenant Church of Rock Hill and College Park Baptist Church are hosting a Spring Fling Vendor Fair & Festival!

- Saturday, May 20th from 9 AM 2:30 PM
- 1209 Eisenhower Rd
- Food trucks, bake sale, music, and free health screenings





Habitat for Humanity of York County is excited to announce its Senior Healthy Homes Initiative. This year they are hosting the Senior Healthy Homes Expo to educate and inform Rock Hill residents about available resources to support safe aging-in-place.

The event will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Emmett Scott Recreation Center located at 801 Crawford Road, Rock Hill.



Habitat for Humanity of York County's

#### Senior Healthy Homes Expo

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10am - 12pm

The Gym at Emmett Scott Recreation Center 801 Crawford Road, Rock Hill

Information on safe aging-in-place, senior resources, and giveaways galore!

For more information, please contact Haley Gough hlutz@yorkcountyhabitat.org 803-415-1003





The Rock Hill Community Relations
Council is hosting their 3rd
Community Solutions Event.

- Bridging the Gap
  - Working to promote racial equity and justice in RH
- Thursday, June 15th @ 6:30 PM
- Boyd Hill Recreation Center
  - 1165 Constitution Blvd







The Oakland Baptist Church Ministry Center is gearing up for its Spring and Summer shopping event!

- Days/Hours
  - Mondays 6 PM 7:30
  - Wednesdays 9 AM 11:30 AM
  - Saturdays 9 AM 11:30 AM
- Shoppers can come once every 3 months to pick out clothing and a household item
- Volunteers and donations are welcome





#### **SPRING & SUMMER 2023 SHOPPING**

NEW! Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
CLOSED Mondays on May 29, July 3 and September 4.

The Ministry Center is operated by volunteers from OBC and the Rock Hill community.

New volunteers are always welcome!

Donations of money, clothing, household items, toys, or books are welcomed! Receipts are available.

Typically, each shopper is able to get two complete outfits as well as shoes, underwear, outerwear, etc. at no cost.

Additionally, shoppers may get one household item and a surprise bag for children.

To ensure we have enough items to help all clients, shoppers may come once every three months and also on special clearance days.

(803) 328-3864 obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com



https://www.facebook.com/OBCMinistryCenter





Safe Passage is facilitating a Domestic Violence Support Group.

- Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM
- Open to anyone who is a survivor of domestic violence
- For additional information, please email Brandi Douglas at dvprogram@safepassagesc.org



#### Domestic Violence Support Group

#### Every Wednesday @ 6pm

An open and safe space that will offer information with trauma informed facilitators and an opportunity to connect with other survivors



Feel empowered & celebrate your strengths

Open to anyone who is a survivor of domestic violence

#### \*Free and Confidential\*

For any questions please call or text (803) 992-1674 104 Oakland Ave Rock Hill, SC 29730

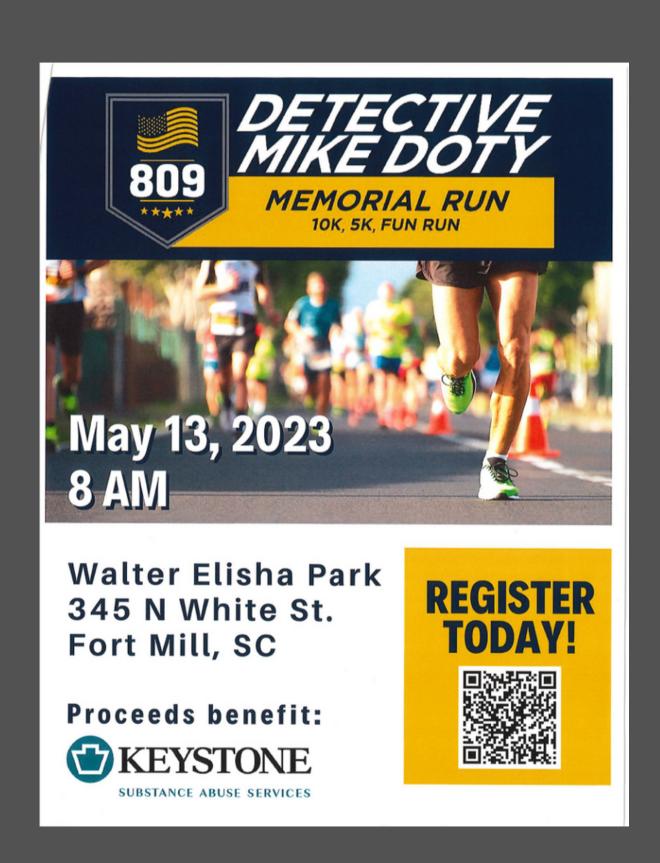
Ask For Brandi Douglas Email: dvprogram@safepassagesc.org



Keystone is having its Detective Mike Doty Memorial Run on May 13th!

- 10K, 5K, and a fun run
- The run starts at 8 AM @ 345 N
   White St. Fort Mill, SC
- To register, scan the QR code (flyer will be sent out in meeting minutes)







#### LOOKING AHEAD

- Next month's meeting will be focused on our service providers. If you are a service provider and would like to present on your organization and the services you provide, please contact melissa.carlyle@sccach.org
- We plan to continue meeting with service agencies over the next several months. If you would like to meet with us, please email <a href="mailto:info@sccach.org">info@sccach.org</a>

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If you are homeless or in danger of losing your home, call the

**United Way of York County** 

866-892-9211

Available 24/7

Join the community effort to end homelessness and help people in need in Rock Hill:



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