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Annual Report

“Resiliency”

Spring 2026

2025

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Changing Lives.**





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Our Mission

Connecting people with support, resources, and education so they can empower themselves to become self-sufficient.

Our Vision

We envision a community where all people are equipped with tools and resources necessary for a stable and prosperous life.

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Kristi King-Brock

Executive Director

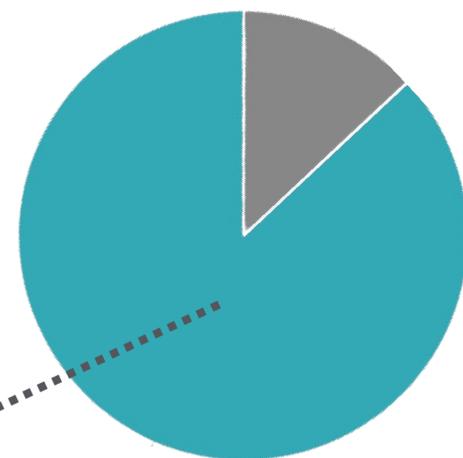
Resilience: the capacity to withstand or to recover from difficulties. That word describes AIM.

The last six years have proven that AIM has not only survived during challenging times but that she has been able to thrive. This year is another example of that resiliency. During the economic uncertainty of this past year, the government shutdown and the loss of federal programs AIM continued to serve the needs of this community and even grew. This is because of the community support that we receive. When we thought that SNAP benefits were going to be paused and recipients were going without those benefits the community stepped up and filled our shelves allowing us to increase the number of families served daily to fifty-five and provided us with enough food to hold a Saturday distribution.

Our Housing program completed seventy-three rehabilitation projects (the most we had ever had in a year). The Food Share program grew, adding an additional site to the Homeland Park community. In partnership with United Way SC and the American Red Cross we have been successful in standing up a Longterm Recovery Group (LTRG) to respond to the unmet needs of survivors of Helene. And I am extremely proud of the fact that AIM launched the first Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) in the state of South Carolina in partnership with LISC and Wells Fargo.

These accomplishments are because we have an enthusiastic and dedicated staff, amazing partners, and generous donors. I am so blessed that God has allowed and equipped me to lead this great organization over the last 35 years.

In His Service,
Kristi King-Brock



87%
*returned to
community*

Kristi King Brock

AIM Financial Stability

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST F.O.C.



LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) Upstate South Carolina and AIM (Accept. Inspire. Minister) celebrated the grand opening of South Carolina's first Financial Opportunity Center® (FOC) program—a powerful, evidence-based model proven to help individuals and families achieve lasting financial success on December 10th. This program expansion was made possible in part by a new national \$1.5 million Wells Fargo Foundation grant to LISC.

Employment Pathways

17 Courses Offered 

58 Participants Enrolled 



471 Hours Spent in Case Management



Employment Pathways connects participants with resources and education to obtain full-time, sustainable employment. Participants work with a career coach to evaluate employment needs and develop a plan of action to include work readiness training, career counseling, certification opportunities, and job search assistance.



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Pivotal Support & Financial Coaching

Pivotal Support assists individuals with an immediate need and connects them with the tools that can stabilize their future.

If approved, the assistance plan may include limited financial support with the long-term goal of self-sufficiency. Individuals are encouraged to attend monthly financial classes and workshops.



437

CLASSES
TAUGHT

1,002

 Tax Returns

As a dedicated SNAP Outreach Partner, AIM is honored to help neighbors access the nutritious food they need to thrive.

By providing compassionate guidance and hands-on support with SNAP applications, AIM walks alongside individuals and families during moments of uncertainty.



348

HOUSEHOLDS



483

ASSISTED

\$160,604

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSISTANCE

This year, Anderson Interfaith Ministries introduced the *Resource Room*, a welcoming new space designed to support families as they work toward greater stability. Participants can *earn AIM Bucks* by attending classes and workshops, then use them to shop for toiletries, essential items, and more, which included Christmas presents this past season.

11,395

AIM BUCKS
EARNED





Hunger Ministries

- Drive-Thru Pantry
- Summer Food 4 Kids
- FoodShare
- Thanksgiving



OUR MONTHLY IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$84,408.50	Jan
\$90,091.50	Feb
\$122,636.50	Mar
\$111,046.50	Apr
\$128,783.15	May
\$148,946.00	Jun
\$127,106.50	Jul
\$91,847.00	Aug
\$101,450.50	Sep
\$124,360.00	Oct
\$185,088.00	Nov
\$121,220.00	Dec

\$1,436,984.15

Drive-Thru Food Pantry Boxes

10,327

DISTRIBUTED IN 2025

\$1,260,450.95

VALUE OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

5

Grocery Stores
Donated

Thanksgiving Total

1,000 Bags/Turkeys

VALUED AT \$38,000

During the seasons of Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, the AIM food pantry puts out special requests to the community for assistance with collecting food items for clients of the food pantry, which will enable them to prepare a special holiday meal for their family.



Summer Food 4 Kids



...because hunger doesn't take a break.

A hunger program through which volunteers deliver and distribute 'weekend food bags' to some of our area's most vulnerable children each Friday during their summer break from school, a time when they typically face reduced access to food resources.

4,356

Total Bags

17 / 10

Sites / Weeks

\$65,340

Total Value

AIM FoodShare

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AIM is excited to increase access to healthy, fresh food through FoodShare Anderson, a branch of FoodShare South Carolina. Fresh Food Boxes are filled with 9 to 11 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables. With the contents changing weekly, it's an affordable and exciting way to eat healthy food.



2,099

BOXES SOLD



30

VOLUNTEERS

720

SERVICE HOURS

2

PARTNERSHIPS

3

DISTRIBUTION SITES



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\$ 88,671

ASSISTANCE TOTAL
RECEIVED BY SCHOLARS

WACS Women & Children Succeeding

WACS empowers moms to reach their career goals by earning a degree. Each scholar is a full-time student who is gaining the necessary skills for their profession through local colleges and universities. WACS' holistic approach focuses on balancing academics, career planning, family and life, finances, health, and faith to reach full potential.



Enrollment



14 Scholars
26 Kids

Degree Attainment

Taylor, Associate of Science

(Ultimate Medical Academy)

Melissa, Associate of Arts

(Tri-County Technical College)

Emily, Associate of Applied Science

(Greenville Technical College)

Taylor, Associate of Science

(Tri-County Technical College)

SCHOLAR STATS

86% were *working* at least part-time.

All WACS Scholars are *full-time* college students.

3.4 Average GPA
(Spring, Summer, Fall 2025 combined)

Colleges Attended

- o Piedmont Technical College
- o Tri-County Technical College
- o Spartanburg Community College
- o Ultimate Medical Academy
- o Greenville Technical College
- o North Greenville University
- o Lander University
- o Anderson University
- o Southern New Hampshire University

WACS awarded the 3rd annual Kristi King-Brock Legacy Scholarship in October 2025.

The recipient graduated with an Associate of Arts from TCTC in August and transferred to Southern New Hampshire's online Bachelors of Psychology program.



Continuous Partnerships

Cato Fashions continues to support us by donating items for the WACS Boutique.

First Flight partners for OAK Scholarships to pay for children's activities.

Community Engagement

\$22,792

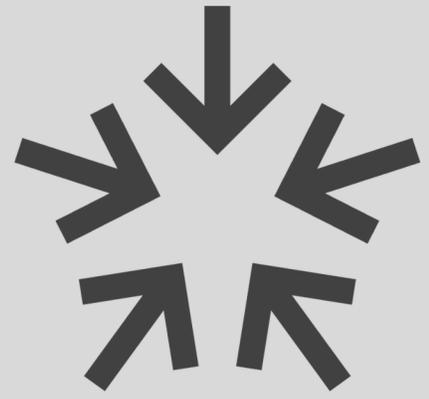
of 'in-kind' donations received



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Housing Rehabilitation



Community homeowners who are low-income earners may be eligible for assistance with needed household maintenance or adjustments. Eligible services include ramps and other necessary repairs that threaten the health and safety of these families and their ability to remain living in their home.

TOTAL COSTS REIMBURSED

\$660,412.62

JOBS COMPLETE

73



WHEELCHAIR RAMPS

9

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VISTA

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At AIM, AmeriCorps VISTA members serve as *critical capacity-builders* who strengthen the organization's long-term ability to deliver on its mission of connecting individuals and families in Anderson County with the resources necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

Operation Active Kids

WACS has partnered with First Flight Alliance to provide the Operation Active Kids (OAK) Scholarship for families of WACS scholars. The scholarship is available to cover registration and fees for sports and activities that keep kids active.

A WACS Scholar's daughter was a seventh grader when she tried out for cheerleading and made the varsity cheer team. In the weeks following tryouts, she received the financial details for each team member and was shocked to see it was over \$1,000. The WACS Scholar was overwhelmed and not sure how she would be able to afford this experience. We reached out to our partners and completed a scholarship application. The OAK Scholarship was awarded and provided a great experience for this family.

Another WACS Scholar has two young boys who both wanted to play soccer. She looked at options and found the YMCA to be a great place to introduce the kids to soccer and they could play on the same team. With the assistance provided by the OAK Scholarship, both boys got to play soccer this past fall.



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