

# CONNECTIONS

Community Connections Darlington Quarterly Newsletter



## Faithful Leadership, Lasting Impact

Everything we do is rooted in volunteers who are willing to serve with open hands and open hearts. Whether serving as a team liaison, a meal in the soup kitchen, or on the Board of Directors, volunteers are the backbone of our organization

All volunteers are vital to the ministry, and the Board of Directors is important to our non-profit as its members provide prayerful guidance, accountability, and structure so the ministry operates with purpose and integrity. They also steward the resources God has entrusted to this ministry and ensure that decisions reflect both wisdom and faith.

With the start of the new year, the Board of Directors has experienced a leadership transition. Mark Face has stepped down as Chair, and we are thankful for his faithful leadership during his tenure. Ellen Berry has been newly elected to serve as the new Chair. Continuing to serve on the Board are Vice Chair Chanel Muldrow, Treasurer Lindsey Byrd, and Secretary Debra Wallace in addition to members Sarah Garland, Suzie Goodwin and Eddie Johnson.

As the ministry continues, so does the need for strong, faithful leadership. If you feel God nudging your heart toward serving, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us. Your gifts and perspective could help shape the future of our work.

To learn more, please contact any of our current board members.

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## A Moment to Learn and Grow

As we seek to serve others, it is important to learn about those we serve and the resources available to help them.



Mercy Medical Free Clinics, Inc. is a faith-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a free medical and dental home for low-income, uninsured adults residing in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg Counties using Judeo-Christian principles of love, integrity, and compassion. While Mercy Medical Free Clinics has been serving the SC Pee Dee Region for over 30 years, the organization began as two independent entities serving their respective communities – Mercy Medicine Free Clinic (Florence) and the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County. In the summer of 2023, these two highly respected, faith-based organizations merged operations to not only serve their respective counties but to extend free healthcare services into neighboring counties. As a result, overhead costs were reduced, patient access to new services was increased, and market synergies were created from a blended board.

Mercy Medicine is not an urgent care or walk-in clinic, so all medical and dental visits are by appointment only. To become a Mercy Medical patient, individuals must not qualify for, or currently have, health or dental insurance including Medicare or Medicaid; have an annual income equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty threshold; be between 18-64; and reside within their 7-county service area. Mercy Medical Free Clinics receives no federal funding relying entirely on the generosity and support of grants and donations from local foundations, churches, businesses, and other private donors.

If you know someone who would benefit from Mercy Medical's services, want to make a donation, or would like to volunteer your time, call (843) 398-0060 for the Darlington/Hartsville clinic or (843) 667-9947 in Florence. Hours vary by location. You may also visit their website at <https://www.mercymedicalfc.org/.t>

### **Mercy Medical Clinic, Darlington**

203 Grove Street  
Darlington, SC 29532

## Attention Liasons!

You're Invited to an

# Event for LIAISONS



Join us!

**Connecting & Serving: Stronger Together**

- 4:00 PM, March 1, 2026
- Trinity Methodist Church: 126 Pearl Street, Darlington (Please use the rear parking lot.)
- Light Refreshments provided

regrets only

843.992.0777

## New Leadership



Community Connections Darlington welcomes Ellen Berry as its new Board Chair. Ellen brings a strong commitment to service, thoughtful leadership,

and a heart for meeting the needs of our community.

She serves professionally as Executive Vice President of Dedicated Community Bank, bringing valuable experience, insight, and stewardship to the Board of Directors. Ellen is also an active member of Trinity Methodist Church Darlington. Her faith and love for helping others are clearly reflected in her service to her church and the community.

Recognizing the significant needs within our community, Ellen is passionate about supporting the mission of Community Connections Darlington. We are grateful for her willingness to serve and look forward to the leadership and perspective she will bring in this new role.

## Ways to Donate

Scan one of these QR codes or mail your donation to the address below.



P.O. Box 1344  
Darlington, SC  
29532



## Monthly Board Meetings Come Join Us!

Community Connections Board of Directors meets regularly each month, and meetings are open to our liaisons, ministry teams, and community supporters.

1st Sunday of Each Month at 4:00 PM  
Dedicated Community Bank  
202 Cashua Street -- Darlington, SC 29532

If interested, please enter through the side door nearest First Palmetto.

# Soup Kitchen Spotlight - More Than a Meal



Not only does the soup kitchen provide a hearty meal each Saturday, we often provide for other needs like hygiene items, blankets, or jackets. More importantly, the soup kitchen offers the gospel message and prayer. Whether it is a brief devotion and corporate prayer before the meal or individual prayer, the love and hope of Christ is being shared, and seeds are being planted.

## Year-End Financial Report: 2025

### Primary Account

Balance: \$ 129,091.83

Income: \$ 69,860.29

- Donations: \$39,860.29
- Grants: \$20,000
- Matching Funds: \$10,000

### Investment CD

Ending Balance: \$ 27,071.92

- Interest: \$ 1,043.27

### Missions Account

Balance: \$ 2,985.17

- Donations \$6,135.50

### Primary Account

Expenditures: \$ 23,488.51

- Utilities: \$ 2,097.86
- Internet: \$ 103.55
- Quickbooks: \$ 595.86
- Website: \$ 243.38
- Supplies: \$ 3,029.56
- Property Insurance: \$7,057.00
- Printing: \$56.66
- Legal/CPA Fees: \$ 3,260.00
- Engineering Fees: \$3650.00

### Missions Account

Expenditures \$ 3,626.76



## About Us

**Vision:** Transforming lives with Jesus at the center. Leaving a lasting and giving legacy that positively impacts the community of Darlington and provides by leading a model of caring and service that others can follow as they do God's work.

**Mission:** Meeting others where they are, providing a lasting and Godly sanctuary and save haven for the community that we serve. We also aim to continually strive to minister to the spiritual and physical needs while walking with people to where Jesus wants them to be.

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