



MISSION STATEMENT:

To engage and serve people of all ages and backgrounds while promoting advancements in education, health and economics and improving the quality of life for citizens of Lexington and Richland counties and the Midlands of South Carolina.

QUICK FACTS:

NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center

YEAR ESTABLISHED LOCALLY: 2008

TOP LOCAL EXECUTIVE: Dr. Cindye Richburg
Cotton, Executive Director

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN 2020: 242

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (2020-2021):
\$349,657.69

PERCENT OF REVENUE DEDICATED TO PROGRAM SERVICES: 65%

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR SPECIFIC

POPULATION SERVED: The BLEC serves individuals and families in Lexington and Richland counties, as well as other areas of the Midlands. The specific populations include youth and teens, senior citizens, adults and families.

GREATEST NEED: \$2.5 million in matching funds for EDA Grant for development of a Small Business Incubator and Workforce Development Training Center at the BLEC.

A CLOSER LOOK:

2021 TOP ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Recruited 42 new volunteers for various programs and services
- Increase number of grant awards and donations for emergency repairs and major construction projects
- Served over 230,000 healthy meals to children in Lexington and Richland counties between February and August 2021 to reduce child hunger and fill the nutrition gap
- Created 25 summer jobs in the Summer Feeding Program including many jobs for youth and teens
- Former Lakeview Schools designated a historic site by the S.C. Department of Archives and History
- Distributed approximately 1,300 senior supplemental and diabetic food boxes to underserved communities each week
- Provided emergency relief resources and services through the Food and Clothing Bank

GOALS:

- Human Service | Goal 1: To improve the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Foster Community | Goal 2: To offer socio-economic opportunities that would enrich the lives of senior citizens, individuals and families.
- Cultural Service | Goal 3: To provide a safe, inviting environment for seniors, adults, and youth to participate in physical and cultural activities that promote health and wellness.
- Sustainability | Goal 4: To recapture the historic significance of the Center and its important role in the community serving as a focal point of civic pride.
- Sustainability | Goal 5: To meet the current

needs of the community and anticipate future needs giving equal consideration to economic, social and environmental aspects.

- Partnership | Goal 6: To cultivate collaborative relationships with community partners.

CORPORATE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Donations

Midlands Gives, presented by Central Carolina Community Foundation
2142 Boyce St., Suite 402
Columbia, S.C. 29201

- May 3, 2022 | Midlands Gives Day!

To Donate: Scan the QR code below using your smartphone camera



Programs and Services

Brookland Community Food Program distributes fresh produce and nonperishable food items to citizens of Lexington and Richland counties who are in need. Food programs include: (1) Brookland Community Food Bank; (2) USDA Food Boxes; (3) Diabetic Food Pantry; (4) Senior Citizen Supplemental Food Boxes; and (5) Youth and Teens Summer Feeding Program.

Brookland Character Optimal Language Arts Program aims to address academic deficiencies and behavior challenges for at least 100 students/year in grades six through eight in an after-school program and annual summer session.

James B. Adams Senior Citizen Center is located in a wing of the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center, and provides a welcome and safe environment for senior citizens ages 55 and older.