

# COMMUNITY FIRST

*The official newsletter of*



# LAMC

LOWCOUNTRY ALLIANCE FOR MODEL COMMUNITIES

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#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

LAMC is working on developing out our Healthy Homes program which provides relevant, reliable, science-based information to empower families to make changes in their home, to create a healthier environment and become advocates for policies and regulations to protect everyone from environmental health hazards in the home. We emphasize education and affordable solutions for families to maintain healthy homes. Healthy Homes will provide free community-based workshops.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

As a result of the mitigation efforts between LAMC and the SC State Ports Authority, Sterett Hall Community Center will be replaced and redesigned. This project also has a minority business commitment as part of the agreement. See flyer attached for [Outreach & Project Information Session](#).

#### **EDUCATION**

LAMC is interested in building the potential of students. We begin this process by engaging elementary and middle school students to develop lasting academic and life skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond. (CONT'D NEXT PAGE)

LAMC's building potential tutoring service provides a personalized learning experience to help students develop better study skills, increase their knowledge of core subjects, and ignite a passion for learning. Our current tutoring service focuses on math, reading and writing skills. During the 2023 fall semester LAMC worked with students in the Rosemont community. LAMC plans to continue offering the building potential program next semester in Rosemont and Union Heights communities. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Dr. Shanteisha Crabtree Roper at 919-480-8807 or Rodly Millet at rodlym@lamcnc.org.

LAMC Community Mitigation Scholarship applications will be open in mid-January! Candidates will apply using a General Application through Coastal Community Foundation's scholarship platform (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ccfscholarship>). Applicants will automatically be matched with all scholarships for which they are eligible. Scholarship applications open annually in mid-January with a deadline in mid-March. Questions can be sent directly to Caroline Rakar at Coastal Community Foundation. ([Caroline@coastalcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:Caroline@coastalcommunityfoundation.org))

### CRITERIA

#### Eligibility requirement:

- Graduating high school senior residing in the neighborhoods served by the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC) admitted to or applied to a 2-year, 4-year, or technical college.

#### Selection criteria:

- Academic ability and performance, based on GPA and standardized test scores
- Involvement in extra-curricular and community activities, based on student's self-report and letters of recommendation
- Financial need, based on personal financial information provided by the student in the application
- Character and personality, based on the student's personal essay and on letters of recommendation
- Personal aspirations and ability to overcome obstacles, based on student's personal essay and on letters of recommendation

#### Renewal Criteria:

Recipients are able to renew their scholarship for up to four years of undergraduate studies if certain criteria is met:

- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, as evidenced by a transcript
  - Remain enrolled as a full-time student
- Submit a request for continuation of scholarship to Coastal Community Foundation outlining noteworthy activities from the academic year



## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

LAMC will be partnering with Charleston Moves to get community feedback on bike/pedestrian mobility and safety in North Charleston in order to develop a master plan to present to the city. Charleston Moves is interested in conducting one-on-one interviews with residents and collecting data via bike/ped counts and photos. The goal is to put together a formal but also grassroots recommendation to the new Mayor and Council.

If interested in this matter, LAMC will have their petition and survey available at the LAMC office (2125 Dorchester Rd) or via email (please contact Inka Bogdanski at [inka@lamcnc.org](mailto:inka@lamcnc.org)) and for an interview you may contact Charleston Moves Executive Director, Katie Zimmerman, directly at 843-693-1380 or [katie@charlestonmoves.org](mailto:katie@charlestonmoves.org).

LAMC, The Sustainability Institute and Community First Land Trust are working together to get a better understanding of critical home repair and weatherization needs in the LAMC neighborhoods. Residents can expect to see the Sustainability Institutes Americorp members, alongside community members, canvassing neighborhoods in the coming months asking for residents' participation in a survey. This survey data will help us prioritize cases and find resources for those that need them. Participation is not mandatory.

LAMC and Lowcountry Street Grocery (LSG) have teamed up together to increase health in our communities! LSG is hosting a walking club and their mobile farmers market at the Royal Missionary Baptist Church in Liberty Hill EVERY THURSDAY from 11am-1pm! Please come out for fresh, local produce and a lovely walk! SNAP/EBT accepted.

LAMC and Community Supported Grocery (CSG) have spent months working together to bring Urban Roots' Fresh Foods Delivery program to fruition. Food isn't only a need, it's a matter of justice! LAMC is sponsoring families in two of our neighborhoods to receive a bi-weekly fresh foods package. Each delivery contains healthy, high quality, seasonal, local produce & eggs sourced by Lowcountry Street Grocery. Our goal with this initiative is to increase accessibility to healthy foods for our communities. A healthier diet increases the health of our residents which allows for them to have the strength and energy to lift themselves AND their communities up. Deliveries are underway in Accabee and will begin in Rosemont in the new year.

LAMC will be looking to begin doing energy conservation workshops in each of the communities in the coming year. More information to come.

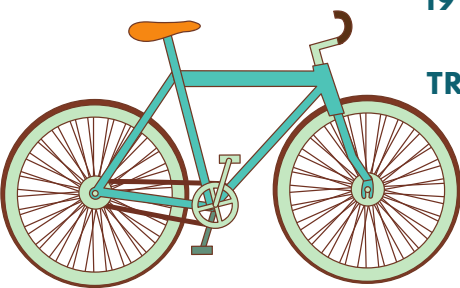
LAMC, in collaboration with The Sustainability Institute, will be looking to recruit Americorp Members to help with LAMC projects. We will be looking for members from within the LAMC communities. The Environmental Conservation Corps ("ECC") is an innovative and award-winning program accredited by The Corps Network that engages young people as AmeriCorps service members in environmental conservation experiences that promote climate resilience, quality of life and sustainability in both protected places and urban environments within our Lowcountry region. Our projects provide meaningful opportunities for young people to develop personally and professionally while being of service to their communities, the environment, and themselves. Our goal is to create the next generation of conservation leaders in our region. The Program offers AmeriCorps members an opportunity to learn in-demand conservation skills and earn certifications, to participate in and lead critically important conservation projects, and to become connected with conservation career opportunities. The Program also provides "soft-skills" training, teaching participants new skills while honing existing skill sets to enable them to thrive both personally and professionally following their conservation service experience. If interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email Bryan Cordell of the Sustainability Institute at [director@sustainabilityinstitutesc.org](mailto:director@sustainabilityinstitutesc.org) or Rodly Millet of LAMC at [rodlym@lamcnc.org](mailto:rodlym@lamcnc.org)

## **EVENTS**

### **EPA LEAD TRAINING**

**UNDERSTANDING LEAD PRESENTATION - JANUARY 19TH, 5:30-7 PM AT NORTH CHARLESTON CITY HALL IN THE MONTAGUE ROOM**

**TRAIN THE TRAINER - JANUARY 20TH, 10AM-1PM AT THE DORCHESTER ROAD LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**





# **WALKING CLUB & MOBILE FARMERS MARKET**

**Every Thursday, 11am-1pm**

**Royal Missionary Baptist Family Life Center  
4750 Abraham Ave, North Charleston**

## **Walk with Us!**

Moving more and sitting less has been shown to:

- Improve blood sugar and blood pressure
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve sleep
- Decrease knee arthritis pain by 43%
- Decrease risk of dementia by 50%
- Decrease stress, depression and anxiety
- Decrease diagnosis of diabetes by 58%
- #1 Treatment for fatigue

**After walking, stop by the Mobile Farmers Market!**

Grab some healthy, high quality, seasonal, local produce & eggs sourced by Lowcountry Street Grocery. They accept SNAP/EBT!

Our goal with this initiative is to create a healthier lifestyle for our residents to allow for them to have the strength and energy to lift themselves AND their communities up.

**LOWCOUNTRY**  
STREET GROCERY

# Understanding Lead

Learn about lead and how to  
protect children



**Date: January 19, 2024**

**Time: 5:30-7:00PM**

**Location: City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Montague Room  
2500 City Hall Lane  
North Charleston, SC 29406**



**Scan Me**

## Sign up today!

To register, scan the QR code to the  
left with your smartphone or visit:  
[bit.ly/NorthCharlestonLead](https://bit.ly/NorthCharlestonLead)

For more information, visit:

[epa.gov/lead/community-lead-awareness-sessions](https://epa.gov/lead/community-lead-awareness-sessions)



# Lead Awareness Curriculum Train-the-Trainer

Learn how to use the curriculum to protect your  
community from lead exposure



**Date: January 20, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 AM-1:00PM**

**Location:**

**Dorchester Road Library  
Community Room**

**6325 Dorchester Rd**

**North Charleston, SC 29418**



## Sign up today!

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# CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



## MWBE OUTREACH & PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2024**

**From 3pm to 5pm**

**AT 4285 SPRUILL AVE. NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29405**

**SAMET, RED IRON & SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY**

WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT.



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