

Antioch Educational Center



General Information

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At A Glance

Year of Incorporation	2007
Organization's type of tax exempt status	Public Supported Charity

Statements & Search Criteria

Mission

The mission of the Antioch Educational Center is to assist members of low income families transition into a better quality of life by offering programs and services in the areas of health and wellness, academics, and job preparedness.

Background

The Antioch Baptist Church of Pineland was organized in 2002 with the goal of assisting students with their homework in the Pineland community of Jasper County,. The organization reorganized in 2010,changed its mission and name. The AEC's Directors recognized the huge need to provide services to the entire county. In 2013, the AEC's Board of Directors voted to extend its services to the surrounding counties of Allendale, Hampton and Beaufort. The AEC then moved its reading Across America Program to Whale Branch Elementary School, Allendale, and Estill Elementary Schools in addition to Hardeeville and Ridgeland. This program provided new and age appropriate books for elementary school students as well as for each of the school's libraries. each student was given three new age appropriate books each school year as well as reading motivational periods for each classroom teacher where reading is strongly encouraged. The AEC also provides toys for over 200 families annually in Hampton and Jasper County. The AEC also has offered full grocery bags to 200 households monthly for the last five years. In Estill, the AEC feeds an estimated 2500 low income individuals each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Estill Middle School. The AEC also provides, over 200 school uniforms a year to low income family households who cannot afford to purchase needed school clothing for their children. The AEC also provided backpacks for 175 students during the 2014-2015 school year. This is up from only 25 the year before. The AEC has also provided much needed free computer classes for the last four years in the rural areas of Jasper County. The AEC also provides the laptops needed for the clients of this program who otherwise would not be able to afford computers. The AEC is also in its second year of providing 35 summer jobs to high school juniors and seniors in Jasper County. This dynamic program affords the participants the opportunities to learn much needed skills that they will need to find quality employment throughout their lives. This program also affords much needed financial counseling and training as each student who participates in the program has to have their own checking account as all checks are deposited electronically bi-weekly. The AEC also offered a summer youth camp during the 2015 year. This camp afforded opportunities for nearly 100 children (ages 6 through 130 to enjoy clinics in cheerleading, basketball, and soccer at no cost.

Impact

Over the last 12 months, the Antioch Educational center fed over 1,000 households during July of 2014 with the help of one of its partners, the Lowcountry Food Bank. This marked the first time ever that the AEC was able to reach so many low income households by offering its monthly food distribution, and two of its Free farmer's Marketplaces in Jasper County. Considering the size of Jasper County, this really took a bite out of hunger. The AEC also provided two CNA Nursing Classes that afforded low income single parent household parents the opportunity to gain a much needed skill in the medical area and because of this all of the 20 graduates are now working within their profession. The AEC also provided summer employment for 35 high school juniors and seniors during the summer of 2014. By doing this, the AEC added a much needed \$2,000 to each of these households, thus providing very much needed funds for food, clothing, and shelter for not only these students but another estimated 90 family members. The AEC also provided toys at Christmas for 271 households who other wise would not have been able to enjoy Christmas. Unlike its neighboring Beaufort County, Jasper is not a legal destination for Toys for Tots. Therefore, AEC has to get out and literally beg organizations and individuals so that low income families of Jasper can receive much needed toys and gifts for the youngest members of their families. The AEC also offered Literacy Readers, a program designed to assist students from low income families with improving their reading skills. Through this program, the AEC was able to assist some 63 students improve their reading skills a minimum of one grade level. The AEC also offered computer training three times a week in the extreme rural communities of Jasper County. Levy, Tarboro and downtown Ridgeland were the venues for beginners to advanced computer training. Through this program, laptops were provided and an average of 63 students were served weekly.

Needs

The AEC is in dire need of operational and program space. It currently operates out of two classrooms inside of the Jasper County School District's Alternative Educational Building. While this space affords the AEC free facility, utilities and maintenance, it does not offer enough space to operate its current nine programs. This by far is the largest obstacle that threatens the continued and professional growth of the organization. The AEC also is in need of funding to not only support its current programs but to assist in its capital campaign. In the area of programs, the AEC seriously needs funding for its Backpack Buddies Program. This program currently serves only 175 of the nearly 2,000 students who desperately need to receive backpacks. The AEC also is in dire need of funding to assist in feeding the rural areas of Jasper County. The AEC also needs funding to assist with its afterschool mentoring and tutoring of its Robotic Science students. These students have been identified last year, in their first grade, and will be provided much needed reading, math, and science afterschool tutorial services by certified instructors. These students, along, with additional ones added several times a year until their seventh grade, or until the numbers reach 200 will travel statewide and national. It will be these students who will make up the AEC's Scholar's Academy. The overall focus of the Scholars is to teach and prepare them to compete on national and international levels in the field of Robotic Science. The AEC will follow this group of who are now 10, will be 30 by December 2015, 50 by June 2016 and 200 by December 2017, all the way through graduation and into their first year of college. This is the first of its kind program in the State of South Carolina, as well as nationally, and serves as an important indicator of the AEC's strong determination and commitment to improve the quality of education offered and provided in Jasper County.

CEO/Executive Director Statement

The Antioch Educational Center is a very much needed organization within Jasper County and the Lowcountry region of South Carolina. This area is home to not only most of South Carolina's poorest residents, but also many of the nation's. The Antioch Educational Center's staff and volunteers enter into the region's poorest communities with not only the goal of improving the life styles of the residents but also with the determination to do so. While many do not realize the dire circumstances of so many of our neighbors, AEC does. Rural communities like Estill, Dale, Seabrook, Tarboro, Roberstville, and Allendale remain off the radar of some of our region's more affluent communities. Often times not traveled by those who can and are willing to help, these communities cry out for assistance. AEC has the ears and heart to hear and help. The AEC also stands as a strong bridge between those who do not know of the need and those who have the need. Those households where there are no employed family members or where there is only one parent and that parent spends up to 16 and 17 hours away from home. These single parents work on the Island and travel to and from by bus that keeps them away from home and their children far too long. As a result, many of these children come home to an empty house or are shuffled from house to house to persons who do not make their well being a priority. AEC is there for some of these households, while aiming to be there for more. The AEC struggles to ensure that these children have food when they enter an often empty house at the end of a school day and over the weekend. The AEC struggles to provide food for the entire family with its now monthly food distribution as it seeks to increase that to weekly. The AEC seeks to serve as a beacon to the Hilton Head Island residents who would help if they knew the dire need. The AEC also serves as a weak but present assistant to other nonprofits who are working or attempt to work to improve the quality of life for the low income residents of Jasper, Allendale, Hampton, and Beaufort Counties. The AEC constantly seeks partyners who can add to the quality of life to the residents of these counties through in-kind donations. The AEC fully understands that while others must be made aware of the dire need that is often covered by the isolation of rural communities, those within these communities must also work to pull themselves free from the grip of poverty. That is why the AEC offers much needed training programs in technology, medicine and job preparedness.

Board Chair Statement

The Antioch Educational Center is a remarkable organization. I do not state this lightly. I am a life long professional educator. I have taught in the classroom for nearly 30 years. I currently serve on the SC State Board of Education as a representative for this region of the South Carolina. So when I state that the Antioch Educational center is a remarkable institution, I do not do so lightly. When I was first approached to serve on the Board, I did not realize just how much this organization did in the community. Yes, I had heard of it, but yet I was not aware of the enormous geographical area it actually served and to the extent of that service. I feel that this organization has the most dynamic executive Director in the region, not just South Carolina. Ms. Jackie O'Bannon has the heart for working with people in need as well as the personality to be able to pull persons of means into assisting. Nothing is too low for her to do. I often enter the office and find her sweeping the floor and sometimes she walks me out just to empty the trash. She has mastered multi-tasking. I am often amazed as we sometimes travel the county and she is almost like the Pied Piper. People come running to the car or up to us with their different concerns or just to say hello as we visit different sites. The small children come to hug her and sit on her lap. This is the strongest asset that the Antioch Educational Center has.

The need in our community is dire. This is in spite of the recent economic recovery that this nation is now undergoing. There are still many households in Jasper County that do not have running water. There is a growing number of homeless families throughout the region. The AEC has recently taken on the task of organizing a committee to address homelessness. This is despite the opinion of local government and community leaders who state that there is no homeless problem in Jasper County. Added to dire economic challenges that face many in sections of Jasper, Hampton, Allendale, and Beaufort, many of the region's school districts are either failing or are far below providing a quality level of education for the region's children. The AEC recognizes this dire need and has vowed to improve reading, math, and science scores for our children. The AEC's new Scholar's Program, now at the end of its first year has shown remarkable results! All students enrolled are surpassing their counterparts. That is why the AEC is seeking to drastically increase the number of students in this program over the next two years. This innovative program offers monthly field trips to art and cultural institutions that these children from low income families would otherwise not be able to enjoy. More importantly, with the robotic focus, this program will teach and prepare these students for a dynamic future. They will be able to compete on statewide, national and international levels. This is cutting edge technology that is so much needed that will result in higher quality of lifestyles for families in these now low income households. I appeal to any out there who want to help those who want to help themselves as well as those who cannot help themselves to join in with me and others who volunteer our time and dollars. Help us in helping those in need and in so doing, improve the quality of life for us all.

Areas Of Service

Areas Served

Areas

Beaufort County

Hampton County

Jasper County

The AEC works in Jasper (throughout the county with an emphasis on Tarboro, Robertsville and Pineland). In Hampton County, the AEC focuses heavily on the Estill community. In Beaufort County, The AEC continues to work in Dale, Seabrook, and the Whale Branch schools' areas. The AEC recognizes the extreme poverty in Allendale and works in the heart of that county (Allendale Elementary).

Service Categories

Primary Organization Type

Education

Secondary Organization Type

Education

Tertiary Organization Type
Education

Programs

Programs

The Antioch Scholars

Description

The Antioch Scholars began in 2014. This program selected 10 first grader students and required whole family attendance in a 14 week parenting/family class in order to become a finalist. The 10 first graders met each school day afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. to work on Math, Language Arts, Public Speaking, and mainly Robotic Science. The students are required participate in a monthly field trip. Each parent is required to chaperone at least once a year. This programs has been so successful that AEC will extend it to more students. Beginning the Fall of 2015, we will in enroll over 30 families into the parenting/family class called Strengthening the Family. From this group of candidates AEC will choose 30 2nd grade students. Following the 2015 Fall group, AEC will enroll over 20 more families. The children currently enrolled in The Antioch Scholars show improvement in Math, Language Arts, Public Speaking, and confidence.

Budget

\$0.00

Strategy

Yes

Short-Term Success

Beginning the Fall of 2015, The Antioch Educational Center will enroll over 30 families in the parenting/family class called Strengthening the Family. Upon successful completion, this group of candidates AEC will select 30 2nd grade students. Following the 2015 Fall group, AEC will enroll over 20 more students.

Long-Term Success

The Antioch Educational Center hopes that the The Antioch Scholars will show at least a 45% improvement in test scores through out the school year. AEC's goal is to have them compete in Robotics on a national level as a team.

Program Success Measured By

Students are tested 2 to 3 times a year to assess improvement in the program throughout the school year. AEC also tracks test scores from students traditional school teachers.

The Summer Youth Employment Program

Description	The Summer Youth Employment Program started in June of 2014 for the purpose of providing job training skills for Jasper County's high school juniors and seniors who were members of low income families. The program placed 35 students in paid positions throughout the Jasper County School District for 20 hours each week. The Jasper County School District's staff served as Site Supervisors as well as other local business for these students. In addition to being introduced to the working world, these students also developed banking and financial management skills as AEC directly deposited each week's check into the students' accounts.
Budget	\$0.00
Strategy	Yes
Short-Term Success	AEC wants to offer employment opportunities to 40 high school seniors and juniors.
Long-Term Success	AEC wants to offer employment opportunities to more than 50 high school seniors and juniors.

The Certified Nursing Assistant Training Class

Description	The Certified Nursing Assistant Training Class began in September of 2014. This class, sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry enabled all 12 students to attend at no cost to them. The eight week class, taught during evening hours, partnered with the Ridgeland Nursing center located within one half mile from the AEC's classrooms. The first class successfully completed the training and graduated in November of 2014. At the time of the publication of this document, all students who took the SC State CNA Exam passed their exams and are now certified by the State.
Budget	\$0.00
Strategy	Yes
Short-Term Success	AEC would like to offer 16 students the opportunity to attend at no cost to them.
Long-Term Success	AEC would like to offer 20 students the opportunity to attend at no cost to them and add more nursing instructors.
Program Success Measured By	Students take 4 chapter test and 3 quizzes.

Feeding Our Community Program

Description	Feeding Our Community Program is the longest running program, at five years old, offered by the Antioch Educational Center AEC. This program provides bagged groceries to 200 low income families monthly at the Antioch Baptist Church in Pineland, SC. This program is held in partnership with the Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston, SC. The AEC served an estimated 2500 households, through this program, during the 2014 calendar year at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The AEC worked closely with Harvey's Supermarket that provided paper products as well as some donated food to feed residents from Jasper and Hampton counties.
Budget	\$0.00
Strategy	Yes
Short-Term Success	AEC would love to serve at least 3200 families.
Long-Term Success	AEC would love to serve every family that needs our support.

Backpack Buddies Program of Jasper County

Description	Backpack Buddies Program of Jasper County is the only program out of 17 that is not operated directly under the management of the AEC. This program is operated by a community group (from Jasper County and Hilton Head Island) who met monthly, over the last year, at the offices of the AEC. This independent group placed itself under AEC's 501© (3) umbrella and provided a much needed service in Jasper County. Each Friday, the BBP provided 175 students with backpacks filled with enough nutritious food to sustain them over the weekend. The all-volunteer group raised all funds needed to provide the \$152 needed for each of the 175 students for an estimated \$17,000.00.
Budget	\$0.00
Strategy	Yes
Short-Term Success	AEC's goal is to serve 300 children.
Long-Term Success	AEC's goal is to serve every needy child in the county.

Board & Governance

Board Chair

Board Chair	Dr. Rhonda Edwards
Company Affiliation	Educator
Term	Jan 2014 to Dec 2016

Board Members

Name	Affiliation	Status
Ms Connie Allison	Community Volunteer	Voting
Dr Curtis Brantley	Vice Chairman	Voting
Ms Ira Brooks	Treasurer	Voting
Dr. Rhonda Edwards	Educator	Voting
Mr Billy Landers	Bi-Lo Grocery Store Manager	Voting
Mr Jimmie Lawrence	Region Bank Branch Manager	Voting
Mr Bruce Lawyer	Business Owner	Voting
Mr Frank Mervin	JCSD High School English Instructor	Voting
Ms Jackie O'Bannon	Executive Director	NonVoting

Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	7
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Native American/American Indian	0
Other	0 0

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	5
Female	4
Unspecified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	0
Board Term Limits	0
Board Meeting Attendance %	0%
Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	Yes
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	90%

Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions	100%
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	12

Management

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director/CEO	Ms Jackie O'Bannon
Term Start	June 2011
Email	jackieobannon1@gmail.com

Experience

EDUCATION:

Grenada High School – 1975 University of Washington 1991 – Liberal Arts – Bachelor's Degree Seattle University 1993 – Public Administration – Masters of Arts University of Phoenix – Organizational Leadership – Doctoral Program 2005

EMPLOYMENT:

Food Giant Groceries – Lakewood, WA – Store Manager Children's Museum – Tacoma, WA – Grant Writer African American Museum – Tacoma, WA – Executive Director Vanderhorst CME Church – Charleston, SC New Start Consultations – Columbia, SC Antioch Educational Center – Ridgeland, SC

Staff

Full Time Staff	1
Part Time Staff	1
Volunteers	23
Contractors	4

Plans

Organization has a Fundraising Plan?	No
Organization has a Strategic Plan?	Under Development
Nondiscrimination Policy	
Whistleblower Policy	No
Document Destruction Policy	No
Directors and Officers Insurance Policy	Yes

Financials

Fiscal Year

	July
Fiscal Year	2015
Projected Revenue	\$175,000.00
Projected Expenses	\$170,000.00
Endowment Value	\$0.00
Percentage (if selected)	0%

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

Form 990s

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Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Total Revenue	\$86,650	\$103,937	--
Total Expenses	\$40,900	\$99,069	--

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Foundation and Corporation Contributions	\$85,900	\$98,275	--
Government Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	--	--	
State	--	--	
Local	--	--	
Unspecified	--	--	
Individual Contributions	--	--	--
Indirect Public Support	--	--	--
Earned Revenue	--	--	--
Investment Income, Net of Losses	--	--	--
Membership Dues	--	--	--
Special Events	\$750	\$5,662	--
Revenue In-Kind	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Program Expense	\$9,000	\$99,069	--
Administration Expense	\$31,900	--	--
Fundraising Expense	--	--	--
Payments to Affiliates	--	--	--
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	2.12	1.05	--
Program Expense/Total Expenses	22%	100%	--
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	0%	0%	--

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Total Assets	\$25,051	\$17,168	--
Current Assets	\$25,051	\$4,868	--
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	\$17,168	--
Current Liabilities	\$0	--	--
Total Net Assets	\$25,051	\$4,868	--

Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	--	--	--

Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2014	2013	2012
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	0%	100%	--

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign? Yes
Goal 0

State Charitable Solicitations Permit

Registration Exempt Apr 2015