

# HAPPENINGS AT LICCS

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES  
(LICS)



Our Mission:

**"Faith moves us to serve our neighbors in crisis."**

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## Message from the Director

Families In Crisis

Never before has LICCS faced so many individuals and families needing emergency financial assistance, food and clothing. For 32 years, our neighbors that struggle with their basic needs have turned to LICCS during a crisis. While it's amazing that LICCS has provided emergency services to 21,790 people this year; at the same time it is heart wrenching when we are not able to provide financial assistance during a real crisis. Sometimes it can be a life and death situation.

Can you imagine each day an average of:

- ◆ **55 families have their electricity turned off**
- ◆ **28 families are served with a home eviction notice**

We can't forget our elderly, disabled, sick, hospitalized, mentally ill and widows. This is a fragile population that depends on us in their time of need.

You can show your love and help your neighbors by:

- ◆ Remembering LICCS in your prayers
- ◆ Giving a financial donation ([link](#))
- ◆ Having your church, business, school or group participate in a [LICCS Special Project](#)
- ◆ Volunteering your time as an agency greeter, thrift shop cashier, food pantry pre-packer, social services interviewer, or volunteer bulk mailer/data entry
- ◆ Donating to our thrift shop (i.e., clothing, furniture, household items, cars, boats, etc.). Donations are given away at no cost to those in need. Sales provide funds for emergency financial assistance such as rent, utilities, emergency lodging and medical prescriptions
- ◆ Sponsoring or attending one of our annual fundraising events; "Art in the Garden" and "Shaggin for LICCS"

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- Jenny Kennedy, Executive Director

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## Up-Coming Events

November 16th:  
"LICCS Orientation"

December 21st:  
"LICCS Orientation"

## Calling all youth groups

LRAH Church Challenge

LICCS is looking forward to kicking off a new fundraiser in 2012. Lexington's Race Against Hunger (LRAH), is an annual event (*10K/5K walk and run*) that is held every February with the purpose of increasing hunger awareness on a local/global scale, as well as raise funds to feed those that are hungry. LICCS is interested in starting a friendly competition between area churches coordinated by their respective youth groups for LRAH to raise funds. At this time, we are contacting local church youth groups to sign-up and attend one of our kickoff meetings (*11/15 and 11/17*) on how we can make this new event a success. Events such as LRAH help us to provide

food for our clients through the year until the holiday food drive season. Due to these tough economic times we've seen an increase in need, leading to our food pantry running dangerously low during the late summer and early fall. The community needs our help now more than ever to inform and inspire our neighbors to realize that hunger is not just a global problem, but one that impacts our community. "Hunger knows no season." We're looking forward to your church signing up!

For more information, please contact Julie Smith at 803.957.6656 x225 or [j\\_smith@pbtcomm.net](mailto:j_smith@pbtcomm.net).



# LICS volunteer programs

*More than a food pantry*

LICS' volunteer programs provide service learning opportunities for local schools (i.e., Lexington School District One, Midlands Tech, Columbia College, and USC) teaching youth the importance of giving back. In addition, LICS volunteer programs work with the Department of Social Services (Work Experience) and Goodwill (Experience Works) to provide on-site job training, which ultimately leads to full-time

employment. LICS also provides community service opportunities for those looking for a second chance (i.e., Juvenile Arbitration, Pre-Trial Intervention-PTI, SC Department of Juvenile Justice and SC Department of Parole). LICS would like to thank everyone who has given their time and energy to touch the lives of others.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10*

## Hear to listen

*LICS provides hope*

At LICS we don't just provide families with food, clothing, and financial assistance, we provide them with hope, faith and love. Often clients come in just looking for someone to talk to. Sometimes lending an ear can provide clients with the encouragement needed to persevere through

tough times. LICS is proud to be able to listen to the needs of our clients. Even better, LICS loves the ability to provide these clients with assistance, but we can't do it without you, the community. LICS needs financial contributions to continue providing this assistance. For more information, please contact Kevin Staggers at 803.957.6656 x228 or email at [k\\_staggers@comporium.net](mailto:k_staggers@comporium.net).

## Winter is coming, does your neighbor have a coat?

*Winter Coats, Jackets, and Blankets Needed*

Winter is coming and along with cool weather and the need for coats, jackets, and blankets, sadly it's the time of year we see an increase in home fires (natural disasters); so there is also the need for furniture, appliances, household items, and linens. LICS not only provides assistance to natural disaster victims, LICS provides pick-up and delivery

for furniture and appliances. Do you have any of the mentioned items? Let LICS pick them up. Your donations make a difference in the lives of people in your LOCAL community. For more information, please contact Brad Levi at 803.957.6656 x226.

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## Our Needs

### Donations Needed:

#### Social Service Needs

Financial donations for medical prescriptions, rent, and utility assistance

#### Thrift Shop Needs

Household goods— dishes, pots and pans, utensils, sheets, towels, home décor; furniture

#### Food Pantry Needs

Canned Soup, canned meat, beef stew, chicken, tuna, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, and canned pasta (Holiday Baskets—see email attachment for more information)

### Volunteers Needed:

#### Lexington Social Services

Receptionists and Interviewers  
Afternoons 12-4:00

#### Lexington Thrift Shop/Donation Center

Volunteers each day  
9:00-6:00pm or any scheduled time

#### Lexington Community Relations

Data Entry/Newsletter/Photography  
Any morning 9:00-12:00

#### Swansea Outreach Center

Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday Thrift Shop Volunteers

*Call 803.957.6656 x225 for additional volunteer or special project information.*

We thank everyone for your time, talents, and gifts. For it is only with each person's contributions that we are able to continue to serve families and individuals struggling to meet their basic needs of shelter, food, and clothing.

