



Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina

Fact Sheet

Background: The Foundation was developed through a partnering decision in November 1995 to strategically position the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Health System's hospitals to enable them to be responsive to the major trends in health care. The Foundation was created in 1996 through funds from the sale of 50% interest of Providence Hospital to Columbia/HCA. In 2001, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine purchased back the 50% interest in Providence Hospital from Columbia/HCA and now are the sole owners of the facility.

Mission: In response to God's call and in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, we strategically use resources to reduce poverty through action, advocacy and leadership.

Focus: The Foundation's focus areas are grantmaking, capacity building (strengthening nonprofits' abilities to accomplish goals), education and communications (lessons learned) and public policy and advocacy (affecting change).

Geographic Reach: The Foundation serves all 46 counties in South Carolina.

Funding: The Foundation's grantmaking centers around three key program areas: education, health and social services. Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has awarded over 1,400 grants totaling more than \$42 million to faith-based and nonprofit organizations across South Carolina working to implement programs that address the root causes of poverty.

The Foundation awards approximately 100 grants totaling \$3 million in funding each year.

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