Celebrating another year with love, happiness and joyfulness!

Quick Links
Not only did we celebrate 28th years of social justice grant-making in 2019, we also partnered with two other social justice foundations as co-founders of a major initiative for Southern Black Girls. The South is rising and FSC is proud to occupy a spot in supporting and creating “Change, Not providing Charity”. We are pleased to have awarded over fifty grants, exceeding $300,000 in fiscal year 2019, and we are aiming to more than double that in 2020. This fiscal year FSC provided critical support for grassroots groups working in the areas of workers’ rights, environmental justice, youth and women’s rights, LGBTQ rights and racial justice, to name a few. Recognizing that “teaching people to fish” reaps more lasting rewards than simply giving them fish to eat, FSC also offered several information and grant-writing workshops during the fiscal year. The financial and in-kind contributions, and technical assistance provided by staff helped to empower communities across Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and several other southern states, in the struggles for social and economic justice and human rights.

REP. JOHN LEWIS UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT

Friends, he has been on the battle field (FOR US) for over 50 years. Let’s send positive vibes to Congressman John Lewis as he faces the most challenging fight of his life.

December 29, 2019
Press Release

Rep. John Lewis recently learned from doctors that he must undergo treatment for pancreatic cancer. He released this statement today regarding his prognosis and his plans to continue to serve the people of the 5th Congressional District of Georgia:

“I have been in some kind of fight – for freedom, equality, basic human rights – for nearly my entire life. I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now.

“This month in a routine medical visit, and subsequent tests, doctors discovered Stage IV pancreatic cancer. This diagnosis has been reconfirmed.

“While I am clear-eyed about the prognosis, doctors have told me that recent medical advances have made this type of cancer treatable in many cases, that treatment options are no longer as debilitating as they once were, and that I have a fighting chance.

“So I have decided to do what I know to do and do what I have always done: I am going to
fight it and keep fighting for the Beloved Community. We still have many bridges to cross. “To my constituents: being your representative in Congress is the honor of a lifetime. I will return to Washington in coming days to continue our work and begin my treatment plan, which will occur over the next several weeks. I may miss a few votes during this period, but with God’s grace I will be back on the front lines soon.

News you can use

What is the Census?
The United States Census is a constitutional requirement that calls for an “actual enumeration” of every person in the country every ten years. The census, in short, is a headcount of how many people live in America. Note, that the requirement is NOT to count citizens, but people. If you are living in the United States, then you are counted. This count has been conducted every ten years since 1790 and the next is scheduled for 2020.

Why is it important?
In addition to providing the number of people living in the United States, the Census also determines the number of congressional seats and Electoral College votes given to each state. For example, a lower population count in the 2000 Census caused Mississippi to lose an electoral vote, reducing the number from seven to six.

PLAN TO BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS 2020!
In addition to electoral votes, the population numbers revealed by the Census will determine how over $800 billion dollars of federal funding is spent for schools, roads, public services, and more.

What can you expect?
The 2020 Census will officially start on January 21, 2020 in Alaska, with most households around the nation beginning to participate in March. However, Census Day, which is April 1, 2020 is generally considered the start of the Census period. During this time, letters with instructions will be sent to 95% of all homes across the country.

The instructions will explain how households can complete their surveys online or by use of a 1-800 number to answer questions by phone. For those living in extremely remote areas, Census workers will make an in-person visit to homes. Those homes that have received letters, but do not respond either online or by phone or have submitted incomplete answers may also be visited by Census workers.
Job Announcements:
PROGRAM MANAGER JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Program Manager – Top pay, engage with people, enjoy art and culture.
Do you have five years of experience and training, as well as an Associate’s or bachelor’s degree focused in the areas of program management? Are you knowledgeable about event planning, set-up and execution? Do you have knowledge of leadership and program management principles as they relate to nonprofit organizations with an ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders and cultures? This position could be for you!

About Southeast Community Cultural Center d/b/a The ArtsXchange

We are a gathering place for community events, resident studio artists, a recording studio, The Jack Sinclair Gallery, The Paul Robeson Theatre, a well studio and where the community has year-round access to art that emphasizes positive social change. We were founded by conscious leaders in the art and social justice movement; we are a multicultural, multidisciplinary, multi-ethnic, inter-generational arts organization, and we believe that art has the power to transform.

The Program Manager’s

Responsibilities include and is not limited to managing the ArtsXchange event spaces. This includes booking, managing, and tracking ALL events from inquiry through contract and payment, and closing of the contract; managing all aspects of ArtsXchange sponsored programs and classes, including responsibilities as co-sponsor or program partner; and other tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Director. The position requires core competencies in the following areas: superior customer service, project management, verbal and written communication skills, proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and event booking software. Marketing and social media experience on the following platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google Business page required. Teamwork and collaboration are critical. This is an exempt position. You will work Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 11:00a.m. and 11:00p.m. depending upon bookings, and as needed for special events.

The Location

The Southeast Community Cultural Center is located at 2148 Newnan Street in the heart of East Point, GA in Colonial Hills residential community. We are down the road from Tyler Perry Studios, and a short fifteen minutes away from Metropolitan Atlanta.

Application Submission

All interested in applying should submit their resume through Indeed.com or mail them to: Attention: Executive Director—Program Manager Position. Mailing address: P.O. Box 90160 | East Point, GA 30344 or drop off in-person.

Employment with the Southeast Community Cultural Center d/b/a The ArtsXchange is voluntarily entered into, Georgia law provides that employment for an indefinite duration is at-will, and may be terminated by either party without cause.

2148 Newnan Street * East Point, GA 30344 * www.artsxchange.org * 404-624-4211
Facility Manager – Top pay, engage with people, enjoy art and culture.

Do you have five years of related experience and/or training, and an Associate’s degree or bachelor’s degree with a focus on facility management. Do you have knowledge of leadership and management principles as they relate to nonprofit voluntary organizations with an ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders and cultures? This position could be for you!

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The Facility Manager’s responsibilities include and is not limited to overseeing long term leases and ensuring compliance. The role will ensure the upkeep of facility equipment and property; that everything is maintained and operational, and kept in safe working order. The Facility Manager will also supervise custodial services, respond to emergency situations or other urgent issues involving facility or systems, and manages access to the facility for short-term renters as needed. This role oversees and manages facility logistics, and completes other tasks as assigned by the Executive Director. You will work Tuesday through Saturday 4:00PM to 12AM, and as needed for special events.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Participate in Georgia Council on Development Disabilities' (GCDD) 2020 Advocacy Days at the Capitol - Register NOW!**

Join GCDD at the Capitol during the 2020 legislative session to learn about policies affecting people with disabilities and join advocates from across the state in speaking with elected officials about these very important issues. We need your help to educate Georgia’s lawmakers about topics important to

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**Upcoming Events**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Monday, January 20, 2020** | Nation-wide observance of the national holiday commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

_EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT ... BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE._

Martin Luther King, Jr.
What to Expect Each Advocacy Day: Each day kicks off at 8 AM at the Central Presbyterian Church, across from the Gold Dome, where leaders from GCDD and other organizations will train and teach advocates how to approach legislators, make a connection and discuss the topics that are important to you. After the interactive training, advocates and leaders will head over to the Gold Dome to meet with legislators. Event ends at 12:15 PM.

January 29, 2020
February 2, 2020
February 6, 2020
February 19, 2020

As we say Hello to 2020, FSC is approaching an important milestone --- The Fund for Southern Communities will be celebrating its 39th birthday in 2020! Reflecting on this achievement, we are so very fortunate to continue our mission of supporting social justice organizations in GA, NC & SC, as well as across the country.

If you have been thinking about making an annual gift to FSC and haven’t yet, now is a wonderful time to do so in honor of our birthday. Gifts of all sizes are greatly appreciated and provide us with the opportunity to fund important work happening in our own backyards. You can make an online gift by visiting HERE or mailing a check (made payable to Fund for Southern Communities) to 4153-C Flat Shoals Pkwy., Suite 314, Decatur, GA 30034.

Easy Ways To Give

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference!
Support Your Favorite Charity Via Shopping

What is AmazonSmile?
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support The Fund for Southern Communities (FSC) every time you shop, at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to FSC!

How Do I Shop at AmazonSmile?
To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You will see millions of eligible products marked Eligible for AmazonSmile donation on their product detail pages. Please note that you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile and your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How Do I Select FSC as My Charitable Organization?
Selecting FSC as your charitable organization is a very simple process. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to pick the charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Once you have selected FSC, AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation to our organization.

**For more information on how to support FSC via AmazonSmile, **

Kroger Community Rewards

Giving More Back to the Community!
Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards.
Sign in to your Kroger Rewards Plus Card, View Your Rewards Details and add the Fund for Southern Communities, organization number 71413, to your Community Rewards. Have't yet registered your Kroger Plus Card online? Don't worry, you can register your Kroger Plus Card number here.

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