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Make a difference in your community.

Double Your Philanthropic Power by Donating on May 5th

Lowcountry Giving Day is a local 24-hour online giving challenge sponsored by Coastal Community Foundation. This year's challenge on May 5, 2015 encourages community members to support organizations throughout the Lowcountry.

Plan now to give online to South Carolina Community Loan Fund. Your donation, matched dollar for dollar thanks to our friends at Social Venture Partners Charleston, ensures operational support for our ongoing work to provide affordable housing, create access to food and essential services, increase the quality and availability of neighborhood facilities, and attract additional investment into our communities.

On May 5th, go to lowcountrygivingday.org and search for **South Carolina Community Loan Fund**; we're listed under the **Community Improvement** category!

Investing in SCCLF: Edward W. Hazen Foundation

We are pleased to announce that the **Edward W. Hazen Foundation** has invested \$100,000 in our revolving loan fund to finance community development projects throughout the state.

The Edward W. Hazen Foundation, a private foundation established in 1925, seeks to further its program objectives by supporting the efforts of community-based, and other nonprofit agencies, that view people from diverse backgrounds as partners and not just as clients or program recipients.

"Our newly formed partnership with the Edward W. Hazen Foundation further strengthens our ability to transform communities across the state," explains Michelle Mapp, executive director of SCCLF. "Their mission aligns with our mission to advance equitable access to capital in order to create thriving, prosperous, economically resilient communities for all South Carolinians."

For more information on investing with SCCLF, please contact **Suzanne Lynch**.

Investing in Community: Creating Affordable Housing Opportunities in Allendale County

SCCLF recently closed on a loan with **Allendale County Alive** in the amount of \$61,500.

The loan will support the rehabilitation of four rental units available to families living at or below 80% AMI.

"Allendale County was recently named the 8th poorest county in the country, with a poverty rate of 36% and unemployment at 14%," states Michelle Mapp, executive director of SCCLF. "As we work to transform communities across the state, we are honored to announce our first loan in Allendale County. We look forward to creating a lasting partnership that will provide financial and technical assistance to support and help strengthen their community."

2015 Tri-County Housing Summit: A Vote for Housing!

June 12, 2015

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Trident Technical College Complex for Economic Development
7000 Rivers Avenue, Bldg. 920, North Charleston, SC

SCCLF is hosting the third annual Tri-County Housing Summit to discuss why housing matters to the long-term economic viability of the region. The summit provides an opportunity for the business community, housing industry professionals, service providers, faith and community based organizations, local elected and governmental officials, federal and state officials and other interested parties to interact and focus their collective energy on meeting our region's housing and economic development needs.

The keynote speaker is **Joseph Minicozzi**, the principal of Urban3, LLC, a consulting company in Asheville, NC.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Thought Leader Speaker Series: Celebrating 10 Years
Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity

October 19, 2015

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street, Charleston, SC

Join us for a conversation with **Nicholas Kristof**, American journalist, author, op-ed columnist, and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes. For tickets and more information, please click [here](#).

2015 South Carolina Community Capital Conference

October 27, 2015

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Marriott Hotel, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC

The South Carolina Community Capital Alliance's statewide conference brings together local and national leaders to highlight innovations in impact investing and to identify new capital sources to support community economic development in the state. For more information and to register, please visit sccommunitycapital.org.

Since 2004, we have provided 275 loans for \$22.8 million in financing that facilitated more than \$196 million in community development projects; we financed 1,143 housing units, 3 healthy food outlets, 4 community facilities, and 5 community businesses, creating or retaining 3,131 jobs and providing a safe, affordable place to call home for 2,858 individuals and families.

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