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The Youth Learning Institute of Clemson University touches the lives of 100,000+ youth across South Carolina annually through more than 90 youth and family development programs

Teenage girls facing pregnancy—often without supportive partners or positive family role models—need love, instruction, and support to rebuild their lives and assure the well-being of their children. YLI offers New Horizons, a residential program that serves young women and their children who are currently in the custody of the Department of Social Services.

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We are seeking your support for holiday donations in the form of gift cards for new clothing and new children's toys. New Horizons Family Center is currently home to 8 teenage mothers and their 8 children, ranging from newborn to 2 years old. All of the girls with us have made a choice to get their lives on track not only for themselves but for their children. All year our mothers work hard on their education, career development and independent living skills. While our mothers work to make this a magical and special holiday season for their children, will you help us to make it equally wonderful for them?

As a sponsor, your support is critical to our success. By sponsoring with a gift of gift cards, you are helping impact the lives of these young women and their children in our program. Holidays are a difficult time for our girls being away from home and their families. With your donation there will sure to be a smile on each child's face this holiday season.

Thank you for partnering with YLI and New Horizons to benefit young people across South Carolina. For more information about the Youth Learning Institute, please visit www.clemson.edu/yli.

Sincerely,

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New Horizons Family Center is a residential community for teen mothers and their children who are currently in custody of the Department of Social Services (DSS). To avoid separation of mother and child in the foster care system, New Horizons gives young mothers a chance to bond with their babies, continue their education, gain parenting and life skills, and learn to live independently after foster care.

Young mothers ages 13-21 are eligible for placement at New Horizons. To apply, please contact your DSS caseworker. Submitting an application does not guarantee placement, but is the first step in an interview process to determine acceptance into the program.

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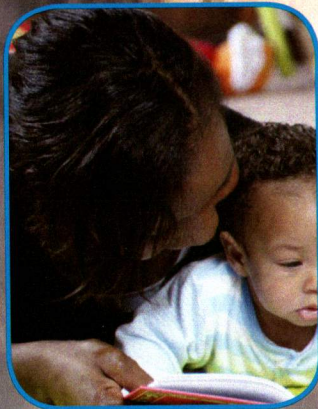


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New Horizons Family Center is located on the campus of the Camp Bob Cooper, a 110-acre camp and conference center on the shores of Lake Marion in Summerton, SC. Operated by Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute in partnership with DSS, the community of five homes is run by a director, assistant director, program coordinator, residential care workers and residential care worker aides, who provide caring supervision and daily childcare services for young mothers who are still in school.

With the goal of developing a positive self-image and loving home environment for all residents, New Horizons is a multi-faceted program that includes the following:

- Parenting and life skills
- Job skills training
- Continuing education
- Individual counseling
- Adventure programs
- Community service and integration



“Since 2006, when I started working at NHFC, I found it often unconceivable the challenges and struggles these young mothers have and will endure in their lifetime. Walking into the living room to find them watching SpongeBob or the Disney channel is a stark reminder that they are but children themselves. The compassion and desire to assist them and educate them becomes the driving force that keeps us all coming back each day.”

– Pamela Hall, Human Service Specialist