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December 2015

Dear Friend,

Ten years ago today we made our first \$15,000 loan to the United Methodist Relief Center. As we close out 2015, our **tenth year** serving the community, I want to thank you for making our progress possible, reflect on the journey we have taken, and share our plans for 2016 and beyond.

This year has been a year of growth, change and transition for our organization, the CDFI industry, and our state. South Carolina has endured shattering tragedy, and the fact that racism, hate, and inequality still exist has become more apparent than ever. This tragedy though, has sparked a renewed focus and deepened commitment within our organization and the CDFI industry as a whole to addressing the critical systemic issues we face. A renewed focus on providing *equitable* access to capital, to aligning capital with justice.

We began on this journey in 2005 as Charleston Housing Trust and announced our transition to a statewide organization with additional focus areas in January 2014. We are very pleased to announce that our **impact** has been strong thus far; however, we are not resting on our laurels. We will continue to expand our presence, build our team, measure our progress to our mission, and challenge ourselves to work harder and be more creative to reach the South Carolina communities that are truly in the greatest need of investment.

There have been a number of position changes made within **our staff** in 2015, as well as additions to the team, in order to better equip us to carry out our mission and meet the needs of our statewide partners, and their communities. We hired a full time Communications & Development Manager in May, Victoria Baker, who is focused on

increasing the visibility of SCCLF, its mission and its work throughout South Carolina. Anna Hamilton Lewin was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in July while Patrick King refocused 100% of his attention on our core lending function as Chief Lending Officer. Patrick is building a team of Loan Officers throughout the state and began with the hiring of an Upstate Community Development Loan Officer last month, Brendan Buttimer. Brendan is working from our new office in Spartanburg and is responsible for the growth and management of our Upstate loan portfolio.

By building a strong team of qualified staff and board members, engaged community partners, and dedicated investors, and by focusing our time, energy, and capital on underserved and hard to reach populations, we can truly make systemic change in South Carolina. We plan to continue expanding our geographic presence, growing our team, and strengthening our partnerships throughout 2016 and beyond, and we hope you will continue with us on this journey. Together, we can build a strong South Carolina, a South Carolina where your ability to succeed does not depend on the color of your skin, your gender, your income, or the zip code in which you were raised.

On behalf of South Carolina Community Loan Fund's board and staff, we wish you a happy holiday season and thank you for your ongoing support, and commitment to investing in community.

In Partnership,

Michelle Mapp
Chief Executive Officer

News

[Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Awards \\$400K in Funding to Help SCCLF Increase Capacity](#)

South Carolina Community Loan Fund (SCCLF) has received a \$400,000 grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation (MRBF) which includes a \$200,000 General Support Grant and a \$200,000 Capital Grant... [Read More...>](#)

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South Carolina Community Loan Fund is in search of interns and a work study student to work from their main office in Charleston during the spring 2016 semester... [Read More...>](#)

Upcoming Events

Feeding Innovation Orangeburg

February 9th - March 29th | Tuesdays | 6:00-9:00pm

SCCLF and partners present an eight-session workshop to provide entrepreneurs in Spartanburg with the support and technical assistance they need to grow their healthy food business. [More Information](#)

Feeding Innovation Spartanburg

February 11th - March 31st | Thursdays | 6:00-9:00pm

SCCLF, SERN and Clemson Agricultural Extension have partnered to sponsor an eight-session workshop to provide entrepreneurs in Spartanburg with the support they need to grow their healthy food business. [More Information](#)

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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