

Blackville Senior Center

Quantity	Item	Cost	total
1	Steam Table	700	700
1	Packing Machine		0 No cost through Senior Catering
1	Microwave	80	80
1	Freezer	550	550
1	Ice Maker	1925	1925
9	Round Tables	180	1620
1	Coffee Maker	80	80
36	coffee cups	50	50
72	Plates	51.78	51.78
72	bowls	49.76	49.76
72	Glasses	27.4	27.4
72	Untensils	43.98	43.98
1	dish washer	3500	3500
3	computer	600	1800
1	TV		0 * donated by Lt. Gov. Office
1	Refrigerator	1099	1099
1	Repair/Maint.	1000	1000
			12576.92

Generations Unlimited
Proposal for Satellite Senior Center in Blackville

Based on the most current census data from the United States Census Bureau (2012), Blackville has a population of 2,360. 23% of people living in Blackville are age 45-64; and 12.3% (290 people) are 65 and older. Out of 1,145 households, 10.8% of households (123 households) are made up of someone living alone who is 65 or older. Blackville is a rural town where 32.8% of the population lives below the poverty line. The largest racial/ethnic groups in Blackville are Black (67.7%), White (24.3%) and Hispanic (5.1%).

Generations Unlimited operates the Senior Center as the designated Council on Aging for Barnwell County. The current Senior Center is located in Barnwell. While we do provide weekly frozen meals and fresh supplements to 23 seniors through our home delivered meals program in Blackville, we have no participants from Blackville attending our congregate program. Blackville is an underserved area of our county.

Generations Unlimited met with the Downt Development Corporation to discuss opening a satellite Senior Center. They have expressed overwhelming support and assisted in the effort to complete a community survey. In addition, they helped locate a building and approached the school district to request they partner with us on this project.

We had 46 responses from seniors to our community survey. Some of the results are summarized below:

- 77.78% felt that convenience was extremely important
- 95.55% reported that they were extremely likely or quite likely to use a senior center and one person was only moderately likely because they work full time.
- 50% reported that they were very likely to use transportation
- 97.73% reported that they were either extremely interested or very interested in this service
- When rating the importance of activities, 42.5% reported that a hot, nutritious meal was first; 38.46% rated exercise second and 35.9% rated nutrition and health education third.

Blackville School District was given the local golf course and clubhouse which was previously the Blackville Country Club. The clubhouse is handicapped accessible and has three spacious rooms for programming and dining. The School Board has approved partnering with us and will allow us to use the building rent free. In addition, they will continue to do the lawn maintenance and building maintenance as in-kind donations. The building will require some cosmetic work such as new flooring, painting and grab bars in the bathroom.

In order for this project to move forward, we are requesting additional congregate and transportation units to serve the seniors in Blackville. In addition, we will need start-up funds of around \$12,500 to purchase necessary items such as dining tables, warming oven, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, icemaker, computers, etc. We do have some items available such as a desk, office chair, file cabinets, folding chairs, etc. that we can use to avoid excessive start-up cost. We have attached an itemized list of what we would need to move forward.



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Teresa L. Pope, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Ms. Lisa Firmender
Executive Director
Generations Unlimited
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September 25, 2014

Dear Ms. Firmender,

The possibility of partnering with Generations Unlimited to provide a Senior Center for the citizens of Blackville is one that has been very well received by our citizens and especially the Barnwell School District #19 (Blackville Hilda) School Board.

The building being considered is in an ideal location and has been under-utilized since being donated to the District in 2005. Blackville does not have a Senior Center so this would be of great benefit to the community and helpful in improving the quality of life for our senior citizens and volunteers.

Thank you for your time and effort in submitting the proposal to the Lt. Governor on our behalf. Please know that you have the support of the School District and the School Board in this endeavor. We are eager to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Teresa L. Pope, Ph.D.

Blackville Downtown Development Association

5983 Lartigue Street

Blackville, SC 29817

September 29, 2014

Mrs. Lisa Firmender, Executive Director

Generations Unlimited

10913 Ellenton Street

Barnwell, SC 29812

Dear Mrs. Firmender:

I am writing this letter in support of the location of a Senior Citizens' Center in Blackville, SC. This is a much needed facility. It would afford the elderly an outlet for activities with others in the same age category, the chance to have supervised exercise to sharpen their cognitive, motor and coordination skills through games and communication. They would also benefit by partaking of a hot and nutritious meal. It would give them a reason to anticipate the next day.

In conclusion, the Center would be a monumental benefit to the elderly, as well as an asset to the Town of Blackville.

Yours truly,

Gwendolyn F. Littlejohn, Chair

Blackville Downtown Development Association

5660 Lartigue Street
Blackville, South Carolina 29817
September 30, 2014

Lisa Firmender
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Dear Ms. Firmender,

Re: Senior Citizens Center

I am writing this letter in support of a "Senior Citizens Center" in the Town of Blackville for the benefit of our citizens.

The center will have a significant effect on the lives of so many of the elderly residents here, because at this time we have no facilities available to accommodate their needs. For a senior citizen to have a place to go that they can meet and talk to old friends and socialize would be an ideal situation in an enjoyable way.

I am optimistic that a Senior Center in Blackville will have a positive result on our community.

Therefore, I respectfully request your consideration in providing to the Town of Blackville a Senior Citizens Center. It is my hope that you will give our appeal your fair and full attention.

Thanking you in advance.

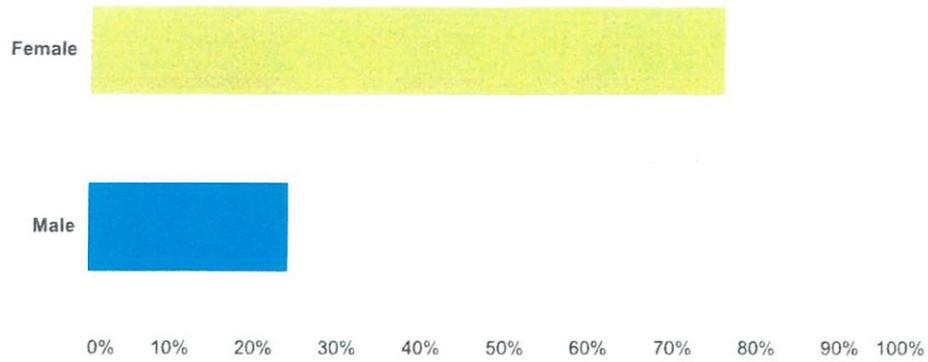
Very truly yours,

Vivian T. Alston

Vivian Tobin-Alston,
Blackville Town Council Member

Q2 What is your gender?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices

Female

Male

Total

Responses

76.09%

23.91%

35

11

46

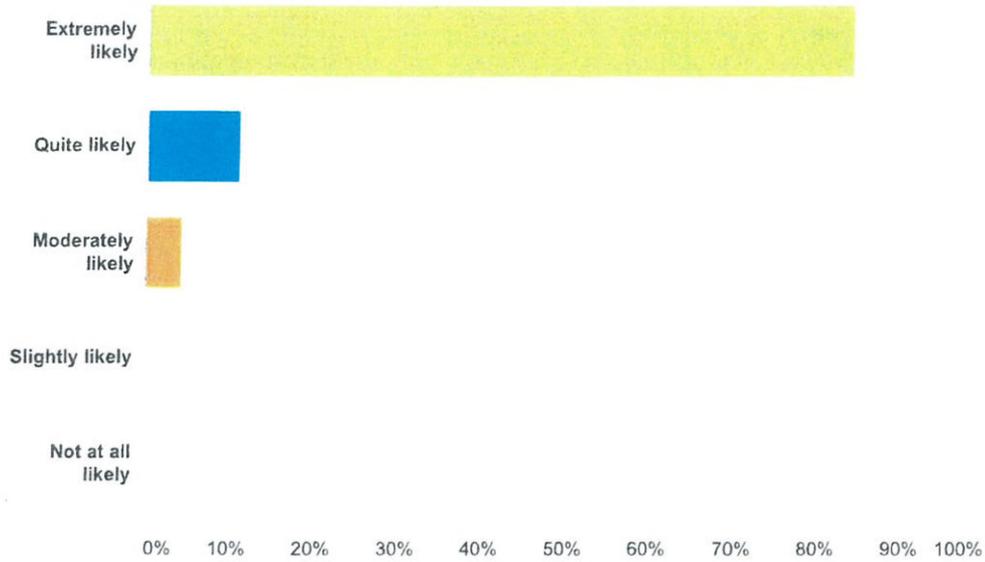
What would make you more likely to use a Senior Center in Blackville?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	something to do	9/25/2014 11:37 AM
2	Convenient of location	9/25/2014 11:36 AM
3	Activities and meet people	9/25/2014 11:33 AM
4	Living in blackville will be convenient for me	9/25/2014 11:31 AM
5	To fellowship and have something to do	9/25/2014 11:28 AM
6	Because I like activities	9/25/2014 11:27 AM
7	Enjoy senior life	9/25/2014 11:24 AM
8	Need to interact with others	9/25/2014 11:22 AM
9	All of the information above	9/25/2014 11:21 AM
10	activities	9/25/2014 11:19 AM
11	To interact with others	9/25/2014 11:17 AM
12	to keep busy	9/25/2014 11:13 AM
13	Nutrition education and exercise	9/25/2014 11:11 AM
14	Associate with other seniors	9/25/2014 11:08 AM
15	to do what I can to help the seniors	9/25/2014 11:03 AM
16	Exercise classes and other recreational activities.	9/25/2014 11:00 AM
17	activities	9/25/2014 10:54 AM
18	Meet with neighbors and friends	9/25/2014 10:53 AM
19	to be activie	9/25/2014 10:52 AM
20	To have activities for seniors so we can stay active.	9/25/2014 10:50 AM
21	Exercise, Bingo, food	9/25/2014 10:49 AM
22	Exercise Program	9/25/2014 10:47 AM
23	Get out of the house and meet new people	9/25/2014 10:44 AM
24	outings	9/25/2014 10:43 AM
25	To have something to do	9/25/2014 10:41 AM
26	Hot Meal Exercise	9/25/2014 10:40 AM
27	The need to get involved	9/25/2014 10:39 AM
28	Hot meal, socializing with other seniors	9/25/2014 10:38 AM
29	The convenience	9/25/2014 10:36 AM
30	The activities planned and the organization of the senior center	9/25/2014 10:33 AM
31	companionship	9/25/2014 10:30 AM
32	good activities	9/25/2014 10:29 AM

Q6 If our new service were available today, how likely would you be to recommend it to others?

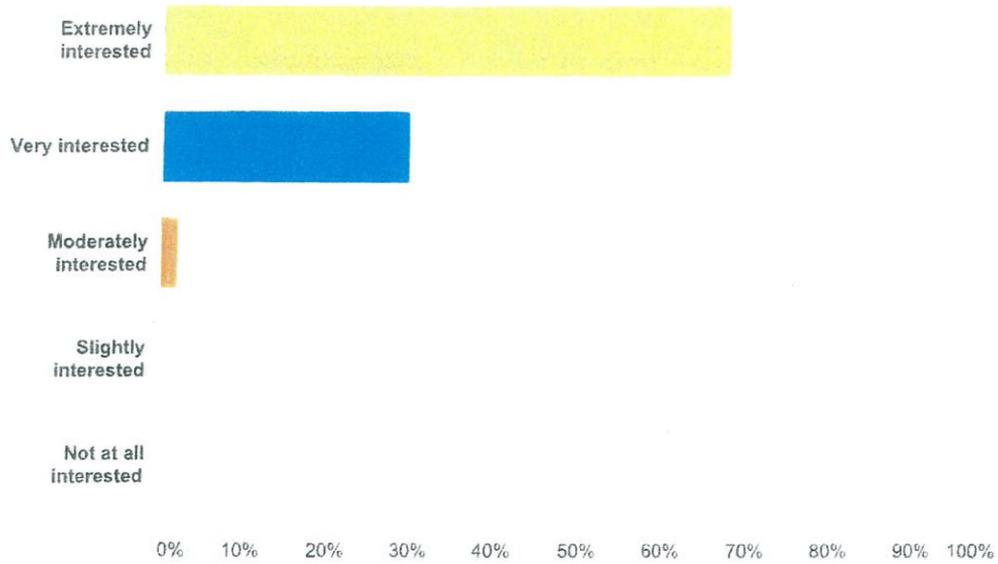
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely likely	84.44%	38
Quite likely	11.11%	5
Moderately likely	4.44%	2
Slightly likely	0.00%	0
Not at all likely	0.00%	0
Total		45

Q10 After reading the description above, how interested are you in this service?

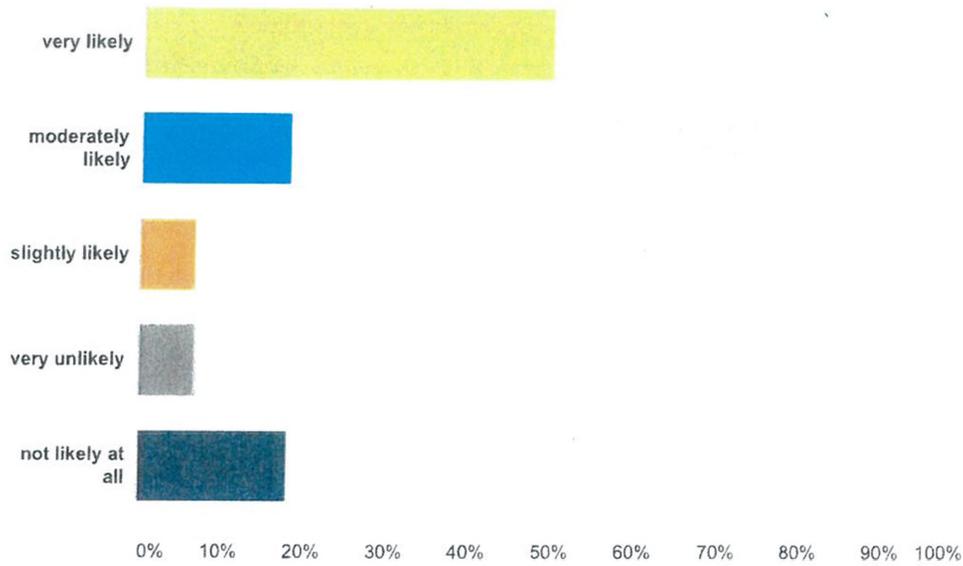
Answered: 44 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely interested	68.18%	30
Very interested	29.55%	13
Moderately interested	2.27%	1
Slightly interested	0.00%	0
Not at all interested	0.00%	0
Total		44

Q9 How likely are you to use transportation services to attend programs at a senior center in Blackville

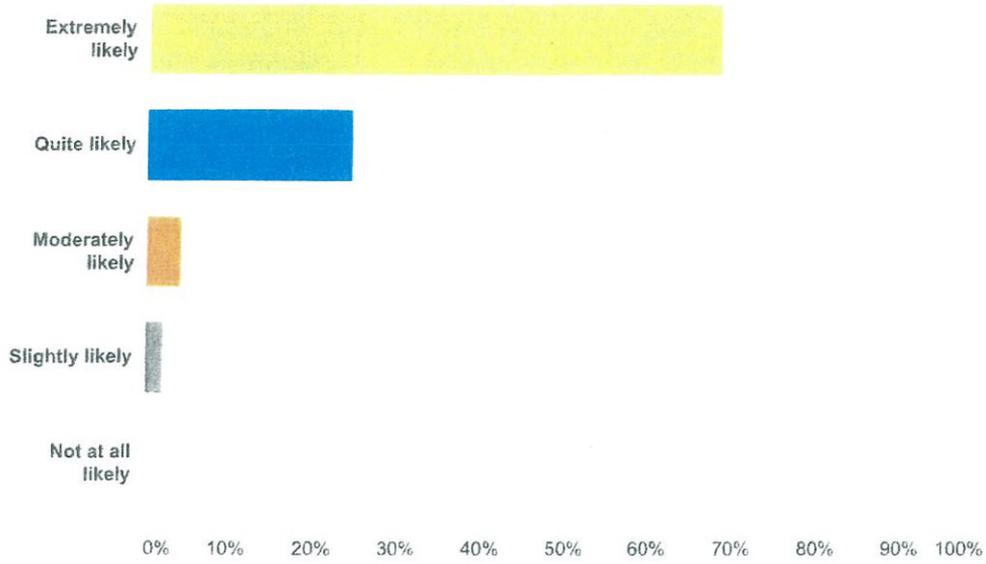
Answered: 44 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
very likely	50.00%	22
moderately likely	18.18%	8
slightly likely	6.82%	3
very unlikely	6.82%	3
not likely at all	18.18%	8
Total		44

Q8 If a Senior Center in Blackville were available today, how likely would you be to use it?

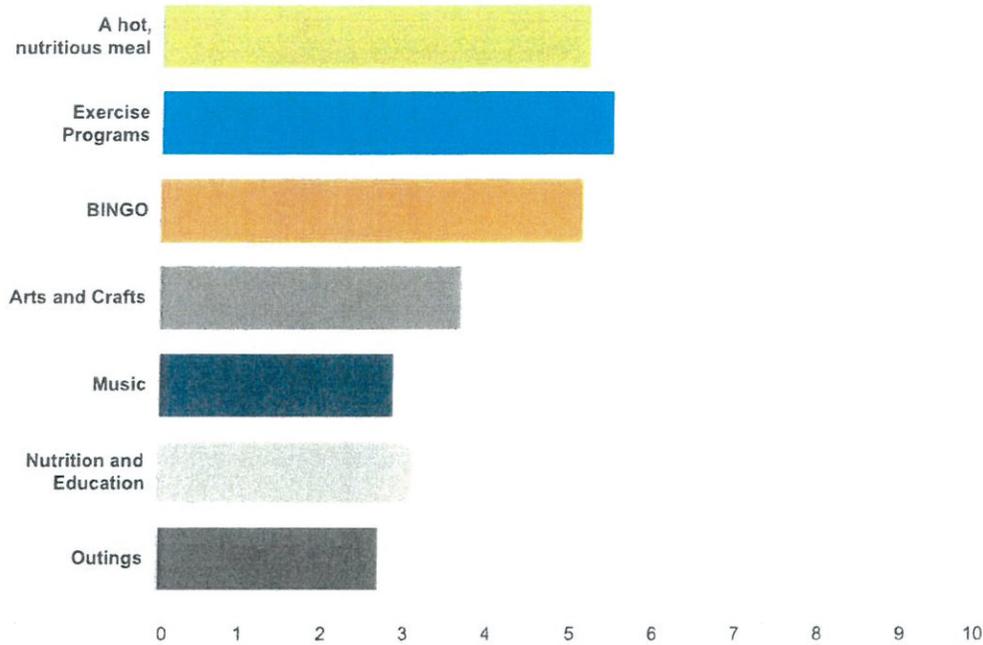
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely likely	68.89%	31
Quite likely	24.44%	11
Moderately likely	4.44%	2
Slightly likely	2.22%	1
Not at all likely	0.00%	0
Total		45

Q11 List in order of importance the activities that you would most like to participate in.

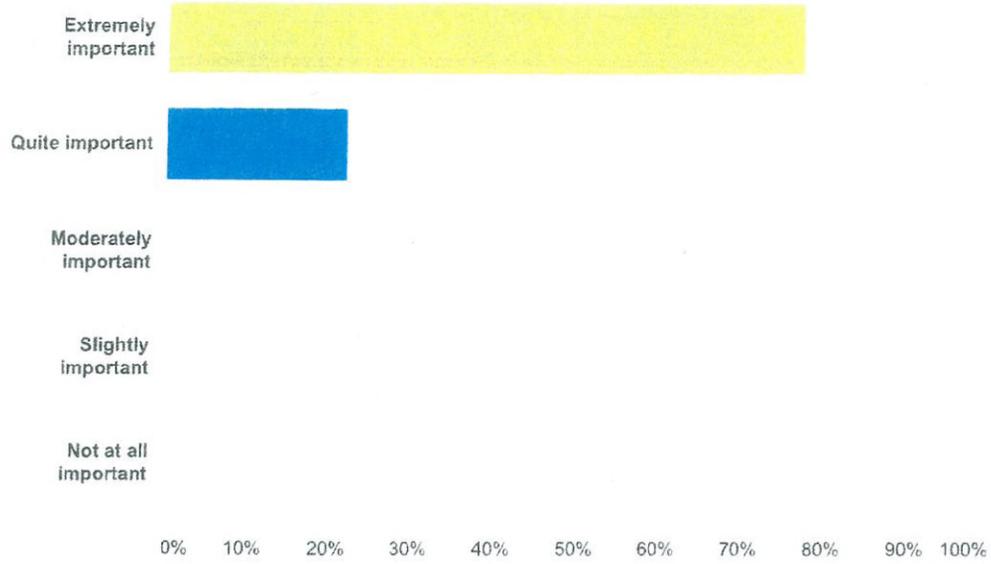
Answered: 40 Skipped: 6



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Average Ranking
A hot, nutritious meal	42.50% 17	7.50% 3	17.50% 7	12.50% 5	5.00% 2	10.00% 4	5.00% 2	40	5.20
Exercise Programs	30.77% 12	38.46% 15	7.69% 3	7.69% 3	5.13% 2	7.69% 3	2.56% 1	39	5.49
BINGO	12.50% 5	27.50% 11	35.00% 14	12.50% 5	10.00% 4	2.50% 1	0.00% 0	40	5.13
Arts and Crafts	5.00% 2	5.00% 2	20.00% 8	27.50% 11	22.50% 9	5.00% 2	15.00% 6	40	3.67
Music	0.00% 0	2.50% 1	10.00% 4	17.50% 7	25.00% 10	30.00% 12	15.00% 6	40	2.85
Nutrition and Education	5.13% 2	7.69% 3	7.69% 3	15.38% 6	15.38% 6	35.90% 14	12.82% 5	39	3.13
Outings	5.00% 2	12.50% 5	2.50% 1	7.50% 3	17.50% 7	10.00% 4	45.00% 18	40	2.70

Q5 How important is convenience when choosing a Senior Center in Blackville?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Extremely important	77.78%	35
Quite important	22.22%	10
Moderately important	0.00%	0
Slightly important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.00%	0
Total		45







