



The Extra Mile

**Beaufort County
Adopt-A-Highway**

2020 Newsletter

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Coordinator's Message

Greetings Volunteers !

It is time to commemorate another year, reflect on the returns on your investment of time, talents and energy in Adopt-A-Highway/Boat Landing litter pickups in Beaufort County. I am pleased to announce it has been another phenomenal year with several record monthly pick up results. The numbers are so impressive, yet, it is hard to view the litter pick up results just by bags, pounds and hours. The point is Adopt-A-Highway volunteers really transform our community and prevent extensive environmental damage.

Take a moment and imagine what our landscape would look like without our Adopt-A-Highway group commitments. The last 5 years have totaled 413,000 pounds of litter that are no longer on the road. It is almost unfathomable to picture the tragic scene of piled up garbage along our scenic Beaufort County roadways. It would definitely be a lifestyle game changer. Your litter pick-ups protect us, our homes, benefit businesses and travelers .That is why your work is of paramount importance to Beaufort County.

I hope that volunteering becomes more than picking up litter – instead a purposeful activity that enriches your life. Please remain steadfast to do your part to support your own groups as we all forge ahead to meet new challenges in 2021. With your continued involvement, we will always triumph over the careless crimes to nature perpetrated by those that litter.

We extend our sincere thanks to you for helping keep the place we call home clean and pristine.

Celebrating your success,

Caroline Jordan Dolbey
Beaufort County Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Coordinator



We tip our hats to our Leaders

Adopt-A-Highway(AAH)/Boat Landing (ABL) Leader Tribute

Beaufort County is fortunate to have such talented and capable leaders at the helm of our Adopt-A-Highway program. Our “rock star” leaders make it happen month in and month out, year after year.

Experts at Multi-tasking, they wear many hats including :

*Weather Forecaster *Safety Supervisor *Recruitment Specialist * Organizational Expert
*Communications Coordinator * Inventory Analyst * Data Manager * Motivational Guru

It takes all of these roles to complete successful litter pick-ups with efficiency and sustainability. Our leaders pull it off magnificently every time. Our Adopt-A-Highway leaders know it is all about building a cohesive team of loyal like-minded volunteers.

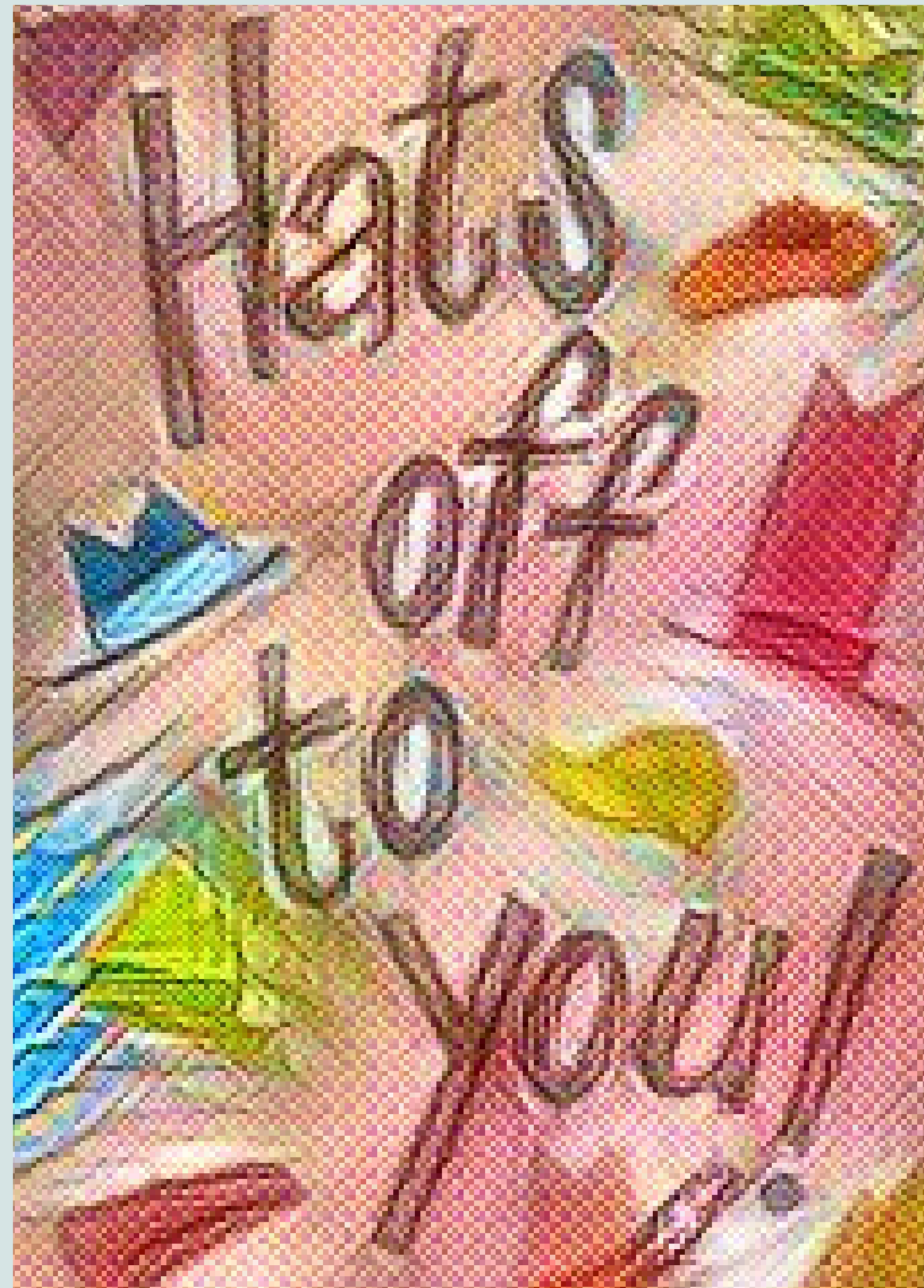
For example,

Keep Stuart Point Beautiful: Co-leaders Norm and Cheryl spent weekdays at the Mayo Clinic and returned on weekends to recuperate. Compelled to keep the upper hand on litter control, they managed to plan and participate in their neighborhood litter pick-ups without missing a beat.

The Fripp Point Road Community leader, Joey received a mowing notice while camping for three months in Alaska. She got on the ball and communicated with her volunteers from the campground to rally a quick pick up so their area would not look like a confetti parade came through.

Wayne from Kickin Asphalt Bike Club discovered a large flat screen television in the woods during a litter pick-up. He returned with his car, retrieved the TV, brought it home and stored it in his garage until he could deliver it to the Bluffton Electronics Recycling Event.

I am sure you have had your own moments too. It is hard to find leaders like YOU! Beaufort County has a long legacy of superior AAH leaders. Transitions are always taking place, the next person that steps up may have a different style and skill set, but always maintains the same high standards that were set before them.



A Resounding

Hip Hip Hooray to all our past and current list of Leaders!

Randy Boehme	Bonnie Edward	Stephen Kotowicz	Shirley Patterson	Tanicia Workman
Dan Allen	Jose Martinez	Merle Commisso	Jamie Custer	Queen Quet
Brandon Filicsky	Robin Monti	Tom Werner	Dr. Cynthia Smalls	Diane Voge
Carolyn Smith	Isaiah Smalls	Paula Green	Leanna McMillan	Kathleen Panepinto
Jerome Goode	Robert Gallant	Venaye Reece	Pat Green	Kathleen Bray
Deborah Moore	Bonnie Edward	Kathryn Madden	Russ Williams	Logan Hansford
Doreen Baumann	Melanie Gentile	Chris Inglese	Chris Kehrer	Jayne Bowman
Norm Rustad	Inez Washington	Charles Washington	Jim Phelps	Noah Marquadt
Jean Miller	Anne Peters	Cheryl Mansson	Lawrence Anderson	Nancy Pratt
Geri Connors	Sally Mayse	Linda Kuhlman	Chuck Lynch	Louise Preston
Roxanne Davis-Cote	Rodney Engard	Mike Hill	Joan Gualdoni	Joe Fulginiti
Michael Masters	Christopher Ratcliff	Terry Stone	Jose Patino	Valerie Phaneuf
Marc Feinberg	Michael Frederick	Dennis Pringle	Bob Ellis	Brandee Raines
Robin Johnson	David Black	Constance Coaxum	Ruth Orozco	Daniel Smalls
Tim Beedle	Peter Thompson	Miriam Fitzgerald	Deborah Moore	Brian Flewelling
Lori Kraft	Beth Campbell	Nick Maynard	Antoine White	Mick Pullon
Karen Doughtie	Alice Howard	Gary Tossing	Derrick Wright	Robert Gecy
William Dickenson	Susan Hall	Dick MacDougal	Bill Dreyer	Johnathan Whitehead
Willie Bleach	Joey Strock	Dick Deuel	Lawrence Heyward	Keri Straughn
Mary Filak	Richard Glover	Ford Bartholow	Marily Teeter	David Youmans
Samuel Harris	Herbert Laurie	Susan Davidson	Sherry Merrow	
Bill Kelly	Benjamin Glover	Sara Garcie	Sal Montali	





Good News Alert

Our Volunteers congregate safely this year

The COVID-19 virus was a huge threat to our freedom and daily lives this year. However, our Adopt-A-Highway volunteer groups prevailed. Yes, the pandemic was relentless, but so are our volunteers. With safeguards in place, many people seized the opportunity to get outside and do something productive. Rather than being stranded at home during the shutdown, volunteers went to work keeping their Beaufort County areas clean.



Our parent organization, Palmetto Pride, did not put restrictions on Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups in South Carolina during the pandemic. They left activities up to individual groups to decide how to proceed with their litter pick-ups. Groups embraced the additional safety measures and modified existing plans by implementing the governor's mandates. Volunteering became an outlet to step out with masks and connect with others while social distancing. In comparison to 2019, April 2020 was the only month with a decrease in bags reported. Groups even surpassed 2019 results by over 200 bags, truly REMARKABLE. There were instances of groups temporarily suspending events and some scaled back. A few cancelled completely. Others set out with family members or in pairs at different times. For the most part, no one 'gave up' on the mission to eradicate litter.



We know there are so many wonderful opportunities to serve in Beaufort County. During this new normal brought on by the COVID-19 virus, Adopt-A-Highway volunteering appealed to many. Circumstances and extra free time allowed more residents to be involved. We would like to thank all the volunteers who chose to participate in Adopt-A-Highway events this year! What a wonderful demonstration of fortitude, AAH Volunteers came through in a big way, determined to help make sure Beaufort County remains a Lowcountry paradise. Together, you picked up the most bags ever and that generated much needed good news for our community.

Voices of our Resilient, Inspiring Volunteers in 2020



"I volunteer with our AAH group during the pandemic to keep sane and get outside"

Volunteer Joey Strock



"Volunteering with our AAH group was a good opportunity to see neighbors, we don't see very often. We were outside widely spaced so no problems."

Volunteer Sally Atherton



"I am retired military and lived on Stuart Point, where I pick up. Picking up litter is the perfect thing to do during COVID because our group picks up by zone, so we are not near each other."

Volunteer Robert Delaney



"Our AAH litter pick ups are the one event Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has been able to continue this year. Being able to come together as a great group of men to keep Beaufort clean is enjoyable to our members"

Volunteer Daniel Allen



"Our groups really have not missed a beat during COVID. I enjoy getting outdoors and meeting new neighbors who volunteer"

Volunteer Melanie Gentile



"We had a great turnout along with a grand time when we held a litter pickup on Halloween this year. AAH volunteering supports our motto at All Joy Preservation Society "a clean, safe and healthy community."

Volunteer Carolyn Smith



"For our litter pick up, I wasn't any different during the COVID crisis. Any day is a great day to Keep Beaufort County Beautiful"

Volunteer Cheryl Mansonn



"For me it's about giving back to the community by keeping our roads clean. It was fun to go out with the team, and enjoy each other company at a distance"

Volunteer Sue Zankowski



"Burnt Church Road AAH clean up project is one of Bluffton Kiwanis favorite community activities, especially during this time of COVID related social distancing".

Volunteer Timothy Beedle



"Being a part of our AAH Group has been a nice way to safely interact with others outdoors with masks and still protect our beautiful environment"

Volunteer Travis Stewart



"We fell in love with the beauty of the area and do our part to maintain that beauty. The bonus during COVID is participating in an outdoor and distanced activity while meeting other residents of the Island."

Volunteer Mark Pritchard



"For me volunteering to pick up litter is a social contract".

Volunteer Joe Anderson



Beaufort County 2020 Data

Adopt-A-Highway/Boat Landing Litter Collection Report and Comparison

	2020	2019
Bags	6,186	5,981
Pounds	92,790	89,715
Volunteers <small>(Sum of recorded every month)</small>	3,267	3,230
Volunteer Hours	4,858	4,824

98 Adopt-A-Highway Groups
10 Adopt-A-Boat Landing Groups
425 Litter Pick Ups Held





Sun City Veterans Volunteer Major General William Fitzgerald, USA (Ret.)

At West Point, Bill was taught the importance of service to Country. After being stationed all over the world, he has now transferred that same commitment on a local level through picking up litter with the Sun City Veterans AAH group. Since 2006, he has joined forces with his comrades and is now one of 12 roadside litter pick up warriors, who fight the litter battle monthly on Highway 278. He knows you need to be careful out there, but based on the experiences of this brotherhood facing down danger is business as usual. Beaufort County is home to many active and retired military personnel and has been a major reason we are one of the most revered and prospering programs in the state.



ABL Leader HH Heroes, Pullon Builders Mick Pullon

In the pluff mud they go, dragging mattresses, satellite dishes and much more out of the marsh. Some of the pieces are even left over from Hurricane Matthew. Leader Mick Pullon scouts the waterways looking for pockets where the plastic, bottles and Styrofoam collect. Depending on the tide, they head out on a boat, kayak or on foot. They often fill up a pick up truck and a 14 foot trailer with litter and debris. This is a grass roots effort that takes the younger generation along. They set the example by showing them, not telling them what to do. As environmental stewards, they even organize events outside their boat landings, in a mission to keep our waterways clean.



Friends of Gardens Corner AAH Co Leader Chris and Beth Campbell

Chris and Beth Campbell envision a clean and green Gardens Corner and set off to make that happen every time Friends of Gardens Corner holds their AAH event. As President of the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board, Chris and his wife Beth go all out to promote the litter pickups. They post recruitment flyers all around the community and engage local businesses to participate. As the Gateway to Beaufort County from Charleston, Gardens Corner AAH group tries to make sure travelers first impression is a good one. They have great support from their tight knit community. Over 20 volunteers show up to pick up approx. 50 bags of litter each time. They even dispose of the orange bags immediately so everyone can have a litter free view of the spectacular scenery.

Litter Control News



The Mighty Beaufort County Litter Crew has been instrumental in 2020 litter pick up efforts this year.

- Responded to 220 litter complaints, cleaned 109 illegal dumpsites
- Picked up 160,000 pounds of litter
- The Daywatch Detention Center program was suspended this year due to COVID-19

**THIS IS YOUR
COMMUNITY.
WHY TRASH IT?
DON'T
LITTER!**



Beaufort County has ordered a limited number of small Do Not litter signs on metal stands

- Please email cjordan@bcgov.net if you would like to post one in your area.
- You will need to monitor the sign, so that it does not become litter.

Many thanks to Beaufort County SCDOT Maintenance this year. Despite a hiring freeze, limited staff and many projects, their crews did an outstanding job of picking up the roadside AAH bags in a timely manner. Their support and partnership is a critical to the success of our AAH program.



Haven Helping Hands was awarded Adopt-A-Highway group of the Year, they cover a very busy area of Hwy 170. Beaufort County received five awards at the the 2020 South Carolina Litter Association Conference, Beaufort County was once again recognized for outstanding performance : in volunteer service, by the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board, for our litter event marketing and our progressive litter control plan

- Solid Waste Litter Enforcement Officer and Litter Control Supervisor Artrell Horne, wrote 17 Litter tickets.
- Two more supervisors from the Solid Waste Department have been given the authority to issue litter citations



An Adopt-A-Highway Task Force was formed in 2020 to better serve our volunteers. Our first meeting was held in February and subsequent meetings were cancelled. The plan is to resume in 2021.

- The goal is to improve the support for volunteers by addressing your concerns, implementing recommendations and, increase exposure of the AAH program. Please share any input or ideas with us.
- Results of the first meeting include: Connecting with all the Chambers of Commerce to promote our program. Increased AAH posts on the County Facebook page. Contacting libraries for anti-litter education, plus encourage businesses to keep their properties litter free.

Adopt-A-Highway/Boat Landing Active Groups 2020

Aircraft Recovery
 All Joy Buzzards Brigade
 Allen AME SOA
 Alpha Kappa Alpha
 Alston Group
 Ancient Order of Hibernians
 Ann Fripp Community
 Battery Point
 Beaufort County Public Works
 Beaufort Memorial Hospital
 Belfair POA
 Bermuda Bluff Island
 Bluffton Kiwanis Club
 Boat Float Company
 Bull Hill Plantation Sun City
 Burton Masonic Lodge
 Callawassie Island Ecology Club
 Campbell Chapel AME
 Carolina Dreamers Car Club

CLC Roughnecks
 Coffin Point HOA
 Coosaw Island Community
 Coosaw Point POA
 Dataw Island
 David Stroupe
 Delta Sigma Theta
 Distant Island
 Doughtie Bunch
 Dulamo Homeowners
 Engard Real Estate
 First Class Petty Officer's Assoc.
 Frederick & Frederick Architects
 Friends of Cat Island
 Friends of Gardens Corner
 Friends of Southside Park
 Fripp Point Road Community
 Grace AME Sons of Allen
 Grace and Truth Gospel Chapel
 Gullah Geechee
 Habersham Community
 Harbor Island
 Haven Helping Hands *
 Heritage Lakes HOA
 HH Strongtower SDA
 Indivisibles Beaufort SC
 In honor of all Educators

In Memory of Neil Atherton
 In Memory of Sophia Inglese
 Joe Fulginiti Group
 Keep Poppy Hill Clean
 Keep Stuart Point Beautiful
 Kickin Asphalt Bike Club
 Kiwanis Club of Beaufort
 Lady's Island Baptist Church
 Lands End Community
 Latinos Unidos
 LC Chief Petty Officers Assoc.
 Low Country Jaycees
 Low Country Presbyterian Church
 May River Benefactors
 May River High School Key Club
 MCAS Single Marines
 Mizpah Chapter 4
 Moss Creek Nature Club
 Naval Hospital Beaufort
 Oaks Community
 Oldfield
 Omega Psi Phi
 Palmetto Running Club
 Pat Green Group
 Pleasant Point HOA Assoc.
 Port Royal Sound Foundation
 Randy Boehme Family

Red Bluff
 Richard Glover Group
 Riverbend Residents
 River Ridge Academy
 Roseida Drive Volunteers
 Rotary Club Low Country/
 Beaufort Interact Club
 RTR Support Battalion
 Sea Island Rotary
 Shanklin Elementary School
 Solomon's Lodge/ Ruth Chapter 10
 Sons of Beaufort Lodge
 St. Gregory Knights of Columbus
 St. Helena Masonic Lodge
 St. Johns Lutheran Church/
 Rotary Club of Beaufort
 StoneWorks Inc.
 Stockfarmers
 Sun City Cyclers
 Sun City Lions Club
 Sun City Veterans Association
 Village People
 VMFAT Warlords
 Willow Point
 Wallace Community
 Walling Grove POA
 Yellow Foot Prints MC League



Adopt-A-Boat Landing Groups

Beaufort Rowing Club
 Brandee Raines
 Daniel Smalls Family
 Exchange Club of Beaufort
 HH Trash Heroes
 Port Royal Sound Foundation
 Pullon Builders
 Red Bluff
 Robert Gecy Photo
 Robin Monti
 Sun City Kayak Club

* AAH Group of the Year





Thank You

*for giving of your precious time,
delivering results that are truly sublime,
lending a hand to make Beaufort County shine!*



Volunteer Photo Gallery





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AAH Group of the Year Haven Helping Hands

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