

# THE CRC NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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## **Community Relations Councils Keeps YOU Informed!**

While the world has been focused on COVID-19 numbers of infected persons, deaths, etc., close to home our neighbors in Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens counties have another added burden after a deadly storm hit South Carolina in April. Experts report that this was one of our State's deadliest tornado outbreaks in over 30 years and includes the strongest tornado to hit the state since 1995. The Hampton County storm was only the 11th EF-4 tornado in the state since 1950 (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/south-carolina/articles/2020-04-24/deadly-april-sc-storm-had-strongest-tornado-since-1995>).

We appreciate Community Relations Councils (CRCs) in Allendale and the newly formed Orangeburg Human Relations Council for keeping the SCHAC informed of the storm damage in their respective counties. Let us know if you need assistance because our Community Relations staff will work to make sure you are aware of the resources available during this time of crisis. Below is information that SCHAC is sharing with our CRC members across the state.

The role of the South Carolina Recovery Program is to serve as a direct liaison between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and all applicants requesting federal disaster assistance. Our trained recovery staff will make every effort to effectively communicate, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with applicants through the grant process.

The mission of FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program is to provide assistance to state, tribal and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

<https://scemd.org/recover/get-help/public-assistance/>

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**Teacher Appreciate Week - May 2020**

No one could have ever dreamed that when this school year began, it would end this way. Teachers, you had to make a quick transition to a different kind of teaching. You had to continue to connect with your students dealing with the impact of a global crisis – without seeing them face-to-face. You were asked to do this while taking care of your own children, keeping an elderly parent safe, or otherwise dealing with the unique demands and challenges of this time. And you did it all. Thank you!

Parents, it is true that you are your child’s first teacher – and the most important teacher throughout their lifetime. And, we appreciate you too!

**Better than a  
thousand days of  
diligent study is one  
day with a great  
teacher....**

Japanese Proverb

- Annual Event Calendar  
for  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
COUNCILS
- January**  
MLK/Interfaith Awareness
  - February**  
African American History
  - March**  
Women’s History/End Racism Day
  - April**  
Fair Housing
  - May**  
Law Enforcement/  
Community Relations
  - June**  
Disaster Preparedness/  
Emanuel 9  
Remembrance Day, Peace &  
Reconciliation
  - July**  
Employment Discrimination/  
Economic Opportunity
  - August**  
Youth Project/Back to School
  - September**  
Hispanic Heritage/  
Cultural Diversity
  - October**  
Disability Employment  
Awareness
  - November**  
American Indian Heritage/  
Veterans’ Appreciation
  - December**  
Aging & Poverty Issues