



Richland County 2023 Calendar

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE WAY WE LIVE



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



Richland County Government
2020 Hampton St., Columbia
This calendar is also available for download at richlandcountysc.gov
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ON THE COVER: Richland County partners with state and federal entities for annual Arbor Day events, including this one at L.W. Conder Arts Integrated Magnet School in Columbia. Photo by Casey White



STAY CONNECTED

The Richland County Office of Public Information is proud to present the County's 2023 calendar.

Richland County Government values its strong community partnerships. Boasting a diverse and dedicated workforce of 2,000+ employees, the Richland County family works diligently each and every day to meet the needs and enhance the quality of life of the more than 400,000 residents we serve. With the support of local and regional agencies, businesses, and other County organizations, we are committed to improving the vibrancy of life in our communities.

The 2023 calendar highlights several of our community partners. Each of the selected entities is directly associated with a national awareness initiative on its designated month.

It is our hope that by shining a spotlight on these organizations and their respective missions, we can bring community awareness to the vital services available in Richland County.



INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Richland County's website, richlandcountysc.gov, provides services and information to residents, businesses and visitors. Make online payments, locate a lost pet, submit service requests, read current news and much more. While you're on the site, sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter, the Richland Weekly Review. Click the link at the bottom of richlandcountysc.gov to be added to the mailing list.

BE ENGAGED, STAY ENGAGED

Engage Richland is Richland County's year-round series of public events. Its goal: to initiate direct conversations between residents and County staff through community meetings, hands-on demonstrations, workshops, facility tours, special events and more. Visit richlandcountysc.gov/residents/engagerichland regularly to learn about Engage Richland events, or contact the Office of Public Information at pio@richlandcountysc.gov.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Follow Richland County on social media to stay in the know about news, events and happenings. Also tune to our local television channel, RCTV, on Spectrum Channel 1302 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99.



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MARK THE DATE

Throughout the year, Richland County departments and divisions observe several awareness days, weeks and months to highlight services and programs County employees provide to residents and businesses.



JANUARY
National Blood Donor Month

FEBRUARY
American Heart Month
Black History Month

MARCH
National Nutrition Month
Employee Appreciation Day, March 3

APRIL
National County Government Month
National Volunteer Month
National Community Development Week, April 3-7
National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, April 9-15
National Library Week, April 23-29
Earth Day, April 22

MAY
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, May 7-13
National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 21-27

JUNE
National Hunger Awareness Month
National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 20-26

JULY
Park and Recreation Month

AUGUST
National Water Quality Month
Senior Citizens Day, August 21

SEPTEMBER
Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15
National Preparedness Month

OCTOBER
Community Planning Month
National Substance Abuse Awareness Month

NOVEMBER
America Recycles Day, November 15

DECEMBER
National Influenza Vaccination Week, December 6-12

Dates for meetings and events are subject to change. Dates in **red** denote days that County offices are closed.

Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the date shown. There may be some variance of dates listed for Islamic holidays, as some are based on the sighting of the moon and are not fixed to a calendar.

The Richland County 2023 Calendar is a production of the County's Office of Public Information.

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RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Richland County operates under the Council-Administrator form of government. Richland County Councilmembers are elected in November general elections from single-member districts for four-year terms beginning Jan. 1 of the following year.

The 11-member Council appoints an Administrator to be the chief administrative officer of Richland County Government and to manage all departments under the jurisdiction of Richland County Council. The Administrator executes the policies, directives and legislative actions of Council, manages and coordinates operations, prepares operating and capital budgets and performs essential duties in overseeing the daily and long-term activities of County government.

Richland County Council generally meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, located at the County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton St., Columbia. All regularly scheduled Council meetings can be viewed live and on demand at richlandcountysc.gov.

To contact members of County Council, call or email the Clerk to Council's Office at 803-576-2060 or rccoco@richlandcountysc.gov.



Jason
Branham
District 1
2022-2026



Derrek
Pugh
District 2
2020-2024



Yvonne
McBride
District 3
2020-2024



Paul
Livingston
District 4
2022-2026



Allison
Terracio
District 5
2022-2026



Don
Weaver
District 6
2022-2026



Gretchen
Barron
District 7
2020-2024



Overture
Walker
District 8
2020-2024



Jesica
Mackey
District 9
2020-2024



Cheryl
English
District 10
2020-2024



Chakisse
Newton
District 11
2022-2026



Featured organization: American Red Cross

Headquartered in Columbia, the Central SC Chapter of the American Red Cross serves 16 counties, including Richland, via blood and platelet collection for hospitals, lifesaving training courses and volunteer opportunities, as well as assisting in disaster relief efforts.

Pictured: Grace Meinhofer, a division communications director for the American Red Cross, donates blood at a Red Cross clinic. Photo courtesy of American Red Cross

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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2 County offices closed	3 Council Meeting Swearing-in Ceremony	4	5	6	7	8
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January is National Blood Donor Month.
For the past 53 years, National Blood Donor Month has served as a time to encourage people to donate blood and platelets while celebrating the impact of donors who roll up a sleeve to help those in need.

JANUARY



Featured organization: Wholespire Richland County
This organization aims to improve people’s quality of life through advocacy, communication and community-based projects that address widespread issues including health concerns, food insecurity and safe places to play.

Pictured: This community garden in Columbia is part of Wholespire’s efforts to create a sustainable project that supports healthy eating and active living. Photo by Casey White

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6 Conservation Education Mini-Grant Applications Due	7 Council Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
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February is American Heart Month.
Since 1963, February has marked a time for national efforts to spotlight heart disease - the world's No. 1 cause of death - and encourage a focus on cardiovascular health.

FEBRUARY



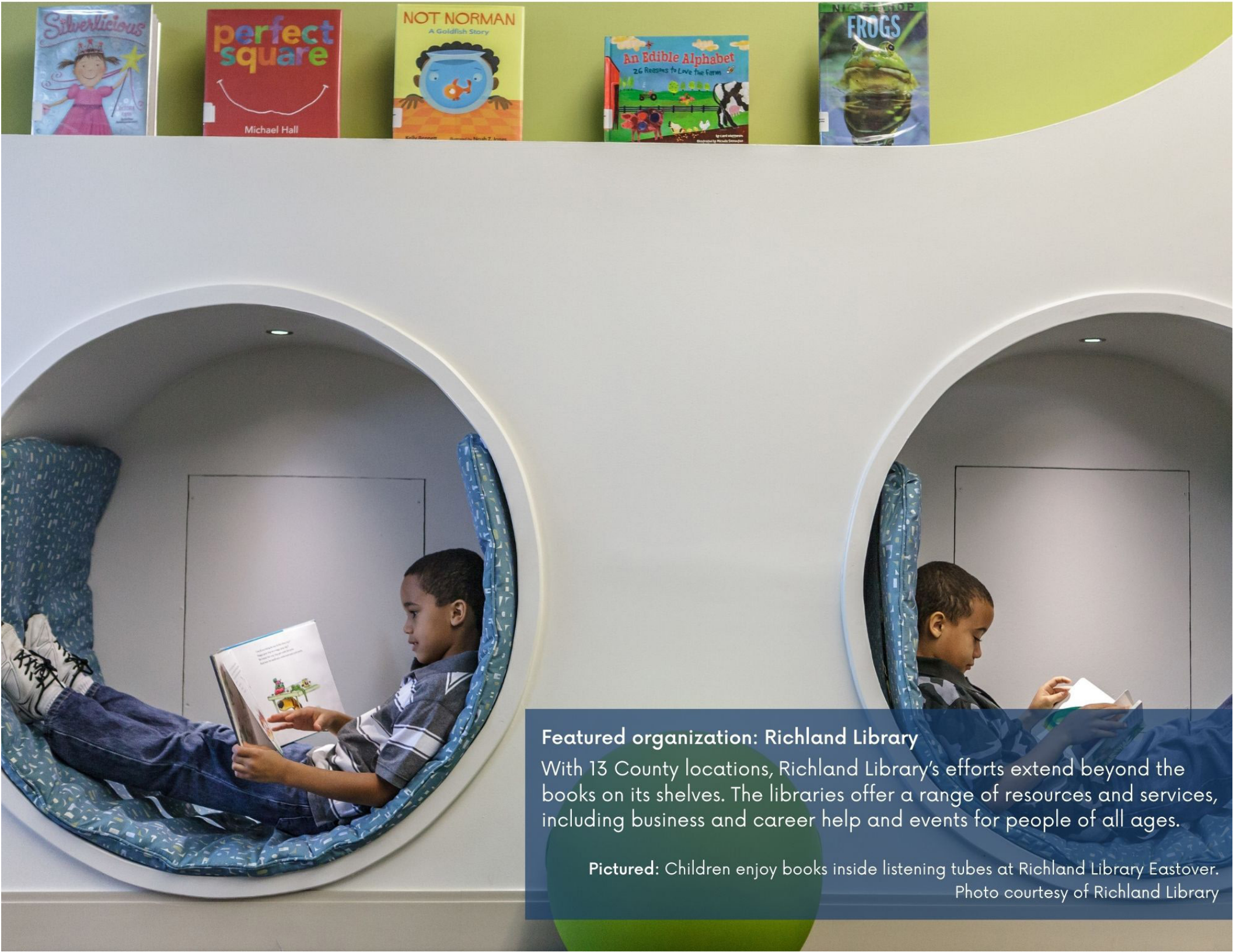
Featured organization: FoodShare South Carolina
This organization aims to improve the quality of life in diverse communities by increasing access to fresh, affordable produce and providing quality cooking skills education.

Pictured: Iris Gadsden, right, distributes food to a FoodShare participant.
Photo by Forrest Clonts for FoodShare South Carolina

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March is National Nutrition Month.
National Nutrition Week was launched in 1973 to encourage people to make informed food choices and develop healthy eating and physical activity habits. After popular response, in 1980 the week was expanded to span the full month of March.

MARCH



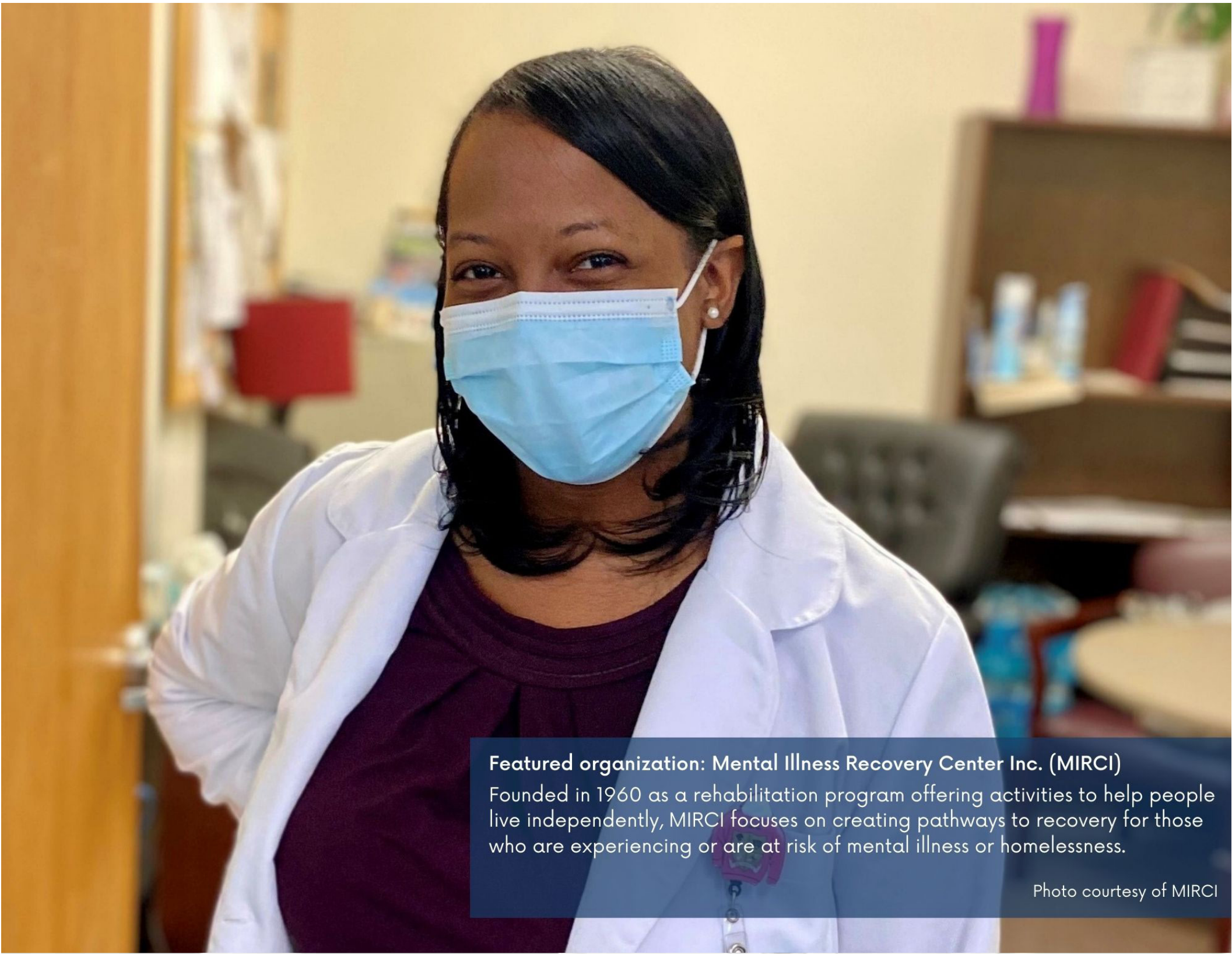
Featured organization: Richland Library
With 13 County locations, Richland Library's efforts extend beyond the books on its shelves. The libraries offer a range of resources and services, including business and career help and events for people of all ages.

Pictured: Children enjoy books inside listening tubes at Richland Library Eastover.
Photo courtesy of Richland Library

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					1	2 Palm Sunday
3	4 Council Meeting	5 Passover begins	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8	9 Easter Sunday
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April 23-29 is National Library Week.
National Library Week began in 1958 as an effort to encourage Americans to read more, thereby supporting the use of libraries. The annual initiative highlights the role libraries, librarians and library works play in transforming lives and strengthening local communities.

APRIL



Featured organization: Mental Illness Recovery Center Inc. (MIRCI)
Founded in 1960 as a rehabilitation program offering activities to help people live independently, MIRCI focuses on creating pathways to recovery for those who are experiencing or are at risk of mental illness or homelessness.

Photo courtesy of MIRCI

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
Observed since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month raises public awareness and about mental illness and its impact on those who live with various conditions. The month also aims to educate people about available services and fight the negative attitudes and misconceptions that surround mental illness.

MAY



Featured organization: Harvest Hope Food Bank
Founded in 1981, Harvest Hope is South Carolina’s largest food bank. In Richland County, the organization operates an emergency food pantry and distributes goods to food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens.

Pictured: Harvest Hope volunteers help with the organization's food bank in Columbia. Photo by Taylor Kearns for NP Strategy

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June is National Hunger Awareness Month.
National Hunger Awareness Month aims to raise awareness of food insecurity, or the basic lack of food, in the United States. All month, organizations increase efforts to combat food insecurity, particularly among small children, who sometimes lack access to food when out of school for the summer.

JUNE



Featured organization: Richland County Recreation Commission

The commission oversees the operation of parks across Richland County, as well as programs including summer camps, youth sports and special events, from holiday events to 5Ks and family fun runs.

Pictured: Spring and fall flag football leagues give ages 5-12 in Richland County a low-contact sports option. Photo courtesy of Richland County Recreation Commission

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July is Park and Recreation Month.

Park and Recreation Month was founded in 1985 to recognize the role parks and recreational activities play in improving quality of life and bettering communities physically, economically and environmentally. Residents are encouraged to enjoy their local parks and recreational centers throughout July.

JULY



Featured organization: Senior Resources
Senior Resources coordinates services and provides resources that promote independence for older people. Supplying food and in-home assistance and promoting active living are just a few of the organization's outreach efforts.

Pictured: Michael DeSumma, public information officer for the Columbia-Richland Fire Department, helps deliver meals to local seniors. Photo by Elizabeth Struble for Senior Resources

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August 21 is Senior Citizens Day.
Since 1991, Senior Citizens Day has helped to increase awareness of issues that impact older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse. The day also highlights the significant contributions of older people to society at large.

AUGUST



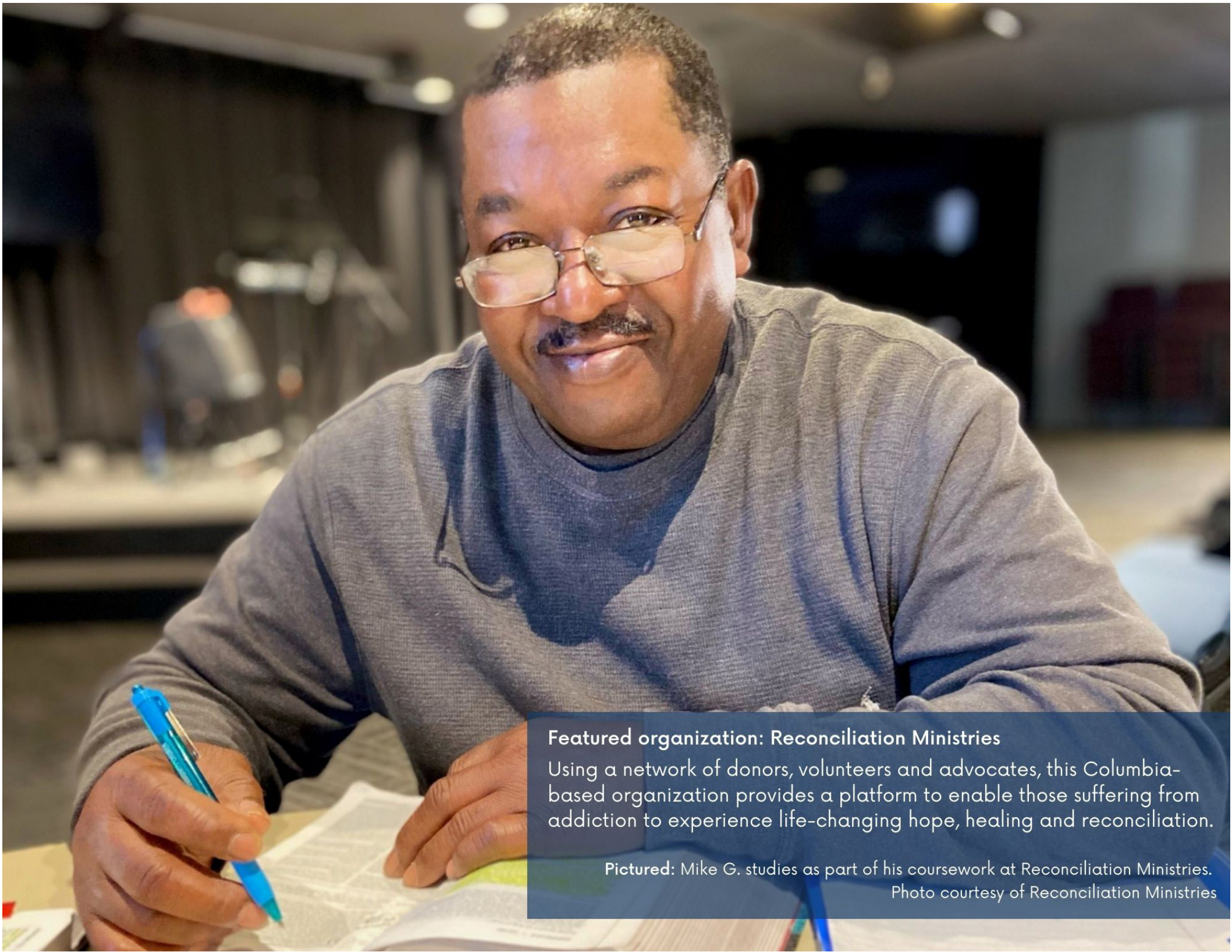
Featured organization: Richland County Emergency Services
Emergency Services' mission is to provide professional and cost-effective emergency and public safety planning, preparedness programs, response and recovery to residents.

Pictured: Robert O'Conner and Sara Johnson prepare a Life Park 15 heart monitor for use. The monitors are useful in many situations for Richland County EMS. Photo by Winta Adams

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September is National Preparedness Month.
National Preparedness Month raises awareness about the importance of being prepared for disasters and emergencies.

SEPTEMBER



Featured organization: Reconciliation Ministries

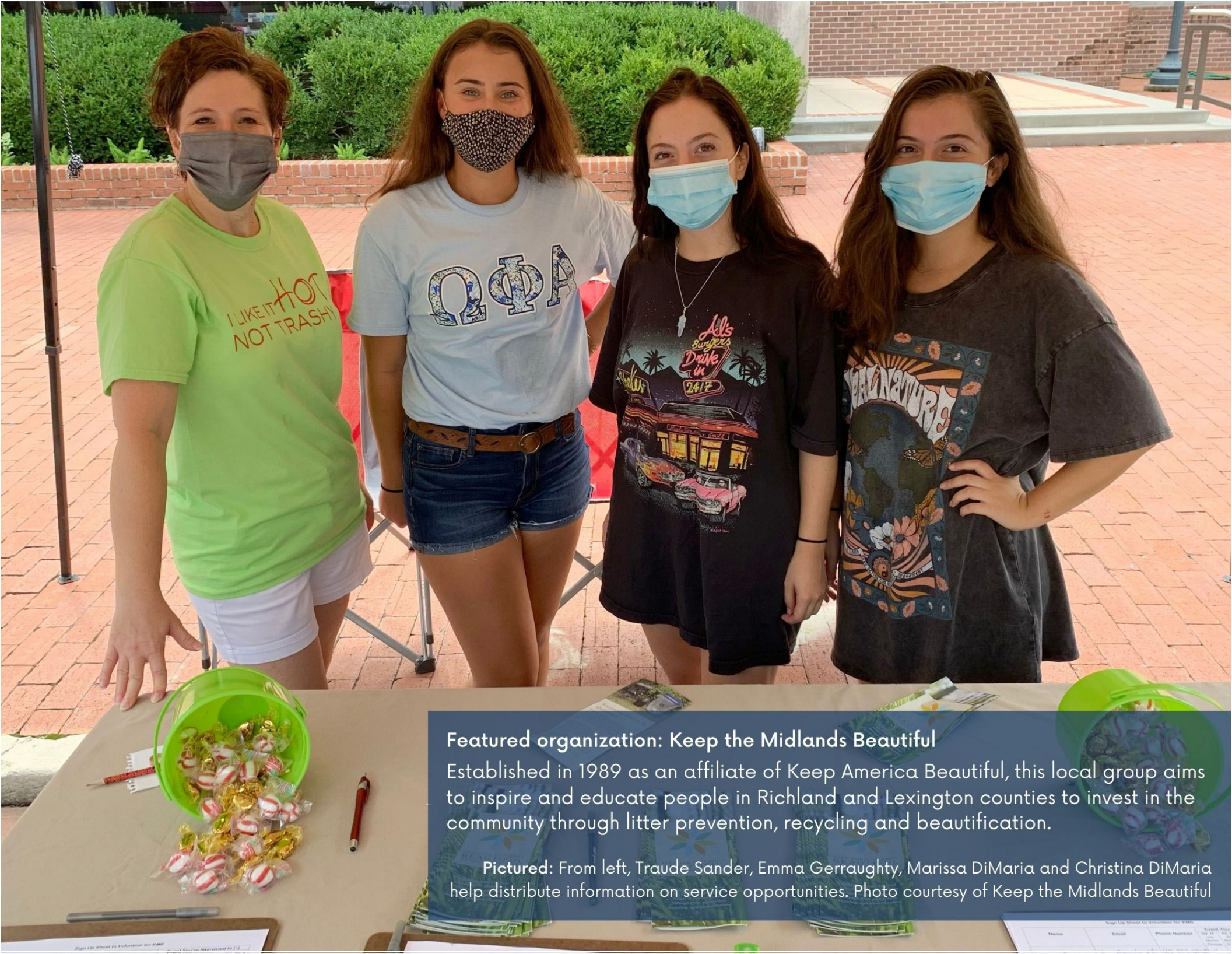
Using a network of donors, volunteers and advocates, this Columbia-based organization provides a platform to enable those suffering from addiction to experience life-changing hope, healing and reconciliation.

Pictured: Mike G. studies as part of his coursework at Reconciliation Ministries.
Photo courtesy of Reconciliation Ministries

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October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.
National Substance Abuse Prevention Month highlights the role of substance abuse prevention in improving individual and community health.

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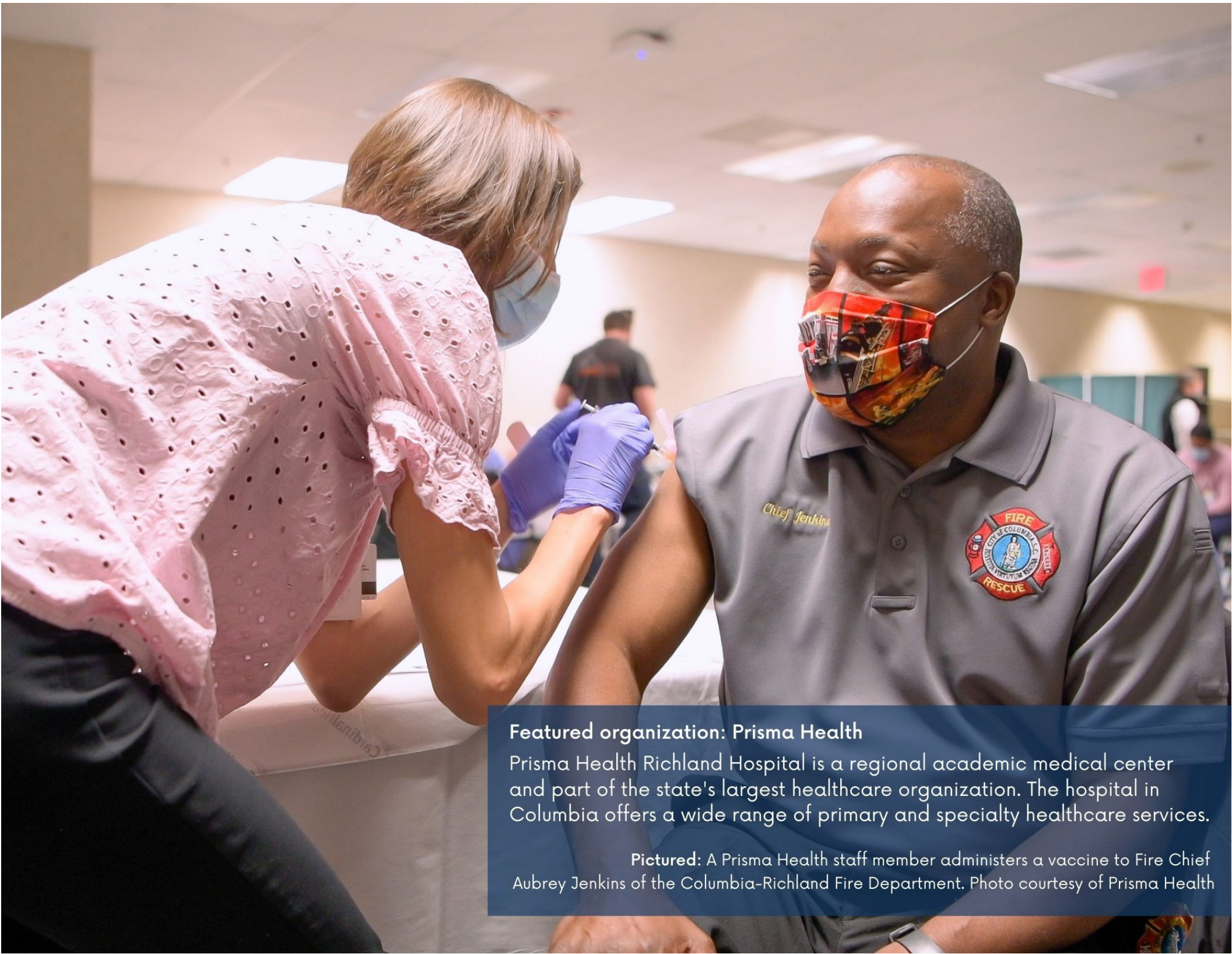
Featured organization: Keep the Midlands Beautiful
Established in 1989 as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, this local group aims to inspire and educate people in Richland and Lexington counties to invest in the community through litter prevention, recycling and beautification.

Pictured: From left, Traude Sander, Emma Gerraughty, Marissa DiMaria and Christina DiMaria help distribute information on service opportunities. Photo courtesy of Keep the Midlands Beautiful

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November 15 is America Recycles Day.
America Recycles Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about recycling and to encourage people to buy recycled products.

NOVEMBER



Featured organization: Prisma Health
Prisma Health Richland Hospital is a regional academic medical center and part of the state's largest healthcare organization. The hospital in Columbia offers a wide range of primary and specialty healthcare services.

Pictured: A Prisma Health staff member administers a vaccine to Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins of the Columbia-Richland Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Prisma Health

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4	5 Council Meeting	6	7 Chanukah	8	9	10
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December 6-12 is National Influenza
Vaccination Week.

With flu viruses constantly changing and
vaccinations' protection lowering over time,
experts advise getting an annual flu shot.

DECEMBER



RICHLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS & DIVISIONS

Administration

Oversees County operations, to include executing policies set by Council

Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center

Serves as the intake center for unsentenced detainees and inmates, as well as an incarceration facility for sentenced offenders

Animal Services

Enforces laws that protect people, animals and property

Budget & Grants Management

Develops and maintains the County budget and tracks spending of other County-funded entities

Community Planning & Development

Improves County communities through public planning, which involves balancing environmental and economic concerns for land use, creating incentives for redevelopment and revitalizing communities

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Provides legal representation for abused and neglected children

Economic Development

Attracts new industry and helps existing companies with potential expansion

Emergency Services

Provides professional public safety planning, preparedness programs, prevention, response and recovery

Finance

Works to maintain the fiscal integrity of County financial records

Government & Community Services

Offers constituent services, helps facilitate solutions to Council-identified priorities, and includes the Office of Small Business Opportunity

Human Resources

Supports the development of Richland County's work culture

Information Technology

Supports County technology to increase efficiency

Ombudsman's Office

Serves as a centralized point of contact for residents

Operational Services

Provides day-to-day support to County offices and facilities

Public Information Office

Promotes public awareness and understanding of County Government

Public Works

Maintains County infrastructure, manages assets and provides technical services

Risk Management

Identifies risks to eliminate or minimize financial losses to County operations, and includes Fleet Management

Transportation Department

Manages the program to improve roads, sidewalks, bikeways and greenways

Utilities

Provides quality water and sewer service as efficiently as possible

