

I had hoped that the “different world” I mentioned in July would be back to some sort of normal by now. Things are constantly changing. And GWG keeps adapting.

We’ve hosted 2 Education Zoom sessions with over 70 people participating in each. If you weren’t able to join in, you can watch the recorded versions on our website. Kudos to Tommie Reece and the Education Committee. Our next **Education Zoom** is on **Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30 a.m.** *Balancing Prosperity and Affordable Housing*. You can **RSVP here** gwgrsvp@gmail.com

Lately GWG `s message has been broadcasted to the community: Diane Perlmutter appeared on “Focus on the Palmetto State,” Mary Hipp and Susan Cinquemani were featured in “Upstate BizSC Nonprofit Minute,” and Emelia Stephenson was interviewed on 107.3 JAMZ’s “Pause for the Cause” show.

Renewal notices and **annual invoices** have been sent to you recently. Please remit your payment and encourage others to join GWG. This year Giving Collectively, Granting Strategically and Growing a Greater Greenville is more important than ever, as you will read in the following report.

The College of Charleston, Together SC, and SC Grantmakers Network and funding partners have released the results of a survey of SC non-profits. Key findings revealed by responding nonprofits include:

- Five percent indicate they are out of funds now.
- 29% say they can only operate for three more months without additional financial support.
- Nearly two-thirds (63%) of nonprofits indicate they can survive for only six months or less without additional funding.
- Since the pandemic began, 76% report a decrease in funding, while 24% indicate a slight or significant increase. There is great variation by sector with Arts, Culture and the Humanities being the most negatively affected, and Human Services and Public and Social Benefit faring better.
- Looking forward through the end of the calendar year, South Carolina’s nonprofits have significant needs to continue their missions, further adapt their service models and offset lost revenue from cancelled galas and fundraising events. Fifty-four percent report that their greatest need is cash to meet operating needs due to lost revenue.
- In aggregate, responding nonprofits need more than \$61 million to replace lost revenues and sustain services through the end of the calendar year.

These results show how important and impactful an organization like Greenville Women Giving will be in the Spring of 2021.

Enjoy the great weather, renew your membership and encourage others to join.

Stay safe and be kind,
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