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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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JOIN US ON MARCH 4 FOR A SPECIAL PRE-SUMMIT EVENT. A Gullah Experience

The SC Human Affairs Commission agreed upon a partnership with the nonprofit organization, Together SC, previously known as SCÂNPO (SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations). "Together SC is South Carolina's only organization focused solely on supporting and strengthening the state's nonprofit community through education, advocacy, communications, collaboration and leadership" (Together SC, 2017). In August 2017, Commissioner Buxton and Saundra Ligon met with President of Together SC, Madeleine McGee and Together SC Director of Operations, Benjamin Bullock to discuss ways to corroborate Community Relations and nonprofit tactics to formulate positive, diverse communities.

The meeting proved to be successful as the SC Human Affairs Commission and Together SC came to an agreement to corroborate the missions of each organization and form a partnership. A Memorandum of Understanding was issued and to be signed by both parties to prove the partnership. SCHAC looks forward to working closely with Together SC. In March 2018, Together SC will host its annual summit. "Each year, hundreds of nonprofit leaders from across the state gather together in the host city. The Nonprofit Summit allows CRC members to network with prospective partners and/or sponsors. For more information please visit the webpage-

http://summit.togethersc.org/2018/who-should-attend/ http://summit.togethersc.org/2018/agenda-at-a-glance/



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Current CRCs:

Columbia, West Columbia, Lee, Allendale, Hampton, Beaufort, Jasper, Berkeley, Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, Lancaster, Rock Hill, Greenwood, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, McCormick, Aiken



Pictured left to right: Steve Williams, Alex Nelson, Harold Jean Brown, Marvin Neal, Cherry Dow, and Angela Adams

Georgetown NAACP hosts SCHAC Workshop

South Carolina Human Affairs Board Commissioner Mrs. Harold Jean Brown represents Georgetown and invited the Intake and Referral Division of SCHAC to participate in the NAACP workshop. Alex Nelson, Cherry Dow and Angela Adams made presentations to the audience and answered questions regarding discrimination complaints.

SCHAC staff explained that the entire process can take 120 days or more. If the agency takes a case, it stays neutral. This is the only state agency that investigates discrimination complaints. The agency covers all 46 counties and also offers mediation to resolve a complaint. If you believe you have been discrimination against please call us at 803-737-7800 or 1-800-521-0725.

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

MayLaw Enforcement/
Community Relations

June
Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance, 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

DecemberAging & Poverty Issues