

# HAPPENINGS AT LICCS

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES  
(LICS)



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Our Mission:

**"Faith moves us to serve our neighbors in crisis."**

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## Up-Coming Events

February 4th:  
Souper Bowl of Caring

February 11th:  
LICS Sidewalk Sale/  
Scouting for Food

## Message from the Director

Welcome Scott Wilhide

The environment over the past 30+ years, especially since 2007, has been rapidly changing for our community and for LICS. We are seeing more and more individuals and families who are in crisis. In an effort to position LICS for the next 30 years, to increase organizational awareness, to become better connected with our community, and to focus on resource development, the LICS Board of Directors decided to create the Community Ambassador position. After advertising for applicants, three individuals were chosen for interviews. Looking at a number of factors including knowledge and understanding of organizational needs, ties to the community, and individual strengths, Mr. Scott Wilhide was offered the contractual position.

The Board is excited as Scott brings a wealth of knowledge from his banking background, as

well as his time serving on the LICS Board and his time volunteering with the United Way. His responsibilities include acting as a liaison for all of our Member Churches and working to build new church and business relationships. Duties will also involve educating our community about the mission of LICS, telling people how they can become involved, and sharing about the great need that many of our neighbors are experiencing.

Scott will contact Member Churches within the next six months and be available for speaking opportunities upon request. Please be open to Scott's call and give him the opportunity to bring you up-to-date on all that is happening at LICS. He welcomes your interest and questions.

*"Faith moves us to serve our neighbors in crisis."*  
- Jenny Kennedy, Executive Director

## Let's kick a field goal for LICS

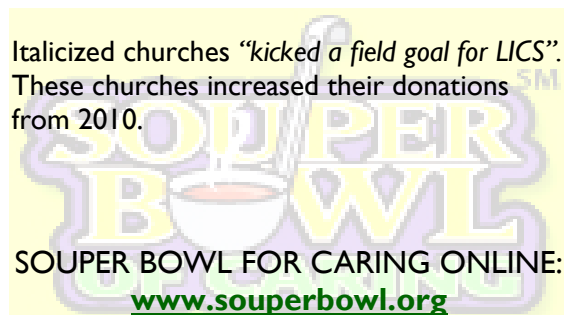
2012 Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group's choice. Last year the following churches collected food and monetary donations for LICS:

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Boiling Springs UMC  
Calvary UMC  
Ebenezer Methodist Church  
Faith UMC  
Lexington Church of Christ  
Lexington UMC  
Midlands Christian Church  
Northwood Baptist Church

Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Pisgah Lutheran Church  
Red Bank UMC  
Saluda River Baptist Church  
Sardis Baptist Church  
Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church  
Shiloh UMC  
Springdale Baptist Church  
St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
St. James Lutheran Church – Red Bank  
St. James Lutheran Church – Summit  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Zion Lutheran Church

Italicized churches "kicked a field goal for LICS". These churches increased their donations<sup>SM</sup> from 2010.





# A mother's inspiration

## Stolen Items

A few weeks ago you may have heard about two Leesville women stealing mittens and coloring books intended for **LICS** so they could provide Christmas gifts for their children. What is worse is that they stole from a charitable organization that could possibly have helped them. God always takes the bad and replaces it with good. Touched by our story, a woman called LICS wanting to know everything that was stolen. The woman explained to us that she wanted to replace all of the stolen items in memory of her son, who was killed in a car accident a couple of years ago. Since then she has given to needy causes in remembrance of him during the holiday season. After seeing our story on the nightly news, she felt compelled to give to LICS.

LICS has served over 22,000 people in 2011, providing financial assistance for medicine, utilities, rent and other basic necessities. It's heart wrenching when LICS is unable to serve our clients financially during a true financial crisis.

This mother's example can be inspirational to all of us. Remember, the best blessings are received by the giver, not the receiver. Please look to see what you can share with others in 2012. LICS would also like to thank the Lexington Police Department for their investigation and return of the stolen items.



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# Creative fundraisers are a must

## Fundraising Ideas

In order to provide services needed by our neighbors LICS needs help from you, the community. Financial support is vital to LICS assisting families with utilities, rent, mortgage and medical prescriptions. Without LICS, many Lexington County families would be faced with eviction and homelessness. That's why we ask our neighbors to come to-

gether and brainstorm on **fundraiser ideas** to benefit those we serve. Ideas such as a bake sale or car wash can go a long way in ensuring a child gets their prescription filled or an elderly couple having heat this month. LICS and your neighbors need you!

*"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.."* - Proverbs 3:27

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# LICS Needs

## Donations Needed:

### Social Service Needs

Financial donations for medical prescriptions, rent, and utility assistance

### Thrift Shop Needs

Household goods— dishes, pots and pans, utensils, sheets, towels, home décor; furniture

### Food Pantry Needs

Canned Soup, canned meat, beef stew, chicken, tuna, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, and canned pasta

## Volunteers Needed:

### Lexington Social Services

Receptionists and Interviewers  
Afternoons 12:00-4:00pm

### Lexington Thrift Shop/Donation Center

Volunteers each day  
9:00-6:00pm or any scheduled time

### Lexington Community Relations

Data Entry/Photography  
Any morning 10:00-1:00pm

### Swansea Outreach Center

Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday Thrift Shop Volunteers

*Call 803.957.6656 x225 for additional volunteer or special project information.*

We thank everyone for your time, talents, and gifts. For it is only with each person's contributions that we are able to continue to serve families and individuals struggling to meet their basic needs of shelter, food, and clothing.

