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SRNS Gives \$10,000 to Help “En-ACT”Change, Empower Women

Donation for ACTS to fund upcoming lectures and mentoring program for local women in need

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 19, 2014) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions presented a \$10,000 philanthropic giving donation to Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) today in support of an upcoming women’s enrichment series, giving ACTS clients an opportunity to build relationships and establish a network of role models.

“I want to thank SRNS for taking a chance with us and providing the funds to support our vision. To me, this grant is a confirmation that we’re moving in the right direction,” said Carla Cloud, Executive Director, ACTS.

ACTS has partnered with three nonprofits (Christ Central of Aiken and Wagener, Family and Marriage Coalition of Aiken, and Life Choices) to offer interactive sessions featuring different themes, such as parenting skills, financial planning and goal setting. The grant from SRNS will go towards funding the operational costs of the bi-monthly workshops, such as stipends for guest speakers and



SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson (left) presents a \$10,000 philanthropic giving donation to Carla Cloud, Executive Director, Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) to support a women’s enrichment series and mentoring program.

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babysitters as well as refreshments and entertainment to help make the event both enjoyable and educational for participants.

“We truly want this program to be guided by the ladies we serve, so the focus, while including a speaker to share relevant information, will be on building a network of peers and mentors. Statistics show that resources needed to succeed go beyond fulfilling financial needs and assets. Emotional support and encouragement are quite often more important than tangible resources when it comes to making a difference in people’s lives,” said Cloud.

Unlike formal classes or lectures, these informational sessions will have more of a “coffeehouse feel,” according to Cloud, and will place an emphasis on welcoming, embracing and building healthy relationships. The topics covered will be based on feedback from participants. After the meetings open with prayer, singing and inspirational quotes, guest speakers will share a message, followed by a question and answer forum.

“ACTS identified a need in Aiken County, and this new series of workshops will bridge the gap for women seeking education on life skills and other essential topics. SRNS is honored to support ACTS and this unique program that will fundamentally impact the lives of many families,” said Carol Johnson, President and CEO of SRNS.

Formed in 1986 by area churches to centralize food and clothing donations, ACTS is a nonprofit charitable organization that serves residents of Aiken County. ACTS has four staff members, a board of directors, more than 40 member churches and nearly 300 volunteers who greet and interview clients; assist them with food, clothing and referrals; negotiate with utility companies; keep records; and provide maintenance of the facility. ACTS also operates a resale store, selling items like toys, books and decorative items not given to clients.

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