

2021
Annual Report



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Chairman's letter:

The Church Mouse Thrift Shop has completed its 16th year of service to the local and global communities. It is difficult to explain a major Pandemic crisis that shut down the world and the Church Mouse's milestone successes during that time without embracing the grace of God. Our mission is what is termed "glocal" meaning what we do locally, we do globally. It is twofold. The first is to provide the community with high quality goods at low prices. The second is to provide funding for missions both locally and globally with an emphasis on the missions of St. Luke's Church. We believe if we are true to this mission and have faith, the Lord will provide.

We are thankful for the local community for their generous contributions that allow the Church Mouse to generate the funding for organizations to serve and expand the reach of their missions across the world. We are thankful for a Board of Directors who has supported the Church Mouse staff and volunteers. We are thankful for the over 100 resolute volunteers who spend their time preparing the many items for sale. We are thankful for the store leadership and staff who were able to keep organizing and preparing the store for opening once permission was given by our Governor, as well as adhering to all appropriate guidelines during that time.

Each of the agencies we support plays a significant role in improving the lives of those struggling with life's issues whether it be Hilton Head Island with a food pantry, Beaufort County with a mentoring program, South Carolina with prison programs, Honduras with an orphanage, Nigeria with a school building, Tanzania with a children's home or Asia with Christian outreach.

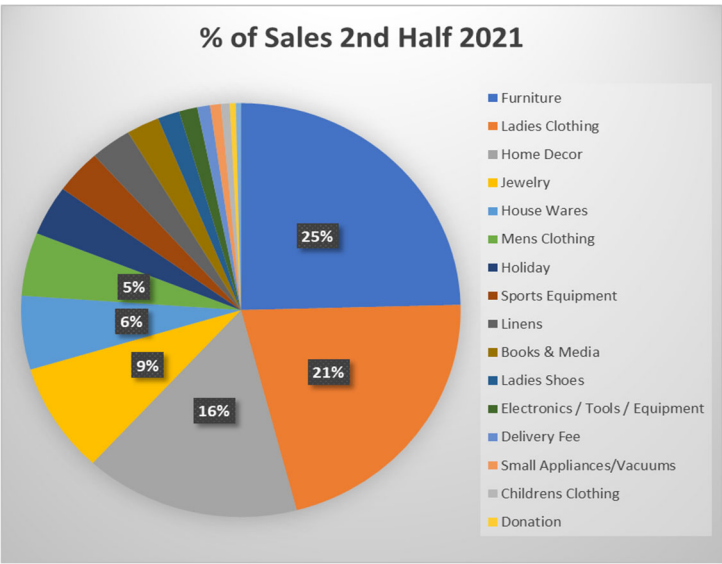
This past year the Church Mouse has achieved **four major milestones** that will be highlighted on the following pages. The Church Mouse Family has placed its faith in God to provide the wisdom and discernment to keep us on track with our mission. We believe firmly that this faith has been well placed and has resulted in the many successes we evidenced in 2021.

Thomas M. Conner, Ph.D.

Milestone #1: Building of second receiving dock which was a gift from a business organization. This dock improved our ability to receive, process and protect donated goods.



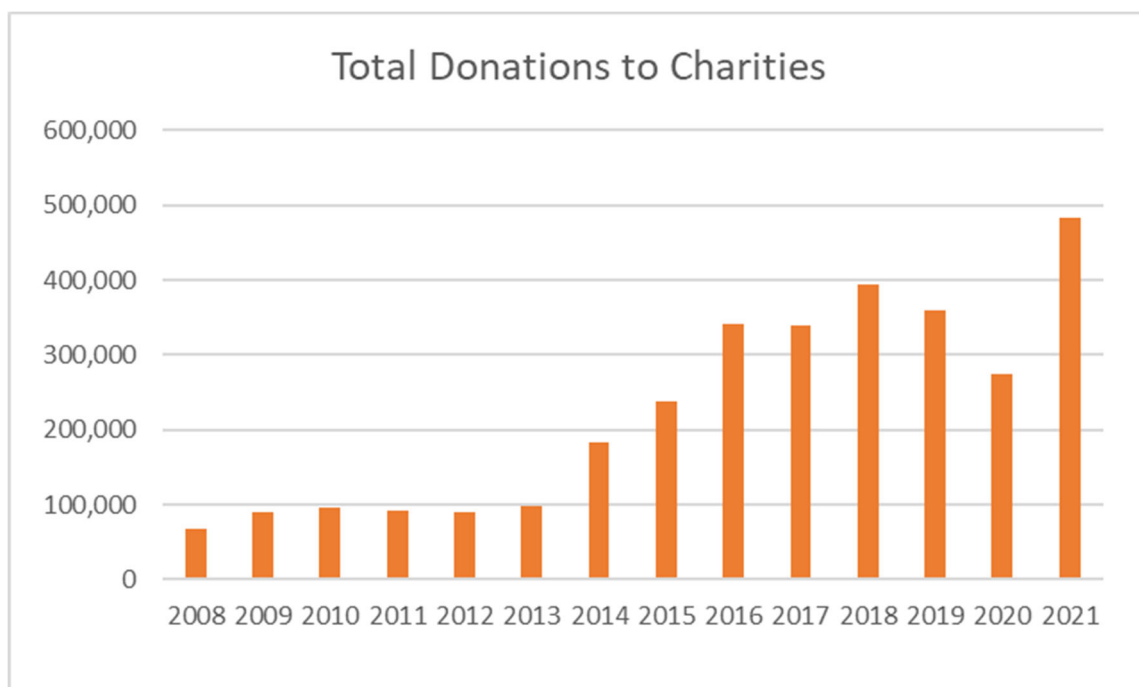
Milestone #2: Implementing a Point of Sales system (ThriftCart). This system allows us to access accurate sales data at any given time.



Milestone #3: Purchasing of the wooded lot next door for the purpose of adding 31 much needed parking spaces for our staff, volunteers, and patrons.



Milestone #4: Achieving the highest dollar amount of grants given in the 16-year history of the Church Mouse.



MISSION:

The Church Mouse exists as a Christ-centered shop to do the following:

- to provide usable goods to the people of the community at reasonable prices;
- to assist people in need by pass-through goods; and,
- to provide funds to non-profit Christian missions, Christian outreach, and local non-profit organizations as requested in Jesus' name.

LOOK WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER IN 2021 ~ OVER \$581,418 IN GRANTS AND PASS THROUGHS

Ephesians 3:20. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..."

The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Inc. 2021 Grant and Pass Through Recipients

GRANTS

Acts/Agape Counseling
AFSP-SC – Out of Darkness Walk
Agape Family Life Center
Antioch Educational Center
Bluffton/Jasper Volunteers in Medicine
Bluffton Self Help
CARE Africa
Character Restoration Initiative
– Allendale Prison Ministry
Crossroads Community Support
Services (Back Pack Buddies)
Educators Fellowship
Family Promise
Friends of Shanklin Elementary School
Global Teams
– Viet Nam, Partner Care, East Africa
HELP of Beaufort
Heroes of the Low Country
Hilton Head Heroes
Hilton Head Deep Well Project
Hilton Head Island Safe Harbor
Hospice Care of the Low Country
Jericho Ministries - Honduras
Love and Grace Ministries (Haiti)
Low Country Legal Volunteers
Memory Matters
MHA of Beaufort and Jasper County
Mission Vision
Missionary Ventures
– Haiti / Dominican Republic
Neighborhood Outreach Connection
(NOC)
Pockets Full of Sunshine
Pregnancy Center of the Low Country
Public Tennis
Program for Exceptional People (PEP)
Real Champions (Ridgeland)
Sandalwood Community Food Pantry
Sea Turtle Patrol

Second Helpings
South Coastal Fellowship
of Christian Athletes
St. Luke's Church
Drama Ministry
Missions
Mission Committee
Pre-School
Youth Mission Trip
St. Stephens UMC Food Bank
The Children's Center
The Esther Project
The Literacy Center
(A program of Bluffton Self Help)
Under One Roof
Venture Church – Bluffton Dream Center
Volunteers in Medicine
– Hilton Head Island

PASS THROUGH GOODS RECIPIENTS

Antioch Educational Center/
Agape Family Life Center
Salvation Army
Old Savannah Missions
Allendale Prison Ministries
Hilton Head Humane Society
Charlie's Critters/Heroes on Horseback
Saint Luke's Church
Deep Well Project Hilton Head Island
Sandalwood Community Food Pantry
Kentucky Tornado Victims



Church Mouse
THRIFT SHOP

Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to our volunteers. We couldn't do all that we do without you!

The Church Mouse is blessed to have over 100 volunteers including those we are fortunate to have year-round, as well as those who join us part-time. They work in one or more of the many areas we have: furniture, lamps, mirrors, home décor, women's boutique and non-boutique clothing and accessories, men's clothing and accessories, men's shoes, housewares, books, games, CD's and DVD's, small appliances and electronics, sporting goods and other "man cave" items, cashiers, children's clothing, picture gallery, art-work, linens, jewelry, and boutique and non-boutique shoes.

We had a successful year in 2021 despite the covid limitations, and at times having to do without some of our workers as a result. We had a spring get-together and another one in the fall at Point Comfort. In December we had our Christmas party at the Yacht Club of Hilton Head with live entertainment provided by a barbershop group. Get togethers are so important for volunteers to get to know and mingle with others they don't know because of working different days and shifts. This all brings good teamwork together to make a family.



AWARDS!

Each year the people of the Lowcountry nominate and vote for their favorite local businesses.

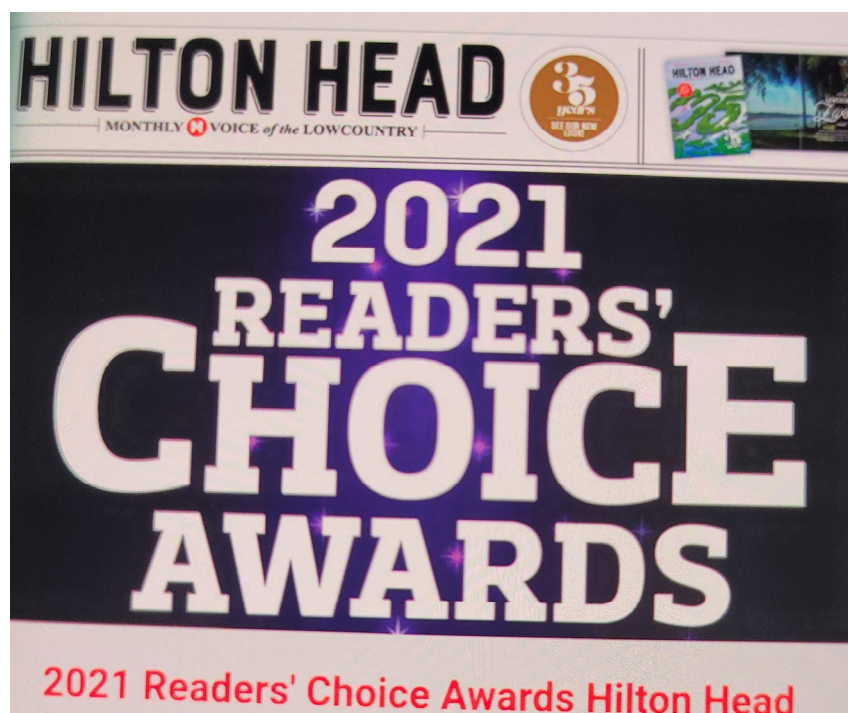
Best Furniture-Thrift Store:

The Church Mouse Boutique Thrift Shop



Thrift Shop: The Church Mouse Boutique Thrift Shop

Great prices and a great cause. What's not to love?





The Church Mouse is an extraordinary place to shop while giving back to others. The volunteers are hard working and donate their time to helping others. The Church Mouse has provided me with essentials for my classroom and for my volunteer experiences abroad. We are so grateful for all they do for our community. Mary Tuchscherer



CHURCH MOUSE DOES GOOD WORK Recently I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony at the Church Mouse Thrift Shop. The occasion was the organization's second grant-awarding session for 2021. I have been a part-time and full-time resident of Hilton Head for some 30 years, and like many, I knew of the Church Mouse, but had never visited their location nor understood much about the organization. What a surprise to find out what they mean to the many agencies in our area. On this recent occasion, more than 30 community service organizations were present to receive a grant. Each organization was asked to give a brief overview on the services it provides to the community. It was extremely rewarding to hear of so many groups in our area who are passionate about their respective organization. The Church Mouse distributed approximately \$480,000 to various community organizations in 2021. Stop by their shop on Arrow Road and look at the exceptionally fine items they have, and don't forget to donate items as well so this special group of people can continue their great work. We are fortunate to have groups like the Church Mouse in our community.

Steve Caywood, - Executive Director of Mental Health America of Beaufort/Jasper Counties.