



**Greenville  
 Financial  
 Empowerment  
 Center**

*Free One-on-One  
 Financial Counseling*

*Our mission is to improve the quality of life in the county of Greenville by promoting positive community relations and equal opportunity.*



## ADVANCING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

At Greenville County Human Relations, we offer many services that advance equal opportunities in housing and financial stability for Greenville County's residents.

- Fair housing counseling
- Mediation
- Financial Empowerment
- Homelessness Services/Resources
- Rental and Eviction Counseling
- Landlord/Tenants Rights
- Mortgage and Foreclosure Counseling
- First Time Homebuyer Program
- USDA Loan Packaging
- **And many more!**

The Greenville County Human Relations Commission is a HUD-approved local Housing Counseling Agency. Counseling is available for: financial literacy, pre-purchase, foreclosure prevention counseling, landlord and tenant issues, and much more!

*Spanish language services are also available.*

For information on these and other services we offer, visit

 <https://www.greenvillecounty.org/humanrelations/>



# AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act, mandates that both the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and entities receiving federal funding from HUD must proactively advance the objectives and principles of the Fair Housing Act, often denoted as "affirmatively furthering fair housing" or "AFFH.



The obligation to affirmatively further fair housing requires recipients of HUD funds to take meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, which are:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity)
- Familial Status
- Disability



Generally, in administering programs and activities relating to housing and community development, the federal government, HUD, and its recipients must:

- Determine who lacks access to opportunity and address any inequity among protected class groups
- Promote integration and reduce segregation
- Transform racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity

# OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Did you know that Greenville County Human Relations Commission has provided more than 35 FREE workshops in the community so far this year?



**National Night Out**, FEC Counselor Bradley & Fair Housing Counselor Martin



**Greenville Technical College Financial Literacy Class**, FEC Counselor Joy

Our expert staff can provide free workshops on topics ranging from household budgeting, college financing options, how to avoid identity fraud and financial scams, knowing your fair housing rights, and more! Workshops have benefitted more than 500 attendees this year.

We can present during neighborhood meetings, as a solo presenter, through online platforms, or during a multi-session event. Call our office at (864) 467-7095 to learn more about our workshops and schedule an expert today!

## FIRST TIME HOME-BUYERS EDUCATION CLASS

Purchasing your first home can seem overwhelming, which is why we offer a First-Time Homebuyers Class to guide you through the process. As a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, Housing Counselor Martin Watson is ready to assist individuals in navigating their homeownership journey. In this class, you'll go more in depth into essential topics like protecting your credit, foreclosure prevention, and more.



Fair Housing Counselor  
Martin Watson

*Classes are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

Scan the QR Code to register. For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.greenvillecounty.org/HumanRelations/EssentialServices.aspx>



# PROMOTING STABLE HOUSING

## Eviction Prevention in Greenville County By ZIP Code

**2021- Current**

Total Evictions Prevented By Household: **911**

Eviction Prevention Zip Code Areas  
(Most Populated):

**29607**- Mauldin, Overbrook, Conestee

**29615**- Wade Hampton, Woodberry

**29611**- Berea, Judson, Dunean, Welcome,  
City View

**29609**- Taylors, Sans Souci, Willow Heights

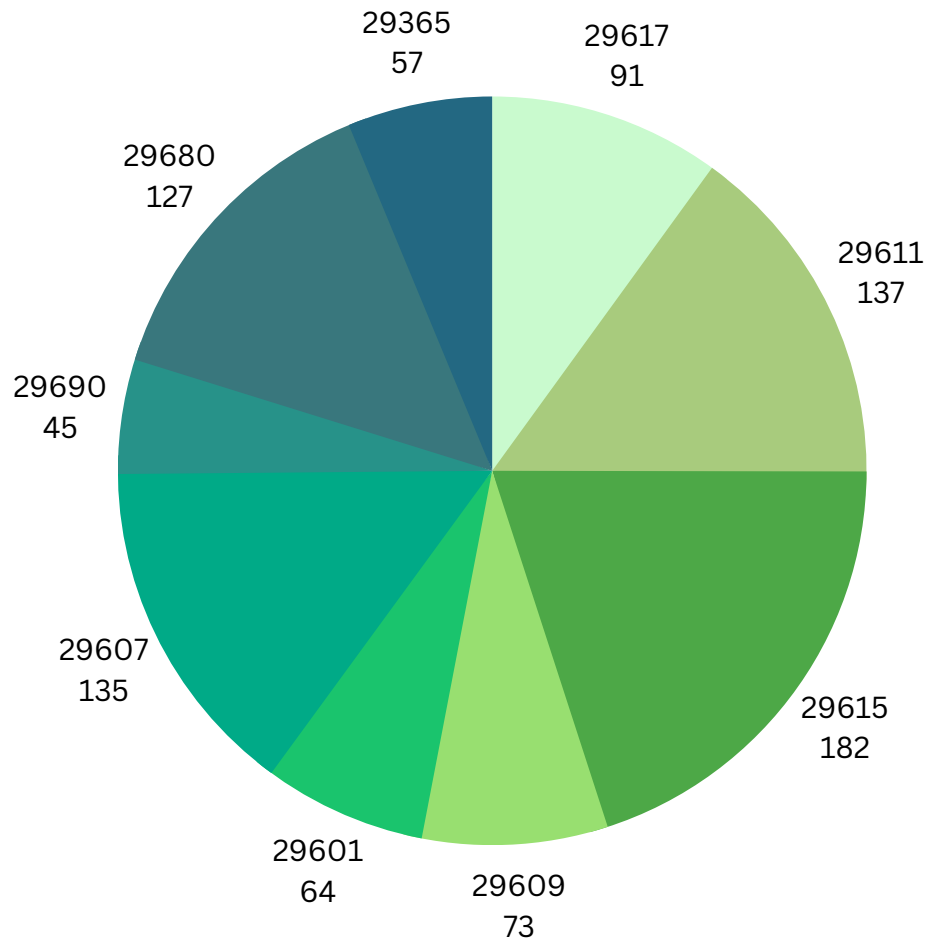
**29617**- Berea, Sans Souci, Parker

**29601**- Greenville

**29690**- Travelers Rest, Marietta

**29365**- Greer

**29680**- Simpsonville



Since 2021, Greenville County Human Relations Commission has prevented 911 evictions in Greenville County! Each client receives free, one-on-one counseling with an expert housing counselor. Qualifying clients may receive direct financial assistance, and all clients are required to attend financial counseling sessions with a certified Greenville FEC counselor.

# FINANCIAL COUNSELING AS A FREE PUBLIC SERVICE

Our Impact (February 2019--August 2023)

**Number of Clients**  
2,493

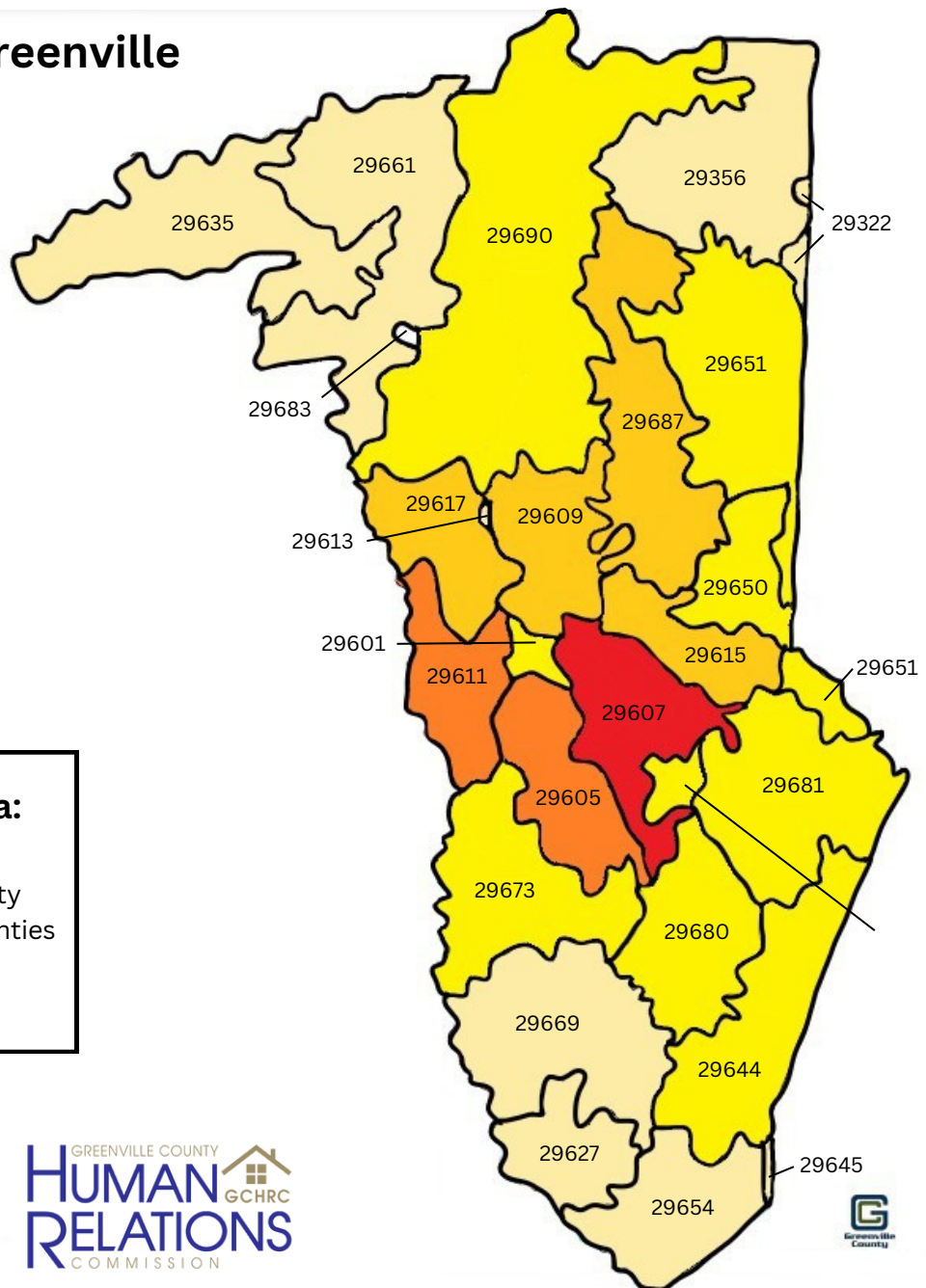
**Total Sessions Held**  
8,305

**Total Savings Increased**  
1,237,139

**Total Debt Reduced**  
3,727,363

The Greenville Financial Empowerment Center provides FREE one-on-one financial counseling. Our highly trained counselors would love to partner with you to help you achieve your financial goals, whether it be reducing debt, building credit, or even achieving homeownership!

## FEC clients per Greenville County ZIP Code Jan. 2019-Jun. 2023



### FEC clients by area:

- 1,962 Greenville County
- 112 Spartanburg County
- 126 Other Upstate counties
- 35 Midlands
- 6 Coastal areas





# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

## *I.C.'s Testimony*

"I arrived here in Greenville, SC, during the midst of the pandemic, from the state of Massachusetts. I lived there for two and a half years. Upon arriving, not knowing anyone or anything, God placed an angel in my path who helped and guided me to Greenville County Human Relations. I never imagined that being a homeowner would become a reality for me so soon.

Today, I am beyond grateful for the Financial Empowerment Center. I have my own home, and I live happily and contentedly, following the steps provided by the Human Relations staff, and especially financial counselor, Adriana. I thank you with all my heart for this gift."



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# STAFF UPDATES



*Bradley Robinson*

Greenville FEC counselor Bradley Robinson passed his national certification exam from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund.



*Michelle Sinacori*

Adriana Ramsey and Michelle Sinacori were recently approved by the USDA to serve as Certified Loan Packagers, offering a streamlined process for clients seeking USDA mortgages.



*Adriana Ramsey*

## GCHRC STAFF:

### **Dr. Yvonne Duckett**

*Executive Director*

### **Angelia Reeder**

*Administrative Assistant*

### **Martin Watson**

*Human Relations Coordinator,  
Fair Housing Counselor*

### **Gina Wong**

*Senior Case Manager /  
Counselor*

### **Adriana Ramsey**

*Financial Empowerment  
Counselor*

### **Sheryl Hanshaw**

*Financial Empowerment  
Counselor*

### **Michelle Sinacori**

*Bilingual / Case Manager  
Counselor / SC Help*

### **Joy Hemphill**

*Financial Empowerment  
Center*

### **Arnetia Stokes**

*Administrative Support  
Specialist*

### **Bradley Robinson**

*Financial Empowerment  
Center*

### **Ruby Black**


*Administrative Support*

### **Allison Ramsey**


*Case Manager*

# THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS



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