



We Serve!

May and June were busy months for our Comporium Pioneers!

We started May off with a donation to the Rock Hill Police Department's K9 unit to help with K9 unit needs. Stay tuned to learn more about how you can help this K9 unit! We are planning a fundraiser in the future to further assist this unit with the services they and their dogs provide.



In mid-May, our Comporium Pioneers were volunteering all over their community! Our Comporium team started with a Blood Drive during which we collected 32 units for the American Red Cross.



We also cooked and served lunch for the Crime Stoppers of York County's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Crime Stoppers of York County is one of the most active and successful Crime Stoppers programs in South Carolina. Crime Stoppers of York County has been recognized several times over the years with awards for productivity, fundraising and creative advertising.



We couldn't pass up the opportunity to participate again in the 2nd Annual Cake Auction benefitting *The Haven Men's Shelter*. Comporium Pioneers frequently partner with *The Haven Men's Shelter* to help the organization serve its homeless clients. This organization strives to help its homeless clients break the cycle of chronic homelessness by igniting hope, demonstrating compassion, providing encouragement, and creating opportunities.

Our team donated a beautiful daffodil-themed cake below for the auction. We chose the daffodil as a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings. Daffodils are among the first flowers to bloom and appear after the cold winter, signifying the start of a new season and a fresh start in life...which is what the clients served by *The Haven Men's Shelter* strive for.



This beautiful cake creation was baked by Pioneer kid Shelby Beuch. The top layer was vanilla and the cupcakes surrounding the cake were lemon. (We didn't think she could top last year's entry, but this cake was gorgeous!)

In addition to the cake, Comporium Pioneers donated gift cards as a part of their auction package. The cake auction raises funds and promotes awareness about *The Haven Men's Shelter*.

On June 7th, the Comporium Pioneer team shown below served dinner to the men served by Bethel Shelters. Comporium Pioneers had previously provided all the makings for a baked potato bar in February that was so popular we did a repeat. The second time 'round was equally popular!





June Lunch and Learn

Our June Lunch & Learn program featured The Palmetto School. We always learn some interesting things about our Community at our regular Lunch & Learn gatherings.



During our June program we learned that The Palmetto School is a free public PreK-8 charter school sponsored by the Rock Hill School District (York 03). Since opening its doors in 2004, The Palmetto School has been committed to providing quality instruction while giving attention to challenges that students may face

academically, socially, and emotionally. The teachers and staff are able to provide individualized instruction to our students needing intervention support both academically and behaviorally. As a Title I funding recipient, the school is able to provide numerous programs of support to students, staff, and families. The Palmetto School proudly serves students in the Rock Hill, SC area and surrounding areas of York County.



The Palmetto School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, and more than 60 percent of its operating budget is from tax deductible donations.

The Palmetto School uses the Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS) system with its students. PBIS is about finding and focusing on what students are doing right, not focusing on what they are doing wrong. If students are being respectful, responsible, helpful, etc., they are awarded points. Every other week students may "spend" their points at our school store. The school store includes items students enjoy "purchasing" such as food, drinks, toys, games, and other items. The school is in need of donations to keep the store well stocked. Below is the Amazon School Store link which includes various items students would love to have in the school's store. The staff at The Palmetto School thanks everyone who supports their efforts to enrich the lives of the children they serve.

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Comporium Serves YMCA First Thursdays Club

On June 8th, Comporium Pioneers cooked and served lunch to the YMCA First Thursdays Club at the Comporium Timberlands Fishing Rodeo.

The YMCA First Thursday Club began in 1999 to connect special friends with special needs in York County, SC, and serves individuals in Rock Hill, Clover, Lake Wylie, Fort Mill and others. We had a great team of volunteers and we served a lot of hotdogs and hamburgers to grateful diners.





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our very own Daniel Barnhardt. Daniel was honored with the Pioneering Excellence Award during this year's annual spring assembly. Daniel was a Region 3 recipient of the John Knox Johnston Award in 2018.

Daniel joined the Comporium Pioneer Club in 2007 and has been a steadfast volunteer, donating his time and talents whenever and wherever he can.



Daniel has held several offices on the Comporium Pioneer Club board. In 2016, when he served as 2nd Vice President, his responsibilities included overseeing fundraisers. Daniel's contribution to the Fire House run during that tenure helped make that fundraiser exceptionally successful.

When Daniel served as the Comporium Pioneer Club president, he was instrumental in creating, planning, and executing an Open Arms Gala for the homeless in York County and in the Snowman Insulator project. Daniel's contributions to his community and to the Comporium Pioneers are extensive. He is always "all in" for any service project the Comporium Pioneers undertake, and he is particularly about anything to do with Veterans and soldiers, so much so that he purchased toy soldiers and gave them at events he attended, reminding people to remember our soldiers when they pray. Daniel always puts in extra time and care when it comes to our warrior heroes. Daniel always goes the extra mile in every project he's involved in.

Cindy Downing, who has worked with Daniel on several Habitat for Humanity projects, said of Daniel that after he served as team leader on a particular Habitat for Humanity project for a homeowner he did not know, he still shows up to help whenever the homeowner calls on him.

In addition to his Comporium Pioneer activities, Daniel is a director at large with the Palmetto Chapter and he currently serves as ITPA Treasurer. He was the National ITPA President in 2022, and he has not missed an ITPA annual assembly since the first one he attended.

Daniel shows up every single time, whether for small projects or large, and he makes an enormous difference in the lives of those he serves.

Leon Yard, current national ITPA President and Comporium Pioneer said of Daniel, "Daniel is a true Pioneer, a volunteer through and through! I've never heard him say "no" to anyone that asked anything of him. He is willing to do whatever is needed whenever it is needed without complaint and he generally has ideas to make things even better." Congratulations Daniel!





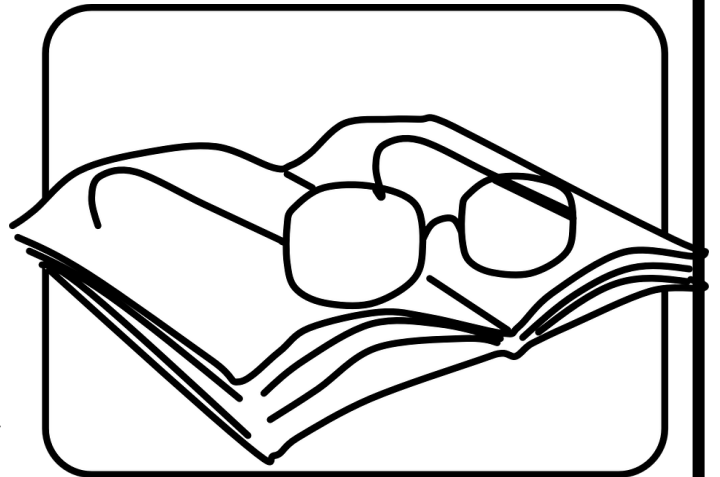
What's Next?



We are currently accepting donations of school supplies or contributions that will be used to purchase school supplies. These supplies will be donated to The Palmetto School. Please help if you can.

Wondering what to do with those old prescription glasses? We can help you give them new life!

We are collecting prescription and non-prescription reading glasses that will be taken by past Comporium Pioneer President Tiffany Staton on an upcoming mission trip to Malawi (Africa). Your old prescription can help give someone new sight!



Donations of school supplies, prescription glasses and reading glasses will be collected through **July 19th**.