

How You Can be Involved with NSEC

Cultivating concern for others and extending help to them is at the core of our mission. The time and expertise Volunteers give to NSEC is generous and unconditional.

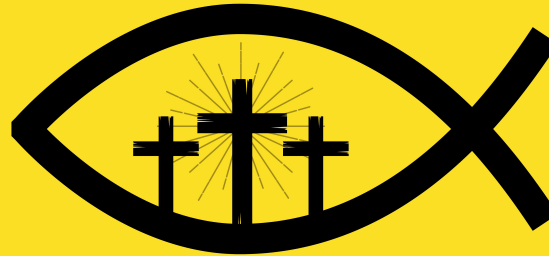
Without our Volunteers, NSEC would not exist. NSEC organizes the voluntary energy of East Cooper area Christian churches to achieve together what we cannot achieve separately. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

In the story about the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, Jesus asks "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" [The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

When NSEC mobilizes church Volunteers -who are the Body of Christ - we are doing what Jesus calls us to do. Love God entirely, love everyone who crosses your path just as you love yourself, and make disciples of all people.

Here are the Volunteer opportunities within NSEC:

- Reception
- Database Management
- Space & Systems
- Volunteer Recruitment & Development
- Communication & Outreach
- Lazarus Mentor (Plan Implementation)
- Samaritan Mentor (Plan Development)
- Next Step Program Co-Directors
- Cooperative Church Council



*“Give a man a fish and
he will eat for a day.*

*Teach a man to fish and
he will eat forever.”*

NEXT STEPS of EAST COOPER (NSEC)

**REACH
GOAL**

STICK TO IT

GET TO WORK

MAKE PLAN

SET GOAL

*Transforming Lives through
Jesus Christ,
One Conversation at a Time.*

The Next Step Program

Our basic approach to providing assistance is called the Next Step Program, a self-help program that promotes dignity, change and self-reliance in people who are in need.

This involves Next Steps of East Cooper (NSEC) Mentors meeting with Next Step Program Participants (“Participants”) to set personal goals, and then breaking them down so that they can pursue them one step at a time. Participant goals often involve employment, housing, family life, and medical or addiction issues.

Most of our Participants will have incomes below the poverty line and some will be homeless or at significant risk of becoming homeless. We partner with Participants who are committed to making positive, enduring changes in their life. And we work with them as long as they need help and want to participate in the Next Step Program. We help Participants set and take NEXT STEPS toward their goals, providing encouragement, needed information and referrals, and other resources that will help them to reach their goals.

Our experience is that this approach supports opportunities for success and is a way of overcoming barriers to the achievement of personal goals. Many Participants don’t feel like they have a track record of success when they come to the Next Step Program. We try to help them identify their strengths and build on them, one Conversation at a time, one Prayer at a time, and one Step at a time.

Vision

Transforming lives through Jesus Christ, one conversation at a time.

Mission

NSEC is a Christ-centered, all-volunteer ministry that uses the Next Step Program to inspire and equip members of Christian congregations in the East Cooper area to work together to help people in poverty in their community make positive changes in their lives: (a) emotionally by listening to their hopes and fears, (b) physically by linking them to employment and social resources, and (c) spiritually by sharing with them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

NSEC offers volunteer training at no cost to these Christian congregations. Through the Next Step Program, church Volunteers’ lives reflect Jesus’ Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) to love God and neighbor and Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) to make disciples of all people.

The Next Step Program improves the lives of everybody involved - both Program Volunteers and Program Participants by:

- Promoting awareness of community needs
- Fostering cooperation at all levels
- Breaking down barriers imposed by poverty
- Developing Participants’ abilities to help themselves to better lives

Next Steps of East Cooper (NSEC)

NSEC is a Christ-centered mentoring ministry staffed by trained volunteers drawn from the congregations of numerous East Cooper Christian churches. We promote dignity, change, and self-reliance for our needy neighbors currently living in emotional, physical or spiritual poverty. Our ministry is truly a self-help process, offered at no cost to our Participants. NSEC is a “hand-up, not hand-out!” program administered in short, mutually developed and measurable incremental steps.

NSEC is a Next Step Program Affiliate of Next Steps of South Carolina (NSSC). NSSC helps Christian Congregations throughout South Carolina to work together ecumenically to go beyond the provision of emergency assistance to the homeless and others in need. To learn more about NSSC, visit www.NextStepsSC.org

NSEC operates out of:

In south Mount Pleasant at St. Andrew’s Mount Pleasant (SAMP) Ministry Center at 440 Whilden Street, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

In north Mount Pleasant at Christ Church Mount Pleasant (CCMP) Parish Hall Building at 2304 Highway 17N, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

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