



**THE PARACLETE FOUNDATION
OF HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

MISSION STATEMENT

To assist the working poor and elderly to obtain essential repairs necessary to allow them to remain in healthy, safe and sanitary homes.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

The working poor and elderly neighbors on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. One hundred percent (100%) of our clients live below the poverty line. They all own their homes, but cannot afford to repair them.

WHAT IS A CLIENT'S AVERAGE INCOME?

About \$15,000/Year



Patchwork roof before (Above)

New roof installed after (Below)



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My contribution to the work of the Paraclete Foundation is _____

- The contribution is enclosed.
 I will send the contribution to the church office.

I would like my contribution to be noted in the following way (Name or Names to be Acknowledged)

- I understand that my contribution is fully tax deductible. My gift goes directly to the purchase of materials or roofer and/or septic services. There are no administrative costs.

Thank you for your support of the Paraclete Foundation. All amounts are gladly received.

HISTORY

The Paraclete Foundation was founded by Monsignor Charles Rowland in the Autumn of 2018 with the assistance of Deacon Joseph Stocker and a founding committee of 13 members including a building contractor, formerly Project Manager of Homeworks, an electrical engineer, a social worker, a leader in another area church and volunteer members of the parish who work on construction, processing applications, grant writing or fund raising.

All repair work is done by volunteers except for roof replacement and septic services as needed. Professional companies are hired at modest rates for those services. To date, the Foundation has completed repairs on 64 homes at a total cost of \$277,507.81. The average home repair cost is about \$4,600. Three more projects are underway this month. Approximately 20 projects have been approved for work in the near future.

Repairing or replacing roofs represents one third of our work. Water from leaking roofs can seep into an entire home damaging floors, walls, furniture and appliances. Also, aged people live too often with broken stairs and sagging porches.

Funding for the Paraclete Foundation has come from generous parishioners and grants from The Town of Kiawah Island and Kiawah Cares of The Kiawah Island Community Association. However, recently the Foundation has had to temporarily halt accepting new applications due to a lack of funds. And yet, requests for essential home repairs continue to be received.

BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS OF PROJECTS

A bathroom in the home of an Army veteran and disabled firefighter, that was left by a contractor with bare, framed



walls, no wiring nor plumbing. Paraclete finished the bathroom, installed handicap fixtures, a walk-in shower and laid a new floor.

A Wadmalaw home with extensive fire damage to the kitchen.



Paraclete removed and replaced a sink, faucet, range hood, new gas range, all new cabinets, countertops, and a new vinyl floor.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED?

At this time, our funds are low and we have halted accepting applications. The cost to fund an Essential Repair is listed below:

- Replace a Roof \$8,000.00
- Repair a Damaged Septic System \$3,000
- Repair a Kitchen \$2,000
- Replace Porch and Steps \$2,000
- Upgrade a Bathroom \$1,200
- Replace Steps \$ 500
- Install a Metal Handrail \$ 400
- Install a Handicap toilet \$ 400

In an effort to help raise funds for the Paraclete Foundation, a generous, anonymous parishioner has pledged up to \$20,000 in matching funds. Can you help us reach our goal of \$40,000? Your donation of any size supports the Paraclete Foundation, a great program that benefits those in need within our local area.

