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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

2016 CALENDAR



2013-18 Strategic Priorities

These five priorities guide our work and resource allocation. In order of priority they are:

1. Equip volunteers for easy success.
2. Diversify and increase financial resources.
3. Create innovative and relevant program and partnerships that will lead to future success.
4. Champion the Girl Scout value and benefit to all girls and key stakeholders.
5. Strengthen the human, technology, communication, and systems capacity of the organization.

From the Chair of the Board and the President/CEO

It was a great year to be a Girl Scout! Our 11,378 girls gained leadership skills while having access to life-changing experiences like riding mountain bikes for the first time, building robots from ordinary household items, participating in cultural exchanges, and traveling outside their county area for the first time.

Collectively, our Council's 418 Leadership Award recipients donated a minimum of 13,100 hours of community service: 289 girls earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award, 100 girls earned the Silver Award, and 29 girls earned the Gold Award. Be prepared to see lots of news next year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gold Award, originally called the Golden Eaglet of Merit.

We completed our second successful year of the innovative Digital Cookie program which supports our goal of keeping Girl Scouts fresh, fun, and relevant for today's 21st century girls. Our *Engineer Your Journey* partnership with Techbridge and Girl Scouts of the USA has resulted in STEM program kits and materials that will be made available for troop leader check-out at our Service Centers, so that more Girl Scouts can engineer their journey. Support from the Junior League of Greenville is allowing us to implement a career opportunities pilot, and our *Daisy Power* literacy enrichment program continues to expand from the Midlands to other areas of the council. We completed the remodel of the Spartanburg Service Center as part of *She Sees the Future*.

Thanks to our generous donors, we supported more than 1,654 girls from Title 1 schools, foster care programs, recreation centers, and other community sites in staff-led Outreach Troops, and more than 3,966 of our Girl Scouts received financial assistance to make their Girl Scout experience a reality. We also provided camperships to 142 girls who otherwise would not have experienced our camps.

Last year we reported the first membership decrease since the formation of our Council in 2007. The numbers declined again this past year but we are now positioned better than ever to reverse the trend. After several years of stringent budgeting due to pension concerns, we have a healthy budget surplus which has allowed us to staff for new program initiatives. With a team with extensive backgrounds in nonprofit programming, membership growth and retention, volunteerism, fundraising, and customer care, we have already implemented new, aggressive strategies to strengthen and grow the Girl Scout presence throughout every one of our communities.

As you review this Annual Report you will note the remarkable progress accomplished by Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands with many facts, statistics, and testimonial quotes of girls discussing the positive effects of Girl Scouting.

The girls' words bring our council's mission to life of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We are grateful to you, our Girl Scouts, friends, and supporters, who believe in our mission and understand the critical role Girl Scouts plays in each of our 22 counties.

Thank you!



Rebecca H. Lever
2015 Chair of the Board of Directors

Rebecca H. Lever



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President and Chief Executive Officer

Kim Hutzell



Program

Girl Scouts offers a wide variety of fun approaches to learning for girls, grades K5-12, in every ZIP code of our 22 counties. This past year there were 11,378 girls and 3,734 adults participating in 827 troops.



Our council's 2015 Troop Leader Survey demonstrates the combination of activities Girl Scouts experience:	
80%	Money-earning activities, i.e., cookie sales
80%	Badge work
74%	Arts and crafts
70%	Day trips
66%	Community service and take-action projects*
66%	Girl Scout traditions and ceremonies
62%	Social events
41%	Overnight camping
33%	Longer trips
32%	Science and technology
10%	Day camping

* The most popular issues girls addressed in their community service and take-action projects were environmental and poverty-related.

The learning and development model is based on our historic commitment to civic engagement. We promise girls and their families that Girl Scouting will help girls:





Program

Leadership Awards

Demonstrating the degree to which they have embraced leadership and its challenges to change the world, our council is proud of these Girl Scouts who earned the following leadership awards:

gold

The Gold Award is the highest leadership achievement in Girl Scouting. The prestigious award challenges high school Girl Scouts to improve their world through their projects.

silver

The Silver Award, for Girl Scouts in grades 6-8, challenges them to impact their community with a 50-hour project.

bronze

Girl Scouts in grades 4-5 are challenged to earn the Bronze Award by making positive change in their community through a 20-hour project.

These hard-working, young leaders completed a minimum of 80 hours each to meet all the requirements. Collectively, this represents 2,320 hours taking action in the community for these 29 girls.

This year's 29 Gold Award recipients were:
Lois Cooper Boswell, Duncan
Victoria Cannon, Greenville
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Katie Crane, Central
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Girl Scout Gold Award gogold

gold award spotlight



Caroline, *Aiken, age 17*
"My Gold Award project was about making turtles for the Painted Turtle Club in California which is a camp for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. I taught fellow Girl Scouts, adults, and other teenagers how to sew stuffed animal turtles and we sent 35 to the children. I learned that people can make a difference with simple, thoughtful actions."

Outdoor experiences are a highlight for many Girl Scouts, and we offer a wide variety of ways girls can expand and improve their skills while exploring the outdoors.

- **1,344** girls participated in outdoor activities at our three resident and day camp facilities. Popular activities included swim lessons, astronomy, equestrian, bicycling, archery, canoeing, and campfire cooking.

We've also developed topic-specific versions of our leadership development curriculum. These offer girls both the opportunity to learn new leadership skills and dive deeper into issues that are relevant to them. For example:

Be a Friend First (BFF) Series – This eight session series is for 6-7th graders. They use the a *Maze Journey* activities to build healthy relationship skills, understand relational aggression, and learn about conflict resolution and bullying prevention.

Career Exploration Series – In partnership with the Junior League of Greenville through a grant they awarded for a pilot series, we launched our first effort with planning over the summer. The four part series is structured for 9-11th graders. After three half-day sessions including career identification, business etiquette, and college exploration, the series concludes with a job shadowing experience. The series culminates at the Powerful Women Summit in January!

Daisy Power Project – The focus is on helping K5 and 1st grade girls who are struggling readers, and their parents, experience an infusion of fun and interesting literacy skill building into their journey throughout the year. United Way funding has allowed us to underwrite this program for 245 at-risk girls in some parts of our council, but we are looking to expand this to all areas of the council once funding sources become available.

STEM Series – We've taken the *WOW! Wonders of Water* Journey for Brownies and the *Breathe* Journey for Cadettes and developed them into 4-6 session STEM series for groups who aren't able to devote 4-6 months to their Girl Scout Leadership Experience. It's a dynamic way for girls to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world. Second and third graders learn how to protect the waters of our planet, and middle school girls learn about the air they breathe and how to improve its quality.



Program

"Since I want to be in the business field, Girl Scouts has taught me **money management skills** and how to think like a CEO by managing my **cookie business**."

-Kamille, *Taylors, age 14*



Girl Scout Cookie Program

- **7,003** girls in our council sold **1,734,020** boxes of cookies!
- Each participating girl sold an average of 247 boxes. This compares to a national average of 157 boxes. All proceeds remain local for girls, troops and program.
- It was the second year of Digital Cookies, the initial phase of a multi-year project for girls to sell cookies on their mobile devices—smart phones or tablets. For the first time this year, customers were able to pay using credit cards.
- Digital Cookies is an entrepreneurial program which introduces girls to technology, without fear of failure, and encourages them to pursue future careers in STEM fields.
- The first gluten free cookies were available for sale and will be returning in 2016.

Outreach

Thanks to our abiding belief that Girl Scouting is open to all girls who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law, we continue to foster the involvement of girls and families who find the cost, language, transportation, and cultural differences a challenge. 1,654, or 14.5% of our girl membership, received support through Outreach troops and programs. 761 girls participated in our Summer Outreach series at 59 different sites including outreach to Hispanic/Latina communities.

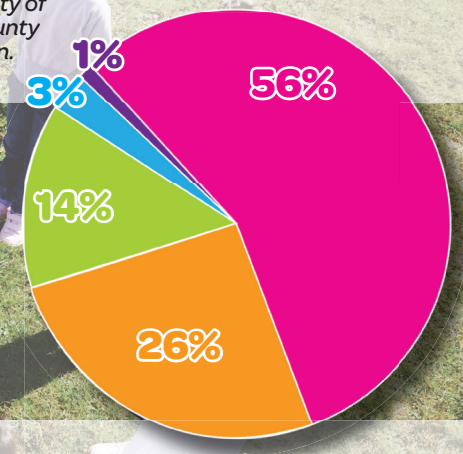
Volunteers

As an organization that is 99% volunteer-led, equipping volunteers for easy success remains our top strategic priority. We continue to make system improvements so that whether it is for a week, a month, or a year, volunteers are able to make meaningful contributions that are ultimately advancing the Girl Scout Movement.

Results from a 2015 Troop Leader Survey indicate they receive meaningful benefits from their Girl Scout volunteer contributions:	
91%	Volunteering is a valuable use of my time.
91%	I feel like I can make a difference.
90%	I understand the unique opportunities that Girl Scouting provides to today's girls.
83%	I feel appreciated by the girls and their parents.
82%	I found opportunities that matched my interests.

We are proud to report that our girl membership nearly reflects the diversity of our 22-county jurisdiction.

Membership Diversity

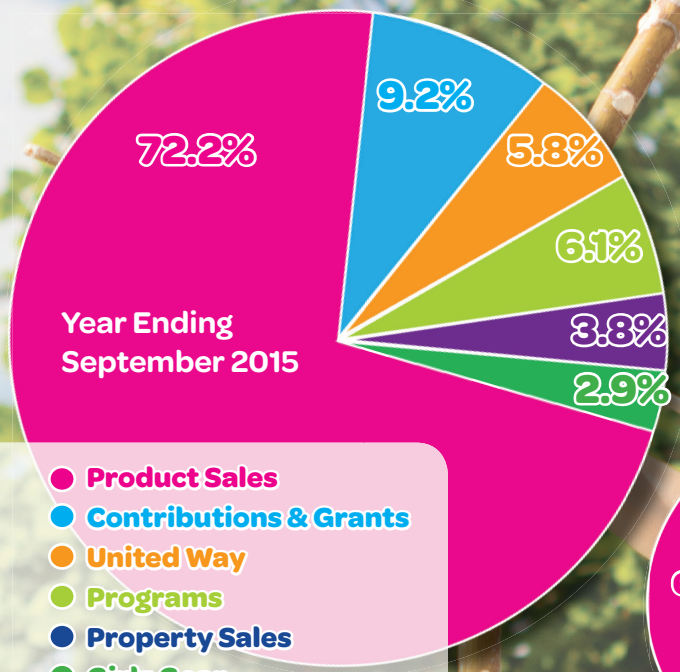


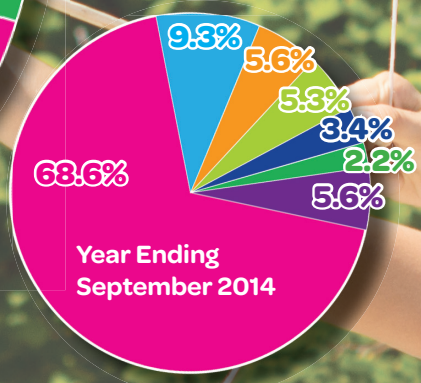


Statement for the Year Ending September 2015

Income

- Total donations, excluding capital campaign, **increased 16%** over prior year.
- This was the sixth consecutive year that the council has ended the year with a net surplus.
- 100% of net proceeds from product sales stay local to support girl, troop, service unit, and council program delivery.



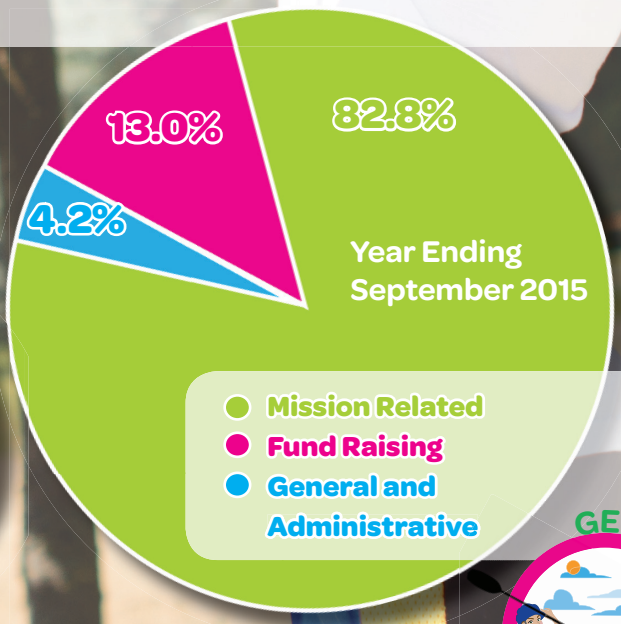


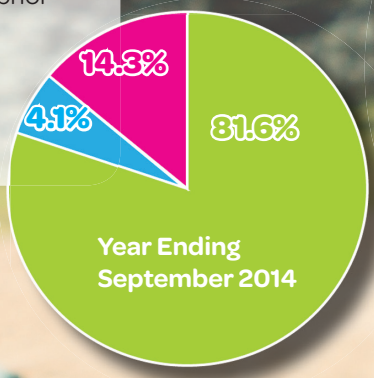
Important Financial Points

- At the end of 2015, the council is recruiting additional staff to implement the approved priorities defined by the Board. The council will reinvest surplus funds from prior years to achieve those priorities.
- We received an unqualified audit opinion for FY2014.
- This is a preliminary report since the yearend audit for 2015 is not complete. A final report will be available in late January 2016 following the Board of Directors' final approval.

Expenses

- In 2015, total expenses, excluding capital campaign, increased by 1% over the prior year.
- Over the past several years we have absorbed significant cost with the frozen national pension plan.







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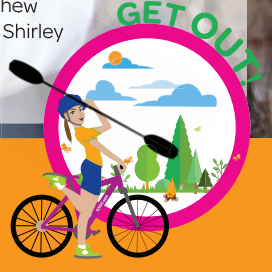
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The following individuals were honored by donor gifts this past fiscal year.

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The following individuals were memorialized through individual donor support this past fiscal year.

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Our Investment and Stewardship Focus Remains Strong

- **100% of our board and staff members gave.**
- **Individual giving increased.**
- **Online giving increased.**
- **United Way, grants, and foundation support increased.**
- **Gifts-in-kind donations increased which helps offset program and operational expenses.**
- ***Women of Distinction* were honored in Columbia, Greenville, and Spartanburg.**
- **Emerald Circle women's philanthropic groups expanded.**



GET OUT!

Girl Scout Promise
On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Mission
Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day GSSCMM Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day GSSCMM Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

"Going on a *destination* was a marvelous experience, getting to go somewhere with a group of people who, for however long, they are your best friends. You get to experience another culture with them and see how everyone reacts to it. It really was a once in a life time experience!"
-**Megan**, *Aiken, age 15*

December 2015

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"I love going to Girl Scout Camp because I learn new things. We played survival games, rode horses, and got to make new friends from all over the place!"

-**Teagan**, *Aiken, age 7*

January 2016

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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	National African American History Month	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 World Thinking Day (WAGGGS)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	National Women's History Month	1	2	3	4	5
6 Girl Scout Sunday	7 Girl Scout Week	8 (6th-12th)	9	10	11	12 Girl Scout's Birthday Girl Scout Sabbath
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 First day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

"Thanks to Girl Scouts encouraging me to attend an entrepreneurship workshop, I learned how to pitch a business idea with confidence. Sharing ideas and getting feedback was really helpful."

-**Shelby**, *Simpsonville, age 13*

February 2016

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"I had so much fun camping at Camp WaBak. My troop made fun duct tape crafts."
-**Shirley**, *Greenwood, age 8*

March 2016

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April 2016

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				Women in Science and Technology Month	1	2
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17	18	19	20	21	22 Girl Scout Volunteer Day Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Space Day	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day observed GSSCMM Closed	31				

"Girl Scouts makes me feel proud to be a part of the community. The confidence and support I have gotten from being a Girl Scout is helping me follow my dreams."
-**Morgan**, *Columbia, age 11*

April 2016

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"I love camp because of the activities and counselors. I love the activities where you get to make new friends. It is great when you get to make new friends from around the state. I love when we get to ride horses and shoot archery. The food is also awesome because it is not the same as we would eat at home."

-Raina, *Lexington, age 13*

May 2016

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June 2016

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		Great Outdoors Month	1	2	3	4
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12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 First day of Summer	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day GSSCMM Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 National Parent's Day / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

"The best part of attending the Youth Entrepreneurship Camp was meeting other people who have already set up their own businesses. Someday I hope to have my own psychology practice focused on adolescents."

-Brittany, *Simpsonville, age 15*

June 2016

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August 2016

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7	8	9	10 National S'mores Day!	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day (women's right to vote in US)	27
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"I never used to think about being a doctor, but going to Girl Scout Day at MUSC and meeting women doctors there...now I think I can do anything!"

-Callie, *Greenville, age 9*

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day GSSCMM Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11 Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

"I enjoy being able to help raise money for my troop and to be able to do some fun trips. I look forward to being able to go to Cherokee, North Carolina to learn more about the Cherokee Indians."

-Lana, *Greenville, age 11*

August 2016

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"I learned that owning a pet is fun but takes work by earning the Pets badge as a Brownie."
-**Katie**, *Simpsonville, age 9*

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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9	10 Columbus Day Observed	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31 Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday Halloween					

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November 2016

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6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day GSSCMM Closed	25 GSSCMM Closed	26
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"The few conventions that I have attended have given me the opportunity to make new friends of all ages."
-**Yolanda**, *Greenville, age 17*

October 2016

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„ Music is a way I can express how I am feeling. In Girl Scouts, we learn new songs and can share them with our Brownie sisters. "

-**Sydney**, *Central, age 9*

November 2016

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December 2016

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4	5	6 Giving Tuesday	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Hanukkah
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31

Advocating on Behalf of Girls

Girl Scouts has a long-standing commitment to the well-being of girls. For more than 100 years, our organization has been an expert on girls' growth and development. We stand ready to discuss the issues, suggest policy solutions, serve on advisory committees, testify at hearings, and provide valuable research to our elected officials and community leaders.

In our effort to build tomorrow's leaders, Girl Scouts prioritized the following public policies and shared them with all elected members of the South Carolina Legislature:

- Encourage Healthy Living Opportunities for Girls
- Promote Economic Opportunities for Girls
- Foster Global Citizenship and a Global Voice for Girls
- Support a Strong Nonprofit Community and Girl Scout Experience

During Girl Scout Week in March, we co-hosted one of the South Carolina General Assembly Women's Caucus monthly breakfast meetings. This bipartisan group comprises our state's Honorary Girl Scout Troop 1912.

Kim Hutzell, President/CEO, and Mary Winter Teaster, Board Member (both far left), with members from Honorary Girl Scout Troop 1912.

Also during Girl Scout Week, six Girl Scouts from across the state participated in the annual South Carolina Honorary Legislative Page Program. They learned first-hand about the legislative process and visited with their district legislators or a staff member. Photographed here with Governor Haley are Jennifer, West Columbia, and Elizabeth, Clemson.