

## MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of FTS to zealously fight systemic issues of economic and social injustice by responding to issues identified by impacted communities, advocating with and on behalf of such communities.

## Elder Response Initiative



In 2025, FTS served more than 300 seniors via its Elder Response Initiative. FTS completed a record 187 home repairs/ADA modifications/ eco-friendly upgrades at 47 homes in 2025.

130

repairs at 35 homes in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties, NC

53

repairs at 11 homes in Charleston County, SC

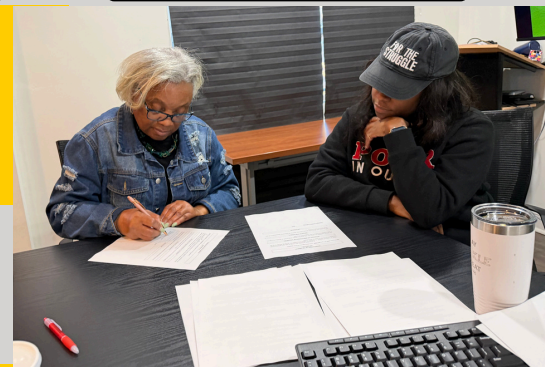
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repairs at 1 home in Columbia, SC

FTS served 75 seniors via its Property Tax Relief Program saving them a record \$72,557.66 in property taxes.



FTS also served a record number of senior citizens through its Senior Feeding Program! In 2025, FTS served 208 senior citizens with healthy meals and fresh produce.



FTS completed 48 future planning services - with 8 being trust services.

19,467

meals served to senior citizens living in a food desert

6,579

bags of fresh produce served to senior citizens living in a food desert

# FOR THE STRUGGLE

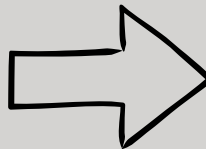
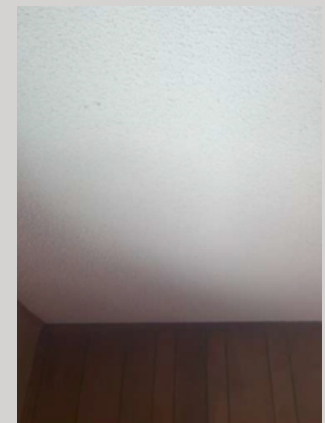
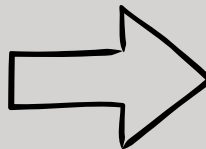
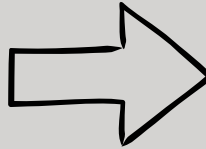
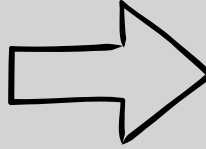
## Elder Response Initiative Critical Home Repair

2025 IMPACT REPORT

**BEFORE**

**FOR THE STRUGGLE**

**AFTER**

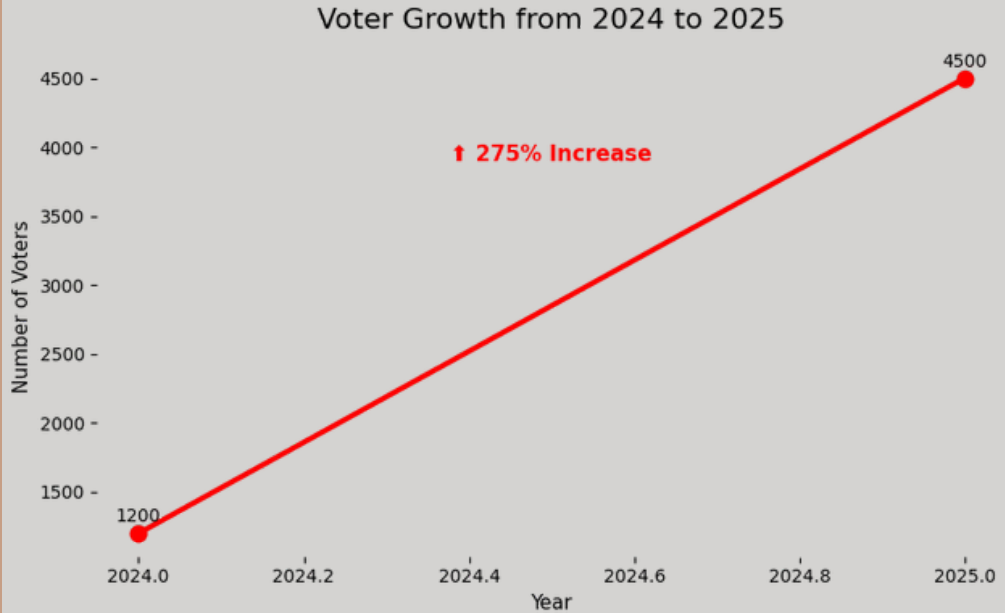
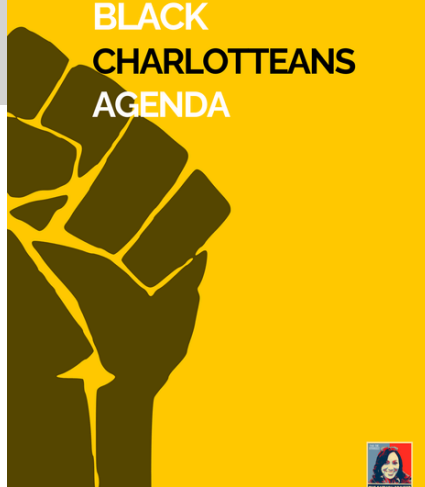




# THE EATMON PROJECT

The Eatmon Project focuses on educating and engaging black voters and engaging youth to participate in such efforts to ensure they are active and educated voters when they are able to cast a ballot.

In 2025, the Eatmon Project expanded its organizing ecosystem through deep, strategic collaboration. This led to the Black Charlottean Agenda that was publicly released in December 2025. The Agenda's work was lifted up on the front page of The Charlotte Observer's Sunday Juneteenth edition.



## 24,000 POTENTIAL VOTERS

EDUCATED AND ENGAGED



- The Eatmon Project also achieved the following in 2025:
- Infrastructure for youth and young adult leadership rooted in nonviolence and advocacy.
  - A multi-organization coalition aligned around shared community priorities.
  - A deeper organizing base along the West End and across Charlotte.
  - A tested model of community listening, mobilization, and public accountability that will power the 2026 advocacy cycle.

SaluteU focuses on providing education and resources to youth involved with the criminal system or engaging in activities that tend to lead to involvement with the criminal system.



21

STUDENTS SERVED IN 2025

760.75

HOURS WITH SALUTEU STUDENTS



80  
HOURS OF  
BOXING AND  
CONFLICT  
MANAGEMENT

223.5  
HOURS OF  
TUTORING/  
ACADEMIC  
SUPPORT

192  
HOURS OF  
GROUP  
SESSIONS

210.5  
HOURS OF JOB  
TRAINING AND  
SKILLS/  
EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES

## What to Expect in 2026:

### Elder Response Initiative

- With the support of the Knight Foundation, FTS has expanded its Critical Home Repair and Future Planning Programs into Columbia, South Carolina. FTS is also partnering with LISC Charlotte to deliver an even more impactful Critical Home Repair/Eco-Senior Program in Charlotte's Historic West End!

### SaluteU

- SaluteU students will experience more college tours and career-readiness opportunities in 2026 to continue the program's goal of lessening students' involvement and/or potential involvement with the criminal system.

### The Eatmon Project

- In 2026, the Eatmon Project will measure the execution of the Black Charlottean Agenda, which includes building a public accountability dashboard to track institutional commitments.
- The Eatmon Project will also:
  - Launch the Rooted to Rise Seminar.
  - Host Agenda-in-Action Town Halls across Charlotte.
  - Mobilize residents to participate in formal presentations of the Black Charlotteans Agenda.
  - Continue to deepen outreach and organize across the Black Charlotte ecosystem.

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