

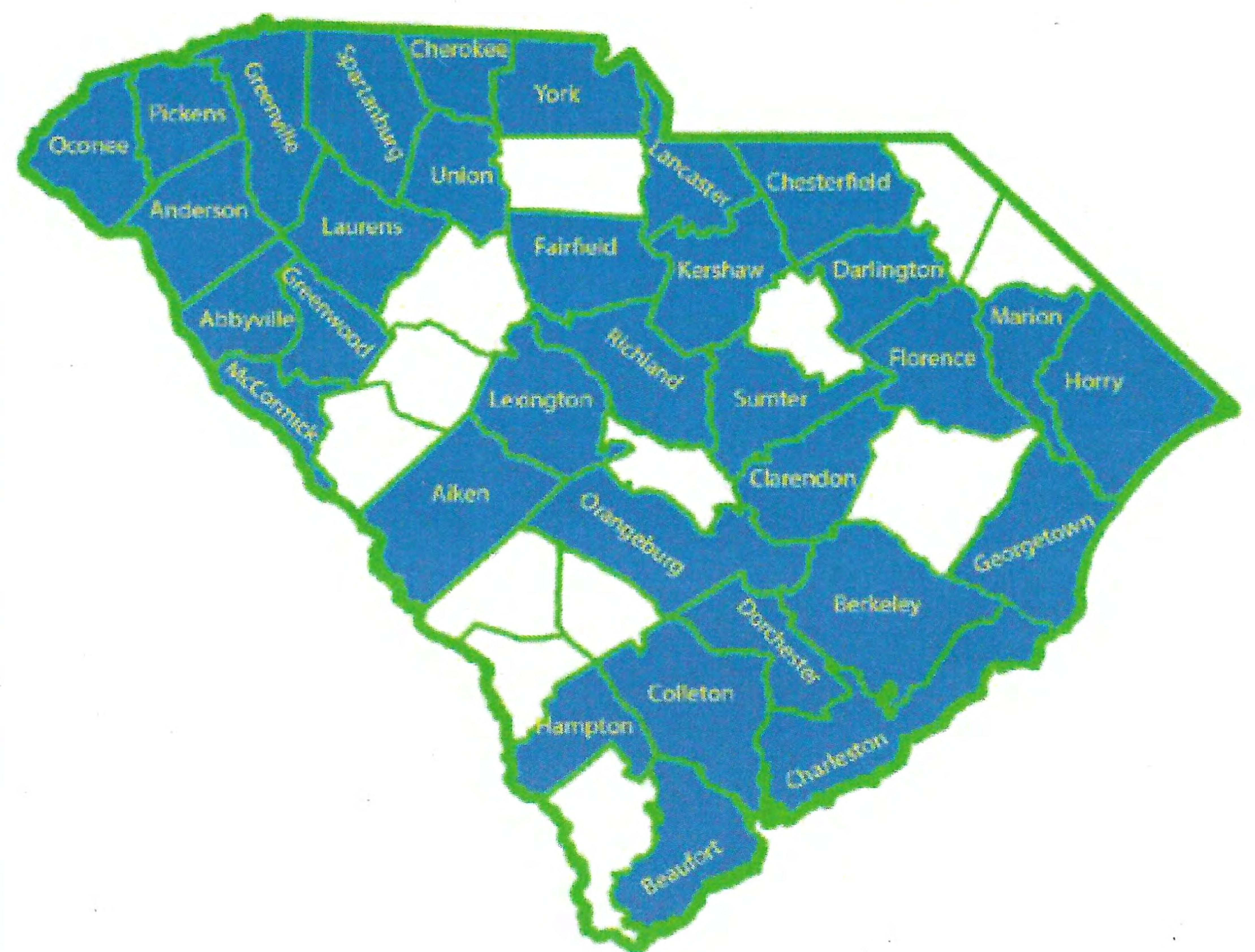


South Carolina Association of  
**Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
Affiliates

South Carolina Association of  
Habitat Affiliates  
(SCAHA)

Annual Report of Activities 2013/14

Expanding the capacity of South Carolina Habitat  
for Humanity affiliates to support families in  
need.



## SCAHA Mission

We are a Christian-based organization whose purpose is to expand the capacity of SC affiliates by increasing access to resources, facilitating communication between affiliates and the community and providing statewide leadership toward the creation of thriving communities that support healthy families

A letter from our  
Executive Director



## SCAHA Vision

To have all SC affiliates working at their full capacity to improve living conditions and eliminate poverty housing in their own communities and across the state of South Carolina

*Dear Friends and supporters,*

It's hard to believe that our organization is less than two years old. It seems like we've been around forever. In some ways that's true. We have an informal history with everything that we did committed to someone's memory; ideas that were tried and shared; stories that were swapped; and agreements made to meet again.

But in Sept of 2012 the leadership of our informal group realized that we could do more if we organized into a legal entity with our own charter, Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and purpose.

Thus was born the South Carolina Association of Habitat Affiliates (SCAHA), a recognized HFHI State Support Organization (SSO).

In early 2013 we developed a list of priorities that the affiliate leaders thought we should tackle, a list that was meant to be dynamic and ever changing to include issues that were important in the pursuit of

Our mission and vision.

This is our first Annual Report, an opportunity to tell you about us, and how far we have come in a short period of time.

July 1 marked the beginning of a new fiscal year, a year which will be filled with old challenges, challenges that have recently been put in front of us and challenges that we haven't even heard about yet.

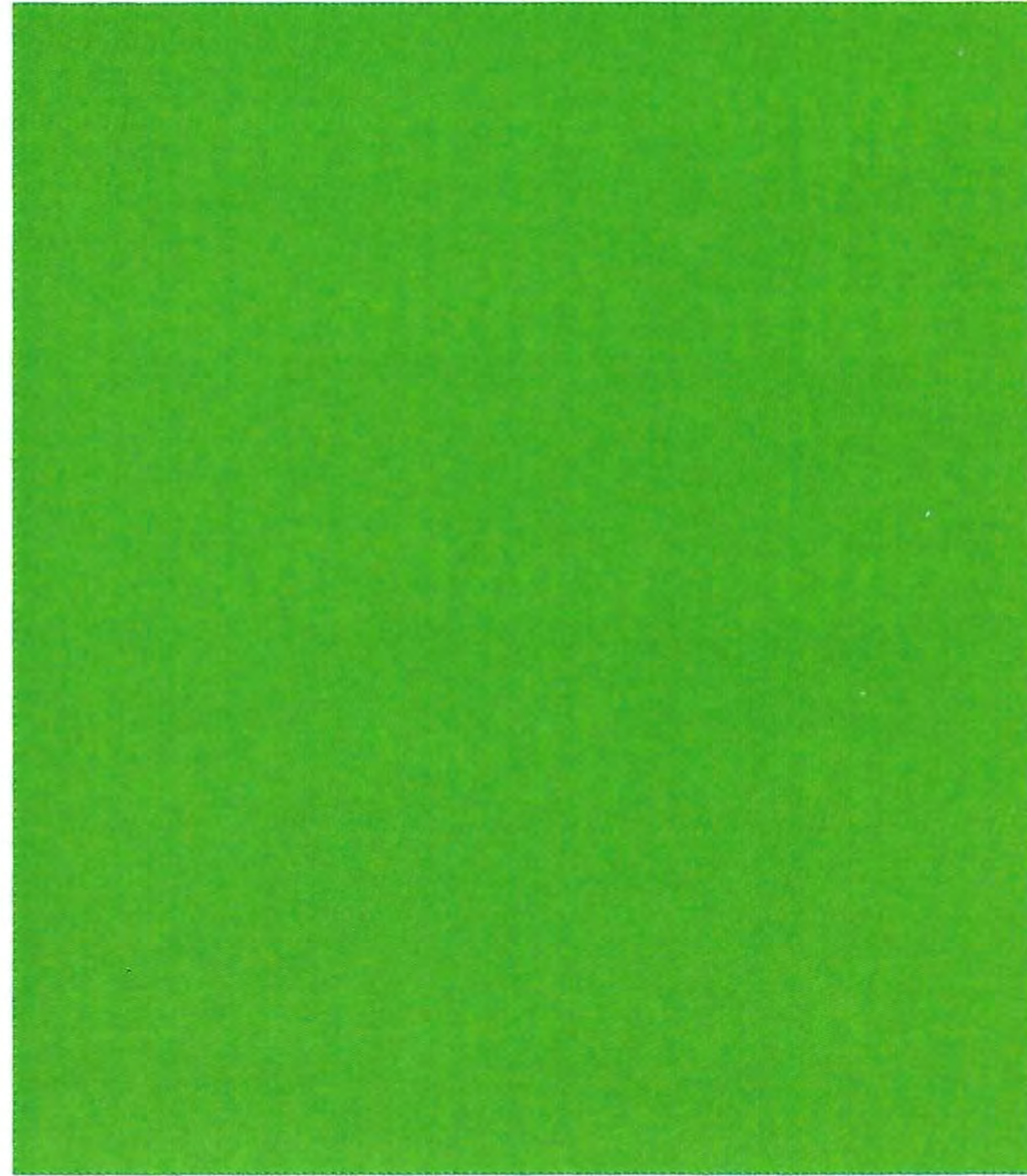
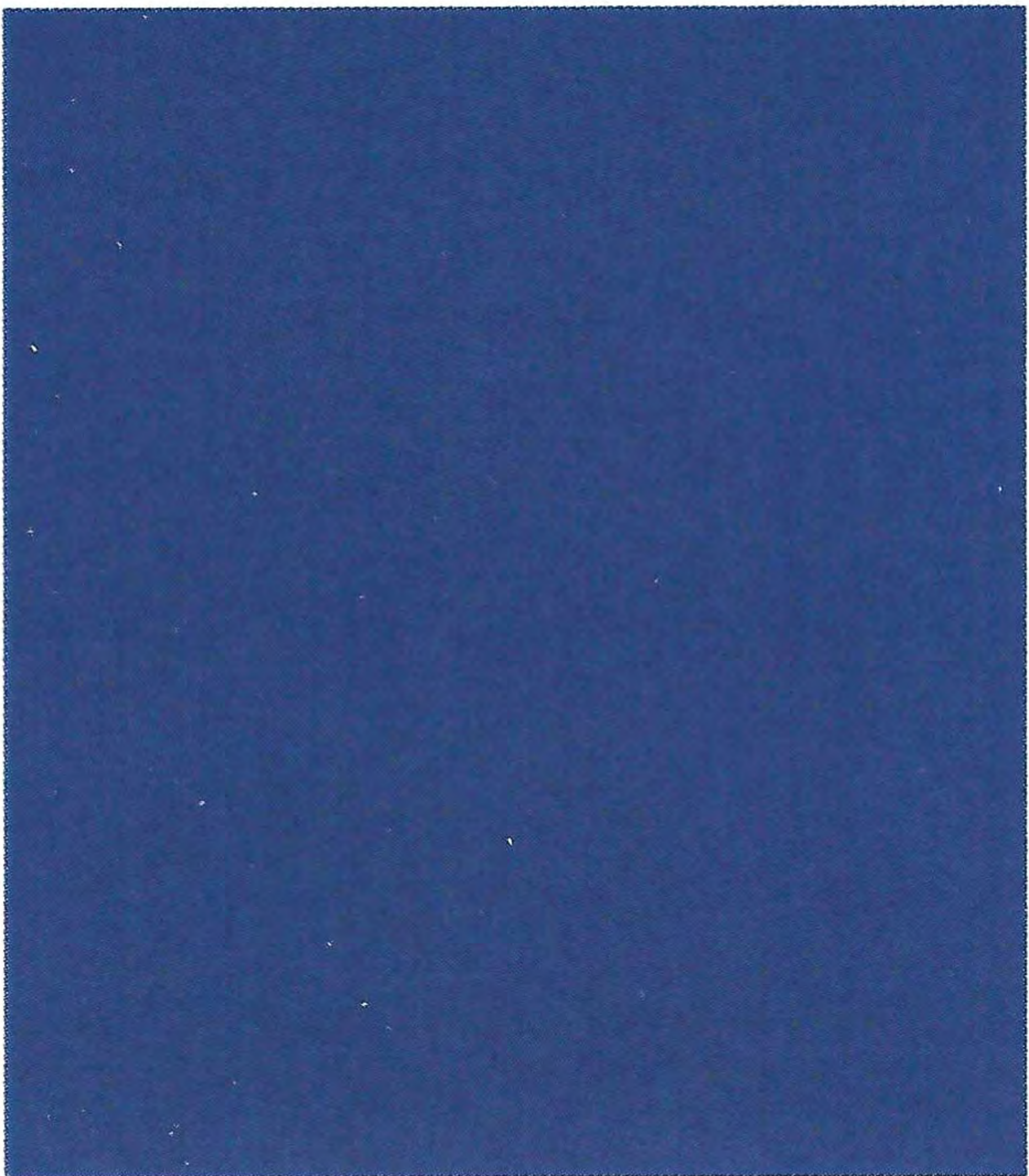
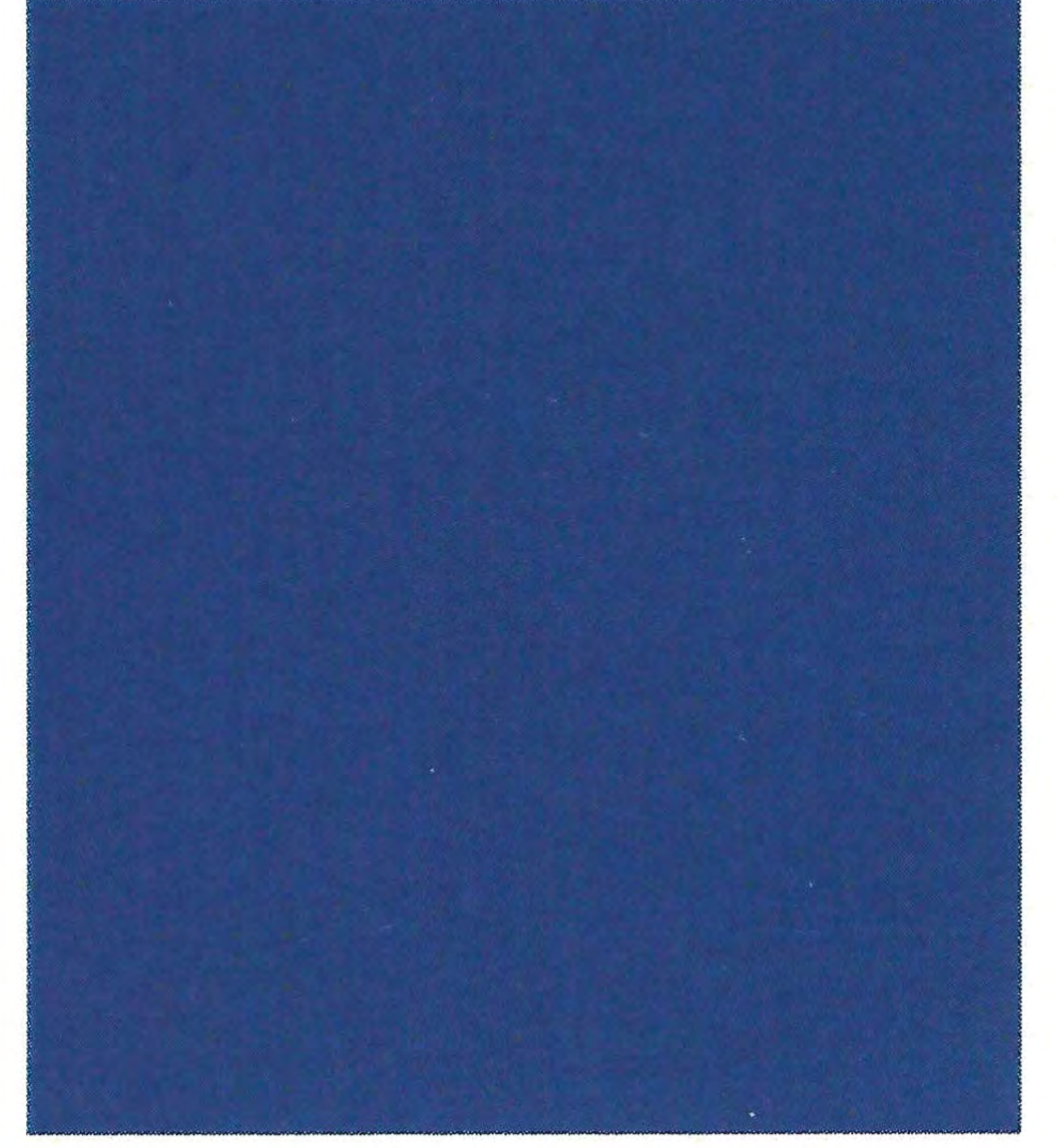
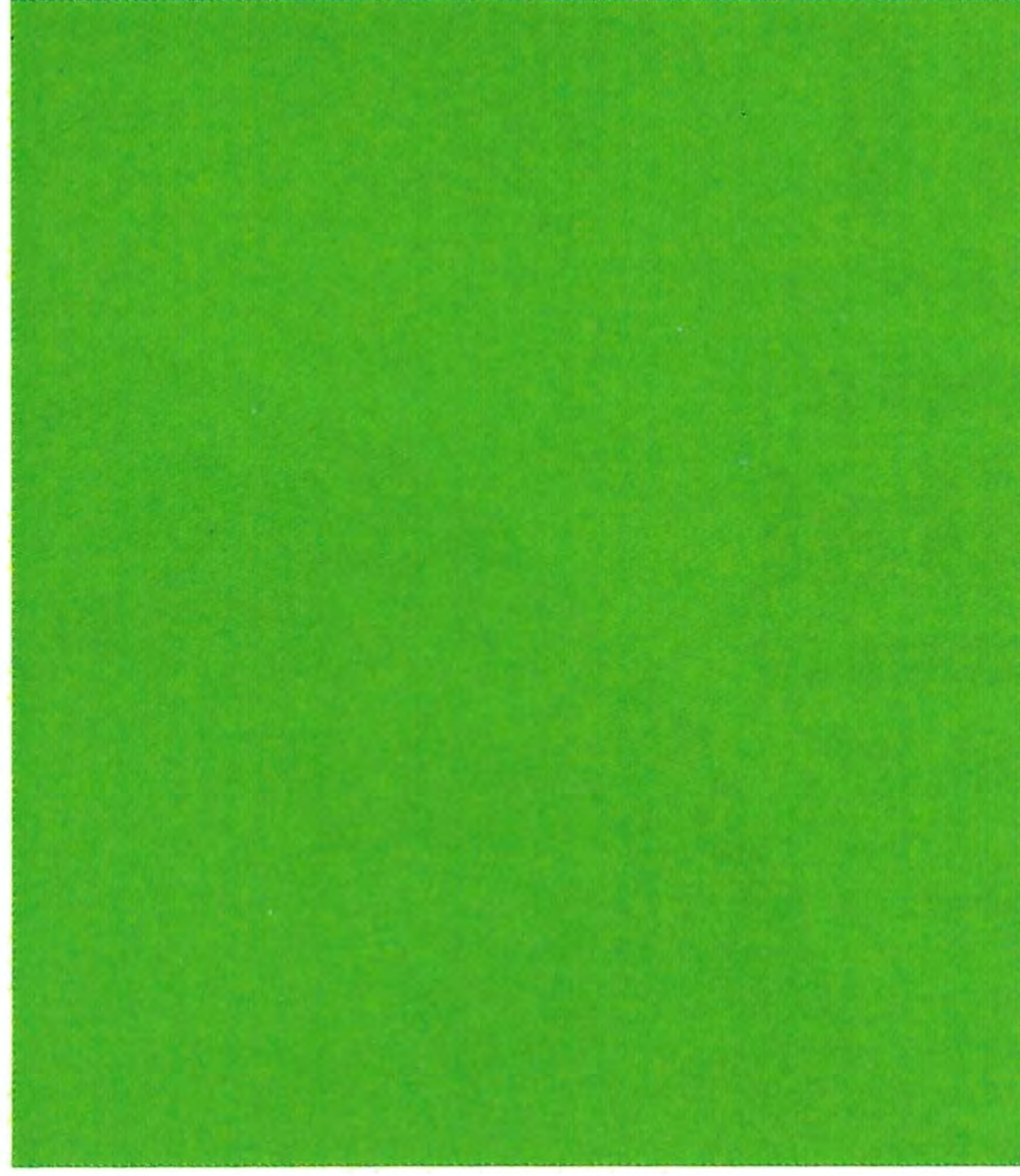
But knowing our affiliate leaders as I do, I'm not concerned. Challenges are just part of their everyday routine. They are committed, passionate and determined to see a time when every South Carolinian lives in a safe, sound and affordable home in a decent community.

And SCAHA is here to help them accomplish that goal.

Thanks for the support you provide,

*Greg Thomas*

Executive Director



## The History and Founding Principles of the South Carolina Association of Habitat Affiliates (SCAHA)

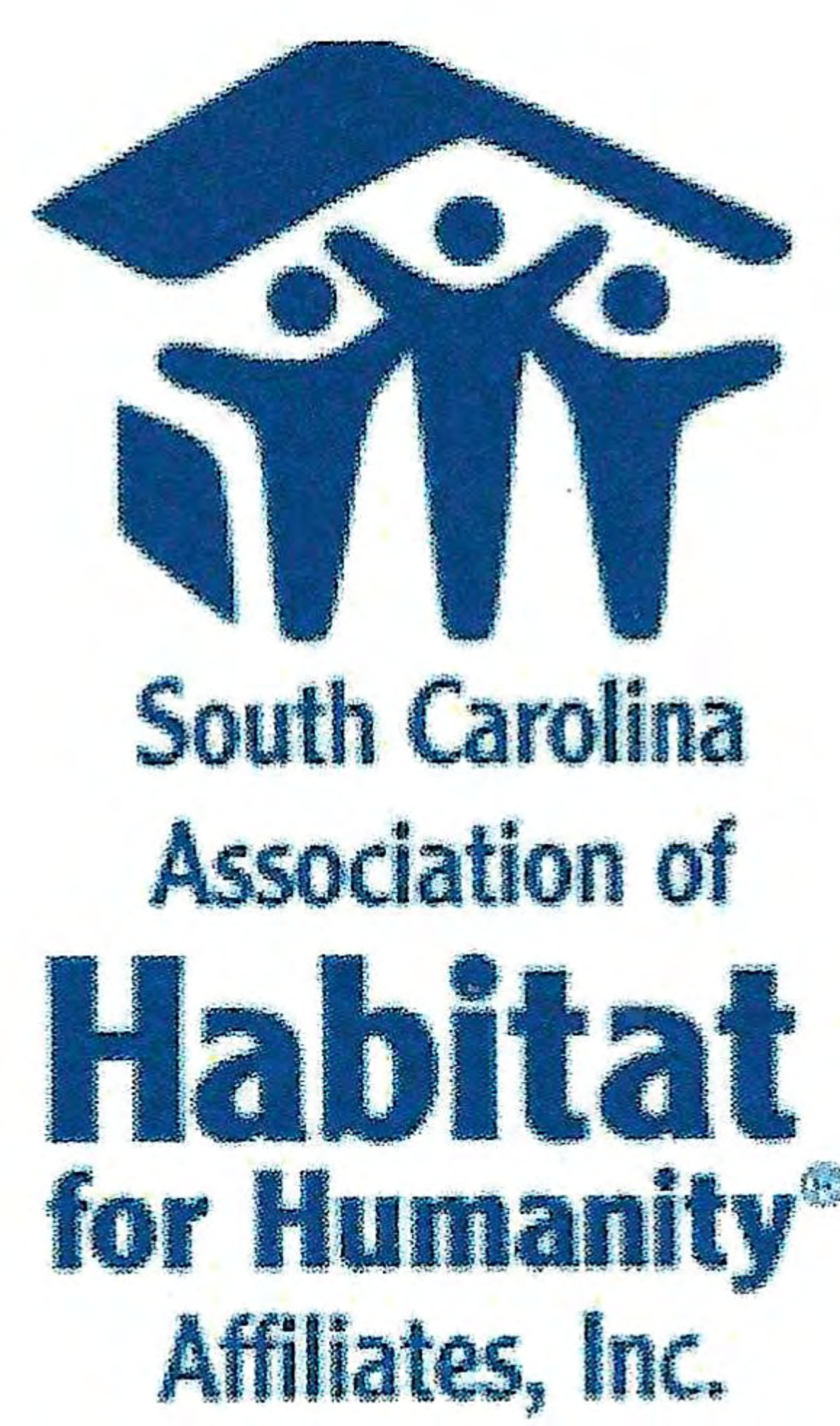
South Carolina Habitat for Humanity (SCAHA) State Support Organization (SSO) was officially chartered in September 2012 to support the 36 Habitat affiliates within the state of South Carolina who actively work to eliminate poverty housing and improve communities.

Though only officially incorporated in September of 2012, SCAHA had early beginnings in South Carolina, meeting as an informal group of Habitat Executive Directors. They began meeting in 2004 and

continued this informal organization until incorporating in 2012. Many of the "founding fathers" of SCAHA still hold positions in their respective affiliates as well as serve on the SCAHA Board.

They identified key activities to carry out the mission and vision of SCAHA :

- Advocacy
- Resource Development
- Communications
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Disaster Response



**South Carolina Habitat Affiliates bring volunteers together to build communities and hope.**

**There are 36 affiliates throughout the state making a difference in our communities and families.**

**We recognize that we face a daunting task but we accept the challenge and won't rest until every South Carolinian lives in a safe, sound and affordable home in a viable community.**

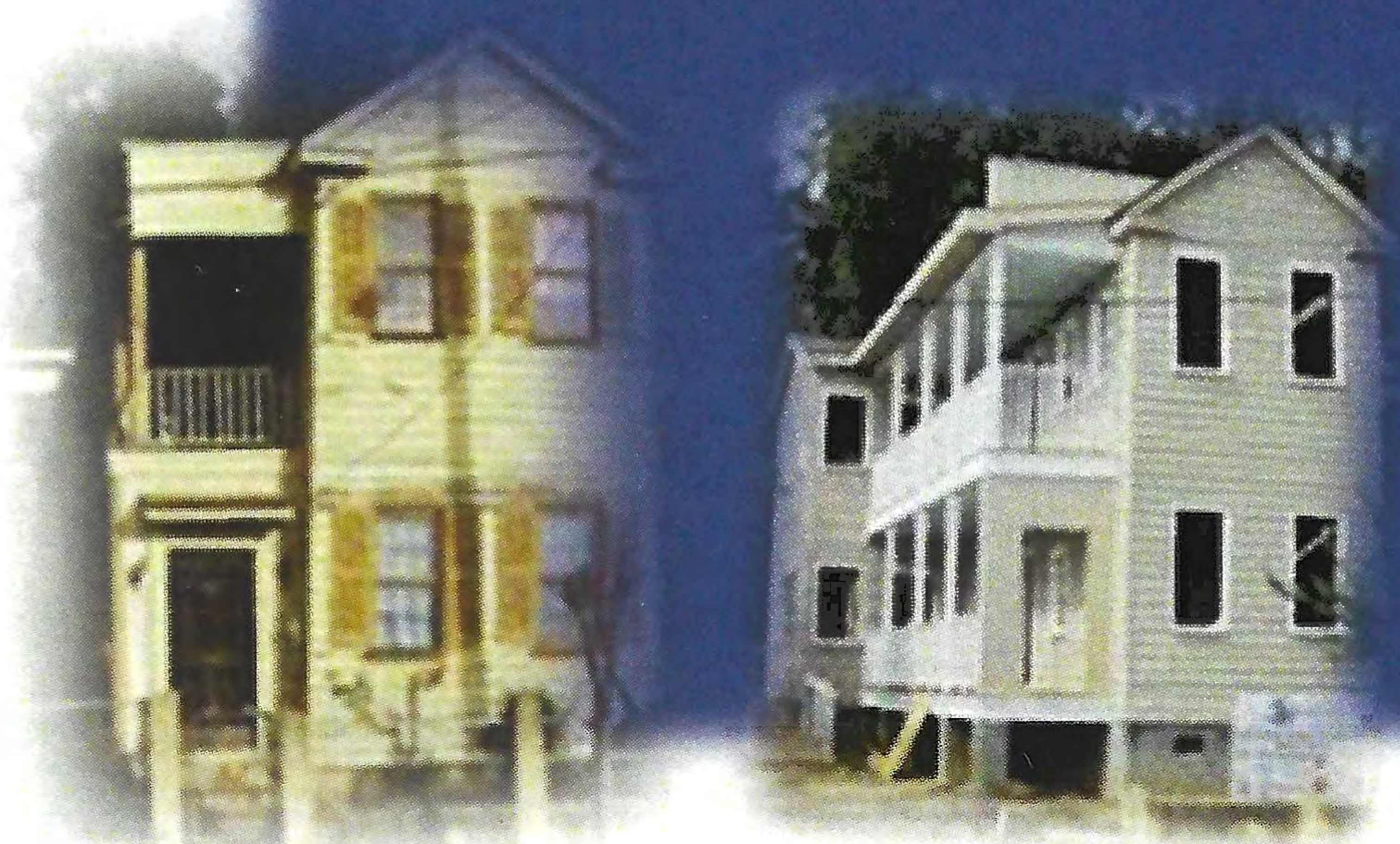
**The statistics are very chilling !**

- **27% of South Carolina children live below poverty**
- **44% of single parent homes live below poverty**

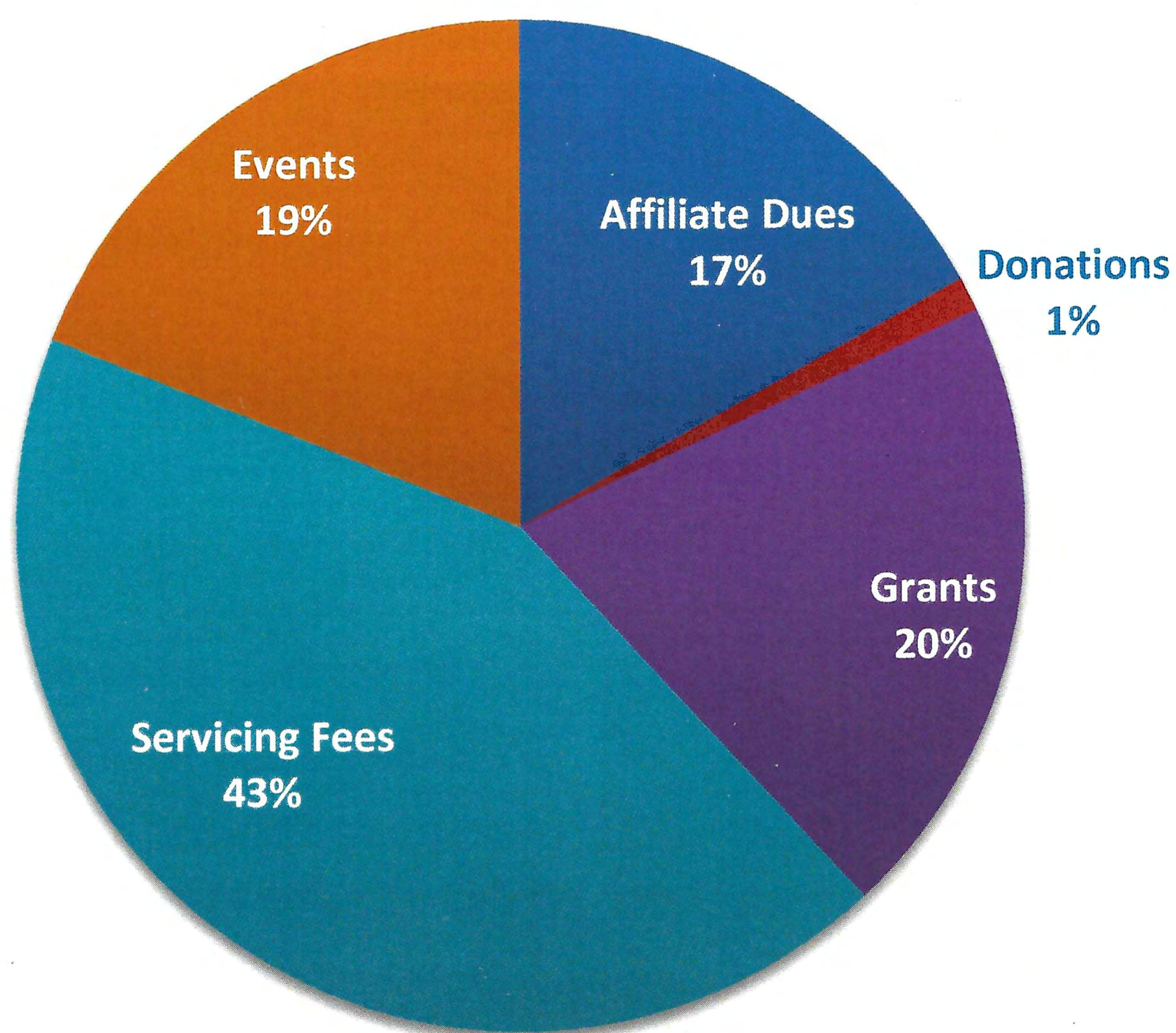


**But, since 1978 South Carolina Habitats have been making a difference !**

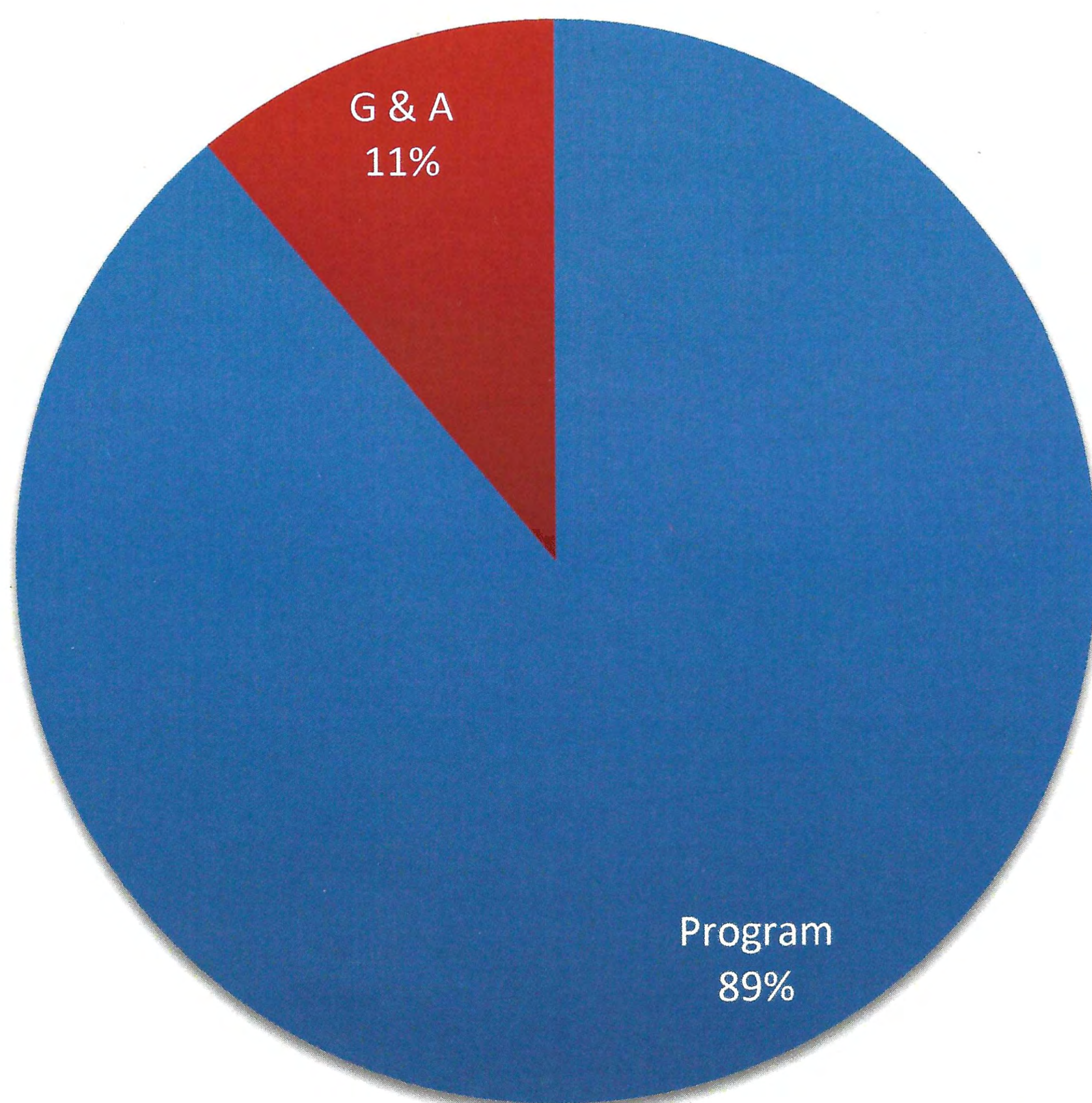
- **We have built over 2,500 homes in South Carolina**
- **We built and/or repaired 106 homes in 2013/2014**
- **We have served more than 10,000 SC Children and adults**
- **We have invested over \$200M in affordable housing**
- **We have hosted thousands of volunteers who have contributed millions of volunteer hours**
- **We have diverted an estimated 180 million tons of materials out of landfills through the efforts of our ReStores.**



## 2013/2014 SCAHA INCOME BY TYPE



## 2013/14 SCAHA FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES



## The Finances of SCAHA

In our first full fiscal year, our primary use of funds has been in the following 3 areas of what we initially identified as “key activities”.

- Advocacy
- Communications
- Training & Technical Assistance

Our program expenses have been directed towards our first ever Legislative Day in Columbia, an Executive Director Training Retreat, and quarterly training meetings for executive directors and development personnel.

In addition to these “events”, we have expenses that are related to communication such as web development, web hosting, printing and mailings that are necessary to support our affiliates.

Last year we spent \$.89 of every \$1.00 on program. Our goal is to increase that to \$.93 for every \$1.00 in 2014/2015.



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# Our Key Activities:

Training and Technical Support



## Training and Technical Assistance

SCAHA conducted and sponsored more than a dozen training opportunities and events this year. We provided travel scholarships for affiliates who would have otherwise not been able to attend valuable conferences and training classes.

Advocacy, awareness and communications



## Advocacy and Awareness

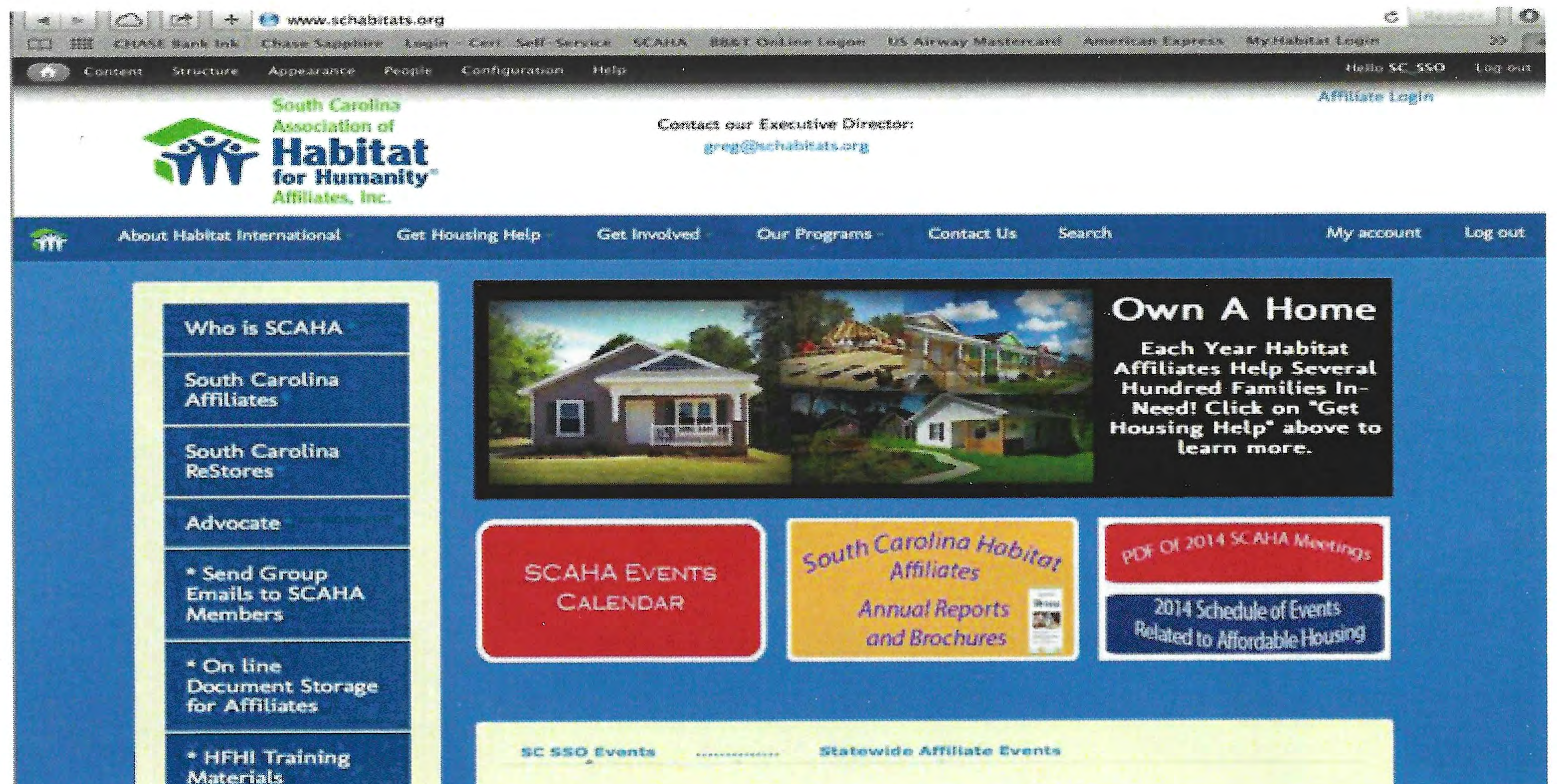
Habitat affiliate leaders and staff from around the state gathered at the South Carolina State House in May to meet legislators and staff and deliver our message of “no more shacks”.

Resource Sharing and Disaster Preparedness

## Resource Sharing and Disaster Preparedness

SCAHA has developed and distributed a Disaster Preparedness Manual template to all affiliates in the state and has developed a master plan for the state association.

In the event of a natural disaster, SCAHA will act as a conduit between local emergency management groups, Habitat for Humanity International and local affiliates.



## Communications

SCAHA launched its new website in Jan 2014 with information about Habitat International, our presence in South Carolina & links to SCAHA documents and resources to be shared by all affiliates.



# Homeownership Builds Stronger Communities and Habitat Builds Communities



Compared to renters of the same age, race and income, homeowners:

- Are 28% more likely to repair or improve their homes
- Live in a community 4 times longer, promoting family stability
- Are 11% more likely to know their government officials and representatives
- Are 9% more likely to know their school board members
- Are 15% more likely to vote
- Are 10% more likely to attend worship services
- Are 16% more likely to belong to PTA's, book clubs and libraries
- Read newspapers 1.3 times more often
- Are less likely to have substance abuse problems



## Homeownership Builds Successful Children And Habitat Helps that Happen



Compared to renters of the same age, race and income, children of homeowners:

- Are 25% more likely to graduate from high school
- Are 116% more likely to graduate from college
- Are 20% less likely to become teenage mothers
- Have 9% higher math scores
- Have 7% higher reading scores
- Have fewer behavior problems
- Are 60% more likely to own their own home within 10 years of moving from their parents
- Save taxpayers in public expenditures (the cost of juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy etc)
- Are less likely to have substance abuse problems



\* Research compiled by Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation



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