

# Project V.I.S.I.O.N. Success Stories

*(United Way of Aiken County 2025 Program Funding Request)*



## **Mrs. Matthews House:**

Summer Interns from the Savannah River Mission Completion partnered with Project V.I.S.I.O.N. on June 16, 2023. Mrs. Matthews, a 70-year-old woman, originally requested repairs to her front porch. Upon an assessment at Mrs. Matthews house, the team noticed that her porch was rotted due to a leak in the roof of the porch. She showed the team that to leave her porch she had to make a wide step over the weak part of the flooring on the porch. Due to her health, she also needed minor yard work. To help her live in her house for a long time, the team decided to expand the scope of the repair. The roof of the porch had to be repaired for the flooring to be repaired. This group of volunteers provided repairs to the roof on the porch, repaired the flooring on the porch, yard work, and minor plumbing repair. Once the work was completed, Mrs. Matthews was able to step out of her door and not risk falling on her porch. To this date she's enjoying her porch, is growing tomato plants in pots and is safely living in her home. This is only possible through the hard work, dedication, and skillset of the volunteers. This is mainly possible because Mrs. Matthews took the first step by asking our Project V.I.S.I.O.N. team to help her and we are all thankful for her bravery.



**Mrs. Mosley House:** Volunteers from the Aiken Electric Cooperative

partnered with Project V.I.S.I.O.N. during our annual combined “Project Power” on October 24, 2023. Mrs. Mosley, 65-year-old woman, requested repairs to her front and back porch. The back steps had weatherization damage, and the front porch had severe weatherization damage. The group of volunteers knew exactly what needed to be done to complete these



repairs. They first tore down the back steps that were rotten and the team of volunteers replaced it with new steps. The next task was to repair the front porch. The walls to the front porch were not sturdy, the steps had boards that were missing and were a tripping hazard for the homeowner. The team of volunteers secured the wall of the porch, tore off the damage and weathered wood, and replaced it with sturdy and new lumber. When Mrs. Mosley exited her house, she was beyond thankful and hugged the volunteers as tears came down her face. Mrs. Mosley can safely live in her house and can use her back door if there were an emergency.

**Ms. Street House:**

Volunteers from a group of middle schoolers through college students with “Impact the Valley” partnered with Project V.I.S.I.O.N. on April 20, 2024. “Impact the Valley” had multiple groups completing home repairs for additional Project V.I.S.I.O.N. homeowners, however this specific group expanded their scope. Ms. Street, 72-year-old, was receiving yard work from this group of volunteers. While she had been battling breast cancer for years, her yard became too much for her to manage. The group of students noticed that she was lonely, and they took the time to talk with her. They took turns working in the yard and going inside the house to talk with Ms. Street. Once the



work was completed, the students shared with their group leader that they were all going to take turns calling and checking-in with Ms. Street. Each group that volunteers with Project V.I.S.I.O.N. is special. This group showed the other side of Project V.I.S.I.O.N. by stepping aside from the work, talking to the homeowner (who is a shut-in client) and providing hope for Ms. Street.

***Project V.I.S.I.O.N. would not be possible without the support and hard work of each volunteer group. Each group echoes the motto of the program by “Repairing Homes, Restoring Hope”. We are extremely grateful for each volunteer and the homeowners.***