

SOUTH CAROLINIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY

IMPACT REPORT

2025
EDITION





OUR MISSION

The mission of South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (SCADP) is to abolish the death penalty and catalyze criminal justice reform in South Carolina.



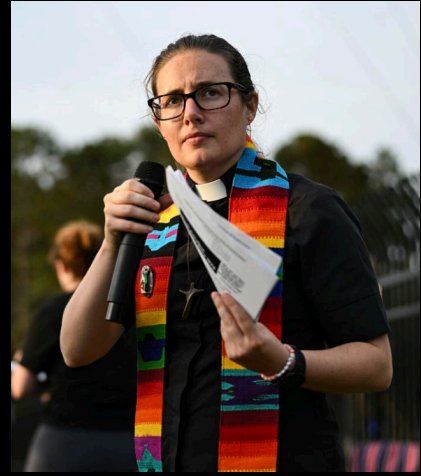
OUR VISION

SCADP fulfills its mission through four action steps: rehumanize, mobilize, advocate, and restore.



1. We **rehumanize** the 25 people on South Carolina's death row, and those awaiting capital trials in South Carolina.
2. We **mobilize** local communities against the death penalty by educating them about South Carolina's past and present death penalty practices.
3. We **advocate** with powerholders and stakeholders for death penalty abolition and reinvestment into life-giving alternatives to capital punishment.
4. We **restore** system-impacted individuals (victim family members, death row family members, death row survivors, corrections staff, etc.) to healing and stability with opportunities for story-telling and connections to social services.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STOPPING DEATH-DEALING SYSTEMS.



Dear Friends,

This year asked a great deal of all of us. Between January 1 and December 31, 2025, we resisted the executions of five South Carolinians: Marion Bowman, Brad Sigmon, Mikal Mahdi, Stephen Stanko, and Stephen Corey Bryant. We saw questions of innocence that remain unresolved. We saw the ways ableism and racism continue to shape who is sentenced to death. We saw the long shadow of trauma—before, during, and after incarceration. And we saw something else, too: the reality that people can and do change when given structure, support, and the space to heal.

At the same time, we witnessed renewed efforts to expand the use of the death penalty—often framed as being “tough on crime.” Over the course of this year, we have come to better understand these efforts for what they are: a bargaining tool to increase prosecution leverage, and a political strategy that prioritizes perception over public safety.

In response, we chose a different path. Through the launch of our In Lieu of Violence Initiative, we worked to rehumanize those on death row by connecting their stories to meaningful acts of giving—inviting people to engage not through fear, but through empathy and action. We also expanded our partnerships across South Carolina, creating new opportunities for dialogue, storytelling, and collaboration. And we were proud to help facilitate the first-ever Second Chance Day at the Statehouse—bringing together people from across the state to advocate for policies that reflect dignity, accountability, and the possibility of transformation. This year was not easy. There is no way to experience five execution campaigns without being changed by them. And yet, even in the midst of that reality, we have found reasons to remain hopeful. Not as denial—but as a deliberate choice to keep building, keep listening, and keep telling the truth about a system that causes harm to all it touches.

As we look to 2026, our focus is clear. We are working to create greater permission for people across South Carolina to speak openly against the death penalty—especially corrections professionals, murder victim family members, and faith leaders. To everyone who has stood with us in this difficult year—thank you. Your support has made it possible to meet this moment with clarity, compassion, and resolve.

There is still much work ahead. But together, we are helping to create the conditions for something more just, more honest, and more human.

With gratitude.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hillary".

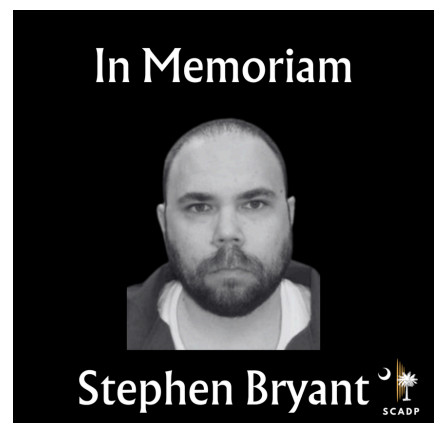
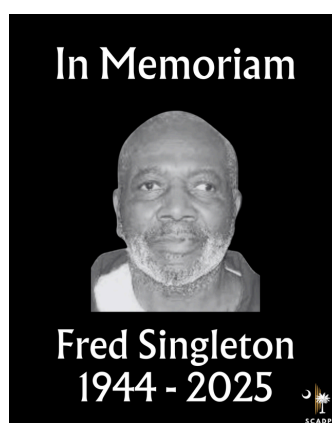
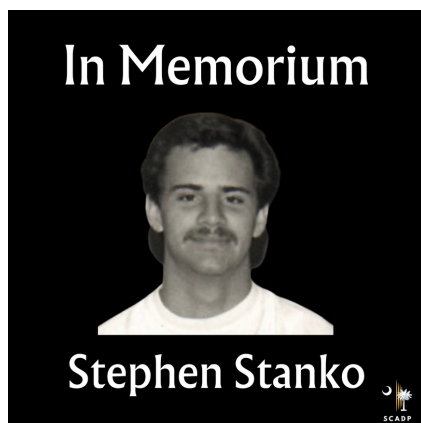
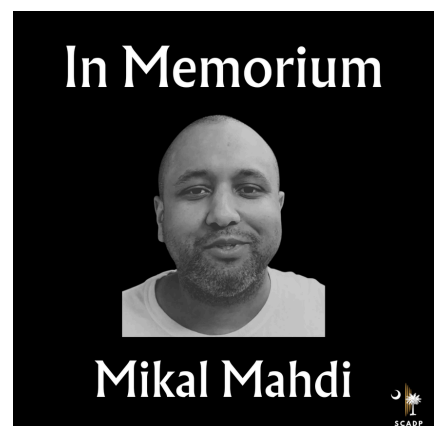
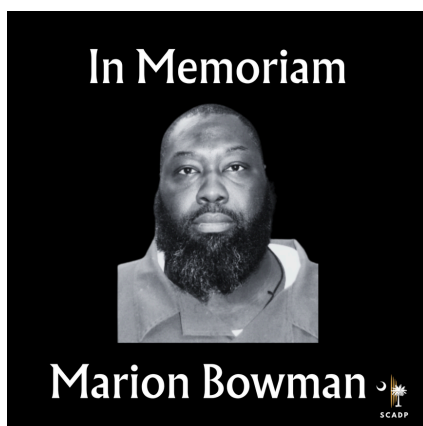
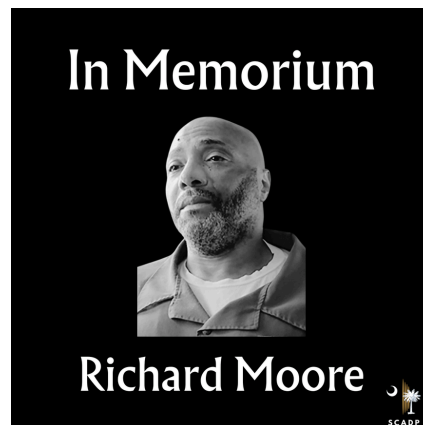
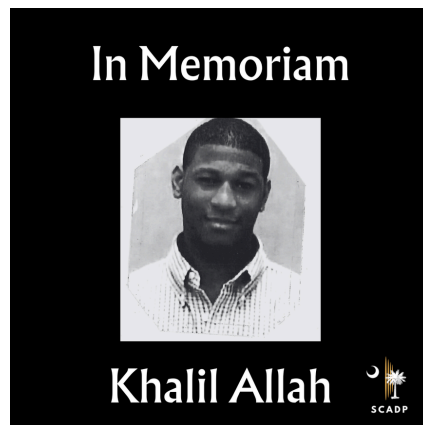
Rev. F. Hillary Taylor
Executive Director, *South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty*.

In Memorium

REMEMBERING THE EXECUTED

Between September 2024 and November 2025, the State of South Carolina executed seven men. One man, Fred Singleton, passed away in October 2025 after spending more than 40 years on the row.

Their trials display the problems with capital punishment, including questions of innocence, experiences of racism and ableism, lingering trauma from horrific abuse, and the refusal to acknowledge redemption and change. Each of these men is more than the sum of the crimes for which they were accused and convicted. We continue abolition work in their name and invite you to remember them with us.





OUR IMPACT IN 2025

20,382

SUBSCRIBERS TO OUR
EMAIL NEWSLETTER

+6,268

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO
OUR LISTSERV

3,125

COMBINED FOLLOWERS
ON 6 SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

+1,409

NEW FOLLOWERS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

32

JOURNEY OF HOPE
EDUCATION EVENTS

888

JOURNEY OF HOPE
EVENT ATTENDEES

136

MEDIA PIECES
INFLUENCED

3

COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS
COMPLETED

0

PEOPLE SENTENCED TO
SC'S DEATH ROW

27

DIGITAL ORGANIZING
EVENTS

SECOND CHANCE DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

On April 24, 2025, the South Carolina Justice Partners coalition (SCJP) convened at the South Carolina Statehouse for the first annual Second Chance Day at the Statehouse.



Rev. Jimmy MacPhee, a death row survivor, sharing his story after the press conference.

Re-entry groups, legal aid organizations, community organizers, returning citizens, family members, and community members seeing the effects of incarceration gathered to advocate for policies that make South Carolina a better place for people impacted by the criminal legal system.



Denise Patterson-Jones, Executive Administrative Assistant for Soteria CDC in Greenville, holding a sign in support of second chance work!

Participants wore white to stand out during the day's activities, which included making signs, holding a press conference, lobbying with legislators, eating delicious free food, and resource-sharing with fellow organizations!

L-R: Candice Beasley of the Benedict College BEST Lives Center stands with a returning citizen on the front steps of the statehouse. In the tent close by, Time Served's Megan Powell hands out signs and information packets..





“IN LIEU OF VIOLENCE” INITIATIVE

In memorials, the phrase “In Lieu of Flowers” encourages donations to a cause that honors the deceased. The “In Lieu of Violence” Initiative (ILOV) applies this concept to individuals on South Carolina’s Death Row—transforming passive mourning and vigil into meaningful change—offering a vision where justice is rooted in prevention rather than retribution.

Through the help of Death Penalty Alternatives of Arizona and SCADP supporter Sawyer Baker, we designed this initiative to recenter the conversation around executions towards humanity, mutual aid, and restorative justice. These interventions are guided by the death-sentenced prisoner’s own insights into the unmet needs they had that if addressed earlier, might have changed their path and prevented further loss of life (e.g., healthier masculinity, access to more books, abuse prevention resources, etc.). This initiative serves to honor both the condemned and the victims of the crime by marrying a symbolic acknowledgment of systemic failure with a tangible investment in prevention (we know our actions will not immediately lead to the systemic change necessary to address poverty and racial discrimination).

Pictured above: Checks given to New Creation Ministries (Spartanburg) and Children’s Recovery Center of Spartanburg during Brad Sigmon and Stephen Corey Bryant’s ILOV campaigns. Over \$5,000 total was raised!

Pictured below: Books donated to Liberation is Lit and Soteria CDC during Mikal Mahdi’s ILOV campaign. Over 4 dozen in total!





Pictured above (L-R): Lindsey Vann, former Executive Director of Justice 360, lecturing about the 40 years of post-modern death penalty history in South Carolina. In the middle, Ron Kaz, Sherrerd Hartness, and Rev. Jimmy MacPhee discuss their experience of the death penalty over the last 40 years. Matt Hicks, former SCADP Board Chair, facilitating questions

ANNUAL MEETING 2025

Back in January 2025, SCADP held its first Annual Meeting in almost 40 years at Washington Street United Methodist Church! The event brought 30 people together for the theme “40 Years of Death: South Carolina’s Death Penalty at Age Forty.” We invited Lindsey Vann, Esq., the immediate past Executive Director of Justice 360, to come and give a lecture on the legacy of South Carolina’s death penalty system. She had just finished representing Richard Moore, who was executed on November 1, 2024.

Following Lindsey’s talk, we heard panelists Ron Kaz, Sherrerd Hartness, and Jimmy MacPhee discuss the death penalty from their respective experiences as SCADP Board Chair Emeritus, murder victim family member, and death row survivor.

Pictured below (L-R): Board Members Christina Isenhower, Matt Hicks, and Brandon Fountain gather during a break; Board Member Jessica Moeller talks with former intern, Rev. Lilly Wood, about her projects with SCADP.



MOVEMENT WORK

Because SCADP's work involves catalyzing criminal justice reform, we have been showing up for other organizations across South Carolina! Take a look at all the places we've been present!



Lolita Frazier organizes a fashion show every year called "A Sun for My Sun" to raise money for families whose children die by gun violence.



Moms Demand Action in Greenville County hosts monthly protest days close to a neighborhood with lots of gun violence near White Horse Road.



Brian Hansen hosts his first Palmetto Journey of Hope speaking event at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. Brian is now an ordained Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston!



In November 2025, Candler School of Theology hosted a 10-year anniversary gathering for the #KellyOnMyMind Clemency Campaign. SCADP was excited to join GFADP, Conservatives Concerned, and the Faith Leaders of Color Coalition (floc) for this special panel on faith-based community organizing against the death penalty!



The South Carolina Justice Partners came together in December 2025 to construct a partnership agreement for broader legislative change in South Carolina's criminal legal system.

SCADP Goals for 2026

A New Impacted Communities Organizer (Full-Time)

The work of SCADP ranges from creating toolkits for clemency campaigns, recruiting/training system-impacted speakers to speak publicly, debating the merits of abolition in front of law school students, and everything in between. This year, SCADP hopes to hire a new staff person to help with digital and in-person organizing efforts across South Carolina and among various constituencies working for criminal legal reform.

| Financial Goal: \$77,788 (includes salary and benefits) |

Journey of Hope

SCADP is working hard to build connections with colleges, universities, faith-based organizations, and community centers across South Carolina to educate about the death penalty. These events bring system-impacted speakers in connection to local community members, pairing personal stories with the harrowing statistics surrounding the death penalty. We look forward to educating more than 800 citizens across South Carolina this year!.

| Financial Goal: \$28,000 |

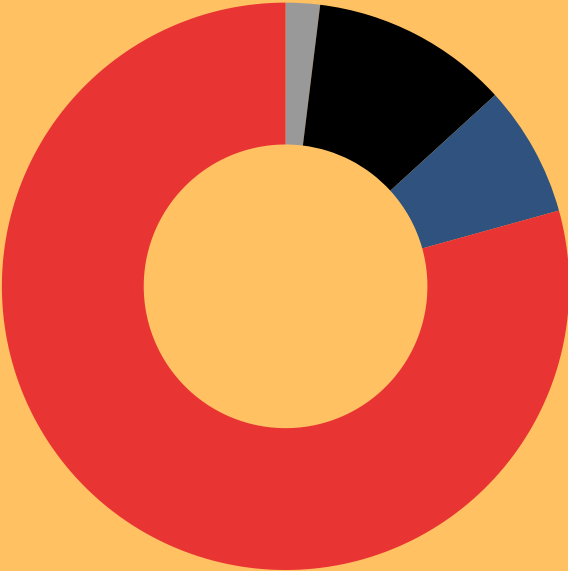
The Immersive Internship Program

So much of what happens to us as young adults shapes the trajectory of our lives. With this in mind, SCADP is committed to cultivating the next generation of activists through an immersive summer internship program, complete with reading assignments, individual meetings, group projects, guest speakers, and pilgrimages to relevant anti-death penalty historical sites in the Southeast.

| Financial Goal: \$7,500 |

FINANCIALS

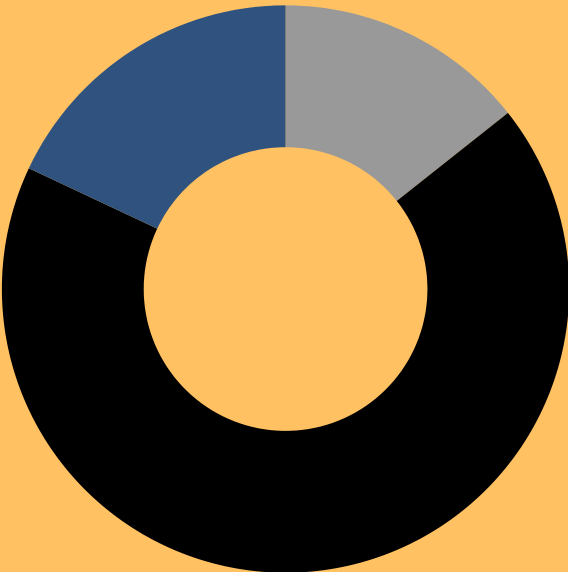
Income 2025



Individual Grants	\$1,000
Individual Donations	\$26,973
Donor Advised Funds	\$20,648
Foundation Grants	\$128,770

Total: **\$177,391**

Budgeted Expenses 2026



Operations and Administration	\$6,700
Digital and In-Person Organizing	\$55,750
Personnel (Staff, Interns, Benefits)	\$183,769

Total: **\$246,219**

*Numbers based on activity through December 31, 2025.

DONOR STATISTICS

*Numbers based on activity through December 31, 2025.

<u>Number of Major Donors</u>	<u>Average Amt Major Donors</u>	<u>2025 Total Amt Major Donors</u>
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6	\$3,375	\$20,250
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<u>Number of Monthly/Quarterly Recurring Donors</u>	<u>Average Amt Monthly Recurring Donors (per person/month)</u>	<u>2025 Total Amt Monthly Recurring Donors</u>
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39	\$32.75	\$5,617
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<u>Number of Regular Donors</u>	<u>Average Amt Regular Donors</u>	<u>Total Amt Regular Donors</u>
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129	\$95.10	\$12,269
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<u>Multi-Year Donors</u>	61
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<u>First-Time Donors</u>	106
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<u>Total Donors</u>	167
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How You Can Help

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