

The Fripp Island Community Centre and All-Faiths Chapel needs your help!

The Community Centre is conducting its annual fund-raising drive, and we're asking for your support.

"Why should I contribute to the Community Centre?", you may ask. Here's why:

Every week, we host:

- Nine exercise or yoga classes
- Two bridge groups
- Mahjongg
- Knitting
- Bingo (in season)
- And others...

Every month, we host:

- Community dinners
- ROMEO lunch
- Women's Club
- Audubon Club
- Singles dinners
- Friends of Music concerts
- Board meetings for Women's Club, Friends of Music, and others

Every year, we host:

- Mardi Gras dinner
- Oktoberfest dinner
- Thanksgiving dinner
- New Year's Eve party

We also host special events, such as blood drives, health clinics, electronics recycling, and document shredding. We manage the Al Cooper Memorial Columbarium, the final resting place for many Island residents. We come together in the Centre to remember friends and family who have passed on.

And we have been the Island's center for worship since 1980. Our Wednesday Vespers services have been an important part of the Island's identity for many years, as has our wonderful choir.

We are home to over 5000 free books, CD's, and videos available to all residents.

In 2017, our major capital expenditures were to improve our exterior lighting and to replace three old HVAC units. We also had some expenses related to Hurricane Irma cleanup. In 2018, our major projects will be to replace the remaining old HVAC systems, upgrade our website, and upgrade the kitchen ventilation system. We also have various external upgrades planned, including repair/replace the back sidewalk that was damaged by Hurricane Matthew, finish our exterior lighting, and potentially expand the Centre to provide more room for meetings and kitchen storage.

We are indeed fortunate to have this first-class facility. We request your donation so we can continue to offer these important community services to the residents and homeowners of Fripp Island. Over half of the expenses for running the Centre are covered by contributions to this annual pledge program – the only time we ask Members for money.

To contribute, please fill out the form on the back of this page and return it with your contribution to the Fripp Island Community Centre, by mailing to 205 Tarpon Blvd., Fripp Island, SC 29920, by dropping it off in the CC cocktail slot, by including it in the vespers collection, or by giving it to an Officer.

On behalf of the FICC Board of Directors and of all Members like you, I thank you.

Dave Moore
President of the Board
Fripp Island Community Centre and All-Faiths Chapel

Fripp Island Community Centre 2018 Annual fund drive

Name _____

Home address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Fripp address (if different)

Email _____

We acknowledge all gifts at the end of the year. How would you like to be notified?

Email _____

Letter _____

Your one time gift \$ _____

Or, your pledge:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____

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Note: all donations received by December 31, 2017 will be acknowledged as 2017 contributions. Donations received after January 1, 2018 will be acknowledged at the end of 2018.

The FICC is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. If your company or former company offers matching funds, please contact Rita Merrill, FICC Treasurer, at 843-838-4475 for any information needed to complete your forms.

We also can accept stock donations. Please contact Rita Merrill for information about how to transfer stock.

Note that you can make gifts directed to FICC from your IRA if you are over 70½ years of age. More information can be found here (please consult with your financial advisor):

<https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/retirement-plans-faqs-regarding-iras-distributions-withdrawals>