

Dear Fripp Friends,

The Fripp Island Community Centre and All-Faiths Chapel is asking for your financial support and commitment.

In 2019, we are undertaking a significant upgrade to the facility. Our existing kitchen has proved to be inadequate to meet the ongoing needs of the community, so we will be adding a new kitchen space on the north side of the building. The new kitchen will have increased space to allow better workflow for food preparation and serving, to store supplies and appliances, and will (finally) have adequate ventilation. We will then convert the old space into additional storage, a choir area, and meeting room.

Instead of having a separate capital campaign for the Centre expansion, we are asking you to increase your annual commitment this year to the Community Centre to help pay for these improvements. Your additional contributions will allow us to complete the improvements without significantly depleting our necessary reserves.

We hope you have had the opportunity to experience and enjoy some of the many activities and group gatherings that are central to our Community Centre community. We have come here to worship since 1980. We meet here for memorial services to remember our friends and family members. Our clubs and organizations, such as Women's Club, Bridge, Audubon Club, ROMEO, Knitting, Mah Jongg, and Friends of Music enjoy their activities here, and it is where we gather for fellowship dinners, exercise, meetings, and other group activities. It is home to over 5000 free books, CDs, and DVDs available to all residents and visitors. We also sponsor various community events, such as electronics recycling, blood drives, and health clinics.

Throughout the years your Centre has thrived due to your generosity with contributions, pledges, and memorials, and through wise financial management. We operate on a very lean budget and carefully examine all expenditures so that the Centre remains available to all residents of Fripp Island at the lowest possible operating cost. 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.

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 directly to the 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>

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 or in the donations box located outside the office; by including it in the vespers collection; or by giving it to an Officer.

Our new website will have a page listing all donors. If you would prefer not to be listed, please note on the form below.

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

**2019 Fund Drive Donation form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be listed on Donor Page:

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Do not include my name on the donor page

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Fripp address (if different)

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Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Your one time gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please consider giving extra to help with the expansion)

Or, your pledge:

Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Fripp Island, SC 29920

Or drop off in the CC cocktail slot or donations box, in the vespers collection, or give to an Officer.

Giving Groups to be listed on our website:

\$100-\$500

\$501-\$1000

\$1001-\$1500

Over \$1500