

# East Cooper Community Outreach

The mission of East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) is to provide safety net services to our low-income neighbors, while empowering them to create a better future for themselves, their families, and communities. Founded in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, ECCO was formed as an emergency relief effort and has since grown into a permanent resource for families in financial distress, the elderly and disabled, the unemployed and underemployed – including those in situational poverty and generational poverty. One of ECCO's overall goals is to provide low-income families with holistic, wraparound services and support to help clients address the underlying causes that have contributed to their situations.

Over the last twenty-nine years, the organization has expanded its programs to adapt to the changing economic environment, especially in the areas of health and education. ECCO has introduced new programs and enhanced existing services since its inception, including the Dental Clinic, Getting Ahead for single mothers in 2008, a Job Readiness program in 2013, and the Partners in HealthCare medical clinic in 2014. ECCO now reaches thousands of low-income households annually through program delivery in three main areas: Basic Needs, Health, and Empowerment.

## FOOD AND SUPPLIES

Available during regular service hours, ECCO offers a Client Choice Wellness Pantry. Shelves are regularly stocked with everything from canned goods and bread to toilet paper and diapers.

## WISH LIST

**The following items are in immediate need:**

- Towel Sets
- Sheet Sets (King and Queen Only)
- Beef Stew
- Canned Chili
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Grits (1 lb)
- Oatmeal (1 lb)
- 100% Apple Juice
- Flour (4 lb)
- Sugar (4 lb)

