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Barnwell County School District High Schools Participate in FoodShare Fresh Food Box Giveaways

This November, students across the high schools in Barnwell County School District participated in the annual FoodShare fresh food box giveaway, distributing boxes of fruits and vegetables to community members at Blackville-Hilda High School, Williston-Elko High School, and Barnwell High School. The effort is part of the ongoing partnership between FoodShare South Carolina and the United Way of Allendale, Barnwell and Bamberg Counties to expand access to nutritious, affordable food.



Brandson Beasley works alongside BHS Teacher Jeff Miller during the FoodShare Giveaway.

Each FoodShare box contains 9 to 11 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables, along with recipes, preparation tips, and nutrition notes designed to help families explore new foods and support healthier eating habits.

Blackville-Hilda High School Principal Christina Snider emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for students to serve their community.

> *" We are very grateful that our students are able to help with the distribution of food boxes with the continued partnership with FoodShare. The program has allowed our community to benefit from their generosity and allowed our students to have a positive experience with community service. Putting others before ourselves is an important part of the service we will try to instill in our students."*
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> Her school's students helped lead deliveries and assisted families in carrying boxes to vehicles throughout the morning.

At Williston-Elko High School, Principal Tony Flowers noted how powerful it is for students to see the impact of their efforts firsthand.

“I am grateful for our continued partnership with the FoodShare program. This opportunity allows our students to engage with community members, fostering pride and a sense of purpose as they realize their ability to create positive change within our community.”

Students at WEHS greeted community members, helped sort produce, and ensured each family received their full selection of fresh foods.



WEHS students prepare to load boxes into cars.

Barnwell High School Principal Derek Youngblood shared that events like the FoodShare giveaway help strengthen the ties between schools and the communities they serve.

“Barnwell High School is proud to join United Way in this important work. We are blessed to be part of a community that understands the power of working together and remains dedicated to improving the lives of those we serve.”

BHS students volunteered at distribution tables, helped organize traffic flow, and assisted older adults and families with young children.



Students at BHHS help load boxes during the FoodShare Giveaway.

United Way of Allendale, Barnwell and Bamberg Counties Executive Director Ferlicia Cuthbertson said the continued partnership with FoodShare South Carolina is an essential part of supporting families throughout the region.

This year’s coordinated giveaways reflect the United Way’s commitment to addressing food access, improving wellness, and fostering service learning for local students. The organization plans to continue expanding FoodShare distribution opportunities throughout the tri-county region in the coming year, and the students of BCSD are eager to continue leading these efforts as active partners in strengthening their communities.

For more information on United Way of Allendale, Barnwell and Bamberg Counties, please visit their website at www.unitedwayabb.org.

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