This year, students joined the Center for Civic Engagement in collecting food and volunteering with the Lowcountry Food Bank. Students made a GREAT impact on hunger by donating 464 lbs of cereal and oatmeal throughout the course of homecoming week, and packaging 13,000 lbs of food in the Food Bank Warehouse to be distributed in the community. Thanks to everyone who joined us to "Take a Bite out of Local Hunger!"

On February 16th, Volunteer Corps joined the Cougars Taking Action trend and sorted and packaged food at the Lowcountry Food Bank. Volunteer Corps serves to help students find volunteer opportunities in Charleston. They host biweekly meetings, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 5:30pm in Lightsey. If you have any questions about service events, or just want to share a volunteer opportunity, contact: volunteercorps.cofc.edu

Service Events in March:
3/15: Healing Farms
3/22: Feed a Friend
3/23: Charleston Miracle League
3/26: Bingo and Beyond
3/29: PAL Walking

On February 21st, the Bonner Leader Program hosted their first event in their Engage & Empower series (Un)Common Ground. Three speakers from the community tackled the topic of similarities and differences between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism with a panel discussion and a Q&A with the audience. Thanks to everyone who came out and made the event so special!
Spring into Service is a series of service events coming up this March and April that provide students with the opportunity to volunteer with different nonprofits, and explore different social issues in the Charleston area. Volunteering for a Spring into Service event is a great way for students to get involved. This year, the Center for Civic Engagement will be involved in activities ranging from environmental education and urban agriculture with Green Heart on April 7th to women’s empowerment on April 13th. Join us for our first event on Sat, March 23rd. If you’re interested in getting involved, visit our website: volunteer.cofc.edu!

**UPCOMING ONE TIME SERVICE EVENTS IN MARCH..**

*Be sure to check the website for more details; volunteer.cofc.edu*

- 25th Annual Kid’s Fair, Young Athletes Day, Charleston Walk for Water, Camp Happy Days

Bingo and Beyond (BAB) is a program that facilitates activities ranging from gardening to zumba with senior citizens from the Ansonborough House! Anne Marie Velky is a junior at CofC who is studying to be an occupational therapist. She has also been involved in alternative break trips to Guatemala and Costa Rica. This semester, Anne Marie and two other CofC students accepted leadership positions within BAB. Anne Marie’s goal is to increase student participation, encouraging the CofC community to step outside of their college bubble and spend time with some spunky elders. The next BAB event is at 3:45pm, an arts and crafts event for St. Patrick’s day. To register, contact Christina Stansell at cgstanse@g.cofc.edu