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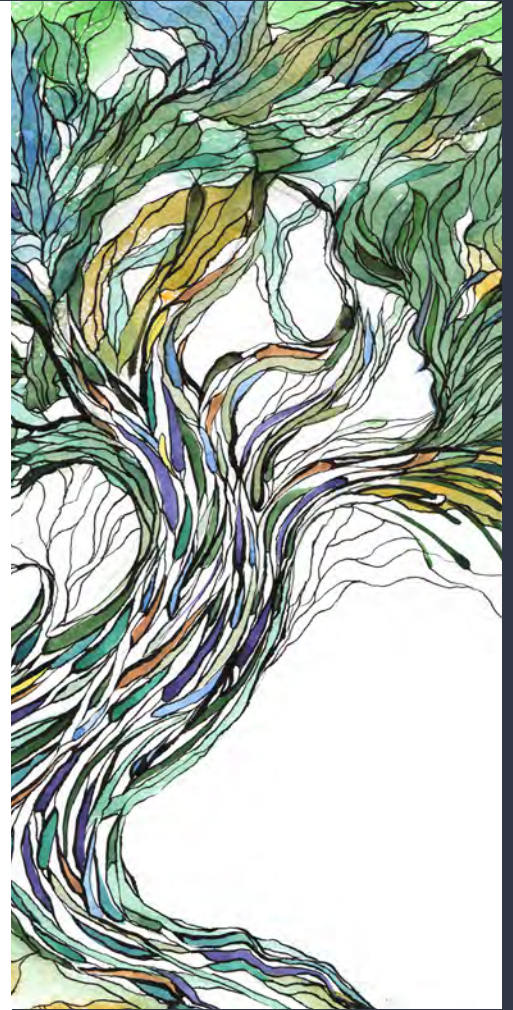


# JUST SAY SOMETHING 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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2023 WAS A YEAR  
OF GROWTH FOR  
JUST SAY SOMETHING.  
WE EXPANDED OUR  
STAFF AND OUR  
PROGRAMS TO MEET  
THE NEEDS OF THE  
COMMUNITY IN THE  
UPSTATE.

KEEP READING  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT OUR 2023  
AND WHAT'S AHEAD!



## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is designed for families of children ages 6 to 11. Just Say Something is providing this program in Greenville and Spartanburg County and it is a free program for all families who attend. SFP is a national program that is proven to help reduce at-risk behaviors among youth (i.e. delinquency; truancy; and underage alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, opioid, and other substance use) and child maltreatment while improving social competencies, school performance, parent-child bonding, and effective parenting skills.



## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM 2023 STATS

Families: 55, including 82 Adults and 100 Youth!

JSS presented to Community audiences of 24,281, including 4,329 youth, 4,168 parents, and 76 organizations.

Topics included: Vaping and Smoking Awareness for Parents, Substance Use Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Prevention, Tobacco/Vaping Cessation for In-School Suspended Students, Substance Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Anger Management, Opioid Prevention and Red Ribbon Week.

Youth Impact Sports (YIS) is a FREE flag football, basketball, soccer, and swimming camp and tournament for children ages 6 to 12, which provides a fun, athletic outlet while promoting togetherness and character-building skills (i.e. discipline; accountability; bullying prevention; substance prevention; and anger management). In 2023, 74 youth completed sports programs with Just Say Something.



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AIR PRESERVE, A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO PRESERVE THE AIR WE BREATHE, WAS FORMED TO KEEP AND PRESERVE OUR CLEAN, HEALTHY AIR. CLEAN AIR, FREE OF SECONDHAND SMOKE AND VAPING AEROSOL, REMAINS THE STANDARD TO PROTECT HEALTH. IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 4 IN 10 ADULTS ARE DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Air Preserve surveyed the Greer community and local restaurants in 2023. 96 percent of community respondents would support public places in Greer being smoke-free and vape-free. Restaurants are enforcing tobacco and vape-free environments for their customers' enjoyment, are posting signage to keep customers from smoking and vaping inside the restaurants and feel an ordinance would protect staff and patrons. The City of Greenville and the City of Spartanburg have already passed smoke-free ordinances.



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## FROM THE GREEK FESTIVAL, JUST SAY SOMETHING RECEIVED A RECORD DONATION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ENTRY FEES DURING 2023'S GREENVILLE GREEK FESTIVAL: \$56,252.00

The funds are being used to expand the Youth Impact Sports program and serve more children in the community. Phillip Clark, Executive Director of Just Say Something commented, “We were completely shocked at the amount of the donation! The need for our programs in the community continues to grow. This donation will help keep Youth Impact Sports going strong and allow us to expand our program in areas where there are more children who need to be a part of and learn the life skills we are teaching. We are forever grateful to the community of Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral’s Greenville Greek Festival.”

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JUST SAY SOMETHING IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024 AND IMPACTING EVEN MORE YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND PARENTS.

The JSS team could not do what we love to do without the support of all the amazing donors, volunteers, and Board Members who allow us to continue our mission to impact youth and individuals in our community.

