

Fusion, Midlands Class II, Spring 2009



With the general belief that young people are the future leaders of South Carolina and must be taught diversity issues, members of Fusion geared their interest towards the seniors of Clarendon County's public and private high schools. Their goal was to build leadership skills, relationships, and community among these high school seniors by planning a community service project. Members of Fusion partnered with City Year Columbia and the Clarendon community to achieve their goal.

Members of Fusion produced a three step plan to implement the community service project.

First, they worked with City Year Columbia to discuss a model for the project, the allocation of resources, and the execution of the project.

Second, Fusion and City Year Corps members worked with a core group of high school seniors from Scott's Branch High School and Clarendon Hall School to provide team and relationship building and to help students identify a project of their choice that they would jointly execute in the community.

Third, members of Fusion met with the High School students and City Year Corps members in Summerton, S.C. at Wassau Park and refurbished it – trimming shrubbery, painting playground equipment and new lines on the basketball court, cleaning up trash in the area and painting a logo on the court showing the unity with two hands shaking.

Fusion raised funds among their team and with outside support to cover the costs of materials for the project.