



Greetings Friends, Supporters, Well-Wishers and the Just Curious,

Happy New Year! We, at Briggs – De Laine – Pearson Foundation are hoping that all your troubles and problems were left behind in 2024 and that 2025 brings only happiness, goodness, and prosperity.

For us, 2024 was a busy, exciting and fruitful year. Much was accomplished. So, we are happy to announce that the building for which we have struggled and hoped for is almost complete. The only thing we need to complete now is installation of the kitchen. We have our certificate of completion and have started to move some items into the building. Our next hurdle is to get completely furnished and we are working on that and to beautify the exterior – a little warmer weather, please.

We are in the process of planning a Ribbon Cutting/Open House for May 24, 2025. Stay tuned for updates.

The BDPF family sincerely appreciates those who have supported us through our disappointments and setbacks over the years. You have been so faithful. Please celebrate with us as we look forward to once again opening the doors for the children in this area to be able to come to our Afterschool Tutorial Program and/or the Summer Enrichment Program. We have been researching and planning, along with the Clarendon School District Staff and Clemson University Department of Education, some interesting and innovative ways to inspire our students to achieve their goals.

God has blessed us with some wonderfully talented young students, and we are here to help them discover and develop those talents so that they may use them to enrich their lives and to be an asset to their community.

Speaking of the community, we haven't forgotten you. We are hoping that we can depend on you to join us on this journey. We need you to support us spiritually by praying for the success of the programs we offer, in person by volunteering to use your talents to help ensure the success, financially, again,

to ensure the success. There is no charge for any child for attending our program(s), for meals/snacks we serve, or for any trips they may take. All of you know everything costs. We must be able to provide. You can help by forming committees to help with fundraising, volunteering at the fundraisers, in the classroom, or in some other way. Each dollar we save by using a volunteer is a dollar that will be used to help a child.

Now, adults, what about you. Are there any services that we may be able to bring to this community that will benefit you? Bring those suggestions to us. If there is any way that we can comply we will be happy to do so. You are also a part of our community.

Once again, we ask for your continued support, and we look forward to a long and fruitful working relationship.

Gratefully and lovingly,
Marguirite De Laine
Chair, Briggs – De Laine – Pearson Foundation