

For Immediate Release

The Hartsville Branch of the NAACP will host two drive-thru 2020 census counting events in July and August. Those who complete the census survey will be entered into a raffle to win either a flat-screen television or a tablet.

Every ten years, the Constitution of the United States mandates counting those living in the United States and five U.S. territories. In March, households received invitations to respond to a short questionnaire, either online, by phone, or by mail. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the nation, and specifically disrupted the census count.

To support census completion, the Hartsville Branch of the NAACP received a grant from the United Way Association of SC (in partnership with the SC Grantmakers Network and Together SC). The Hartsville Branch will help to increase the response rates of hard-to-count populations in Hartsville and Lamar.

On Saturday July 18 between 12noon and 2pm, residents are invited to the Butler Community Center campus in Hartsville (1103 S 6th Street).

On Saturday August 15 between 12noon and 2pm, residents are invited to Hines Funeral Home in Lamar (201 West Pearl Street).

At each event, residents can fill out the census survey online, receive a safety bag gift (while supplies last), and be entered into a drawing for a prize. The census survey only takes 10 minutes!

For more information on these events, please contact President Lunella Williams at 843-616-1294, or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Jennifer Heusel at 812-606-9198. Information is also listed on the Hartsville Branch's Facebook page.