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Mr. Kic Young  
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Dear Kic,

Congratulations on being recognized for your work in the community to clean up Aiken, and also for being featured in the Aiken Standard.

Your achievements have earned you great respect and admiration in our community, as you have set the standard for excellence in South Carolina.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

If I may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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# Clean Up Aiken looks to tackle runaway trash

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Trash talk is serious business for Jerry Lang and Kic Young, with heavy emphasis on the tons of beer cans, car parts, fast-food wrappers and liquor bottles that make their way onto Aiken County's roadsides each year.

Young and Lang are co-directors of Clean Up Aiken, an organization described on its website as aiming to "facilitate roadside cleanup campaigns for organizations and individuals through our membership of community volunteers."

"This group is amazing to me," said J. David Jameson, president/CEO of Aiken Chamber of Commerce. "It's being led by two guys that moved to Aiken a couple of years ago and they loved Aiken but ... after they got here, they saw litter

on the roadside, and they thought, 'This is not what we were accustomed to', and through an odd set of circumstances, they met each other, and ... these are volunteers that just decided, 'We want to do something about this.'"

"Something," in its current form, includes having a leadership team with fellow volunteers Claire Stahr, Casey Knapp, Terry Dennis, Sandy Staiger and Christa Turner.

They, in turn, help make arrangements for hundreds of other volunteers to have easy access to the resources needed for roadside trash removal, typically in the course of about two hours on a Saturday morning.

"We'll do everything. All you have to do is show up," Young said, who offers a hypothetical example.

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A team of volunteers, supported by Clean Up Aiken, is in gear Jan. 28 to pick up runoff along Three Runs Plantation Drive and Colbert Bridge Road.