

Tom Pace, a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, has over 40 years experience working in management positions in engineering, sales, and construction of pollution control and energy management projects. Since retiring he has put his energies into volunteer activities including disaster rebuilding, affordable home construction, feeding the homeless, ministering to seafarers, and providing services to veterans. In 2017 he started volunteering with Fresh Start Visions as an inside trainer with the Men In Transition (MIT) classes conducted at MacDougall, Lieber, Allendale and Manning and as a mentor to returning residents at the Clements Ave housing site. In 2020 when COVID shut down the inside training, he was part of a team that recorded all of the lessons in the MIT manual so that SCDC could download the lessons to tablets issued to the men in the facilities where in-person classes had been conducted. In 2021 the warden and staff at MacDougall Correctional Institution authorized virtual real time training with MIT classes at that institution. Mr. Pace and Ms. Haley organized weekly training sessions utilizing Zoom technology where a facilitator and other volunteers could interact directly with the men in the MIT classes. Also, Mr. Pace served as a Board Member for Fresh Start and took responsibility for the buildings and grounds for the Clements Ave. property.