

# Bluffton Self Help thanks Women in Philanthropy

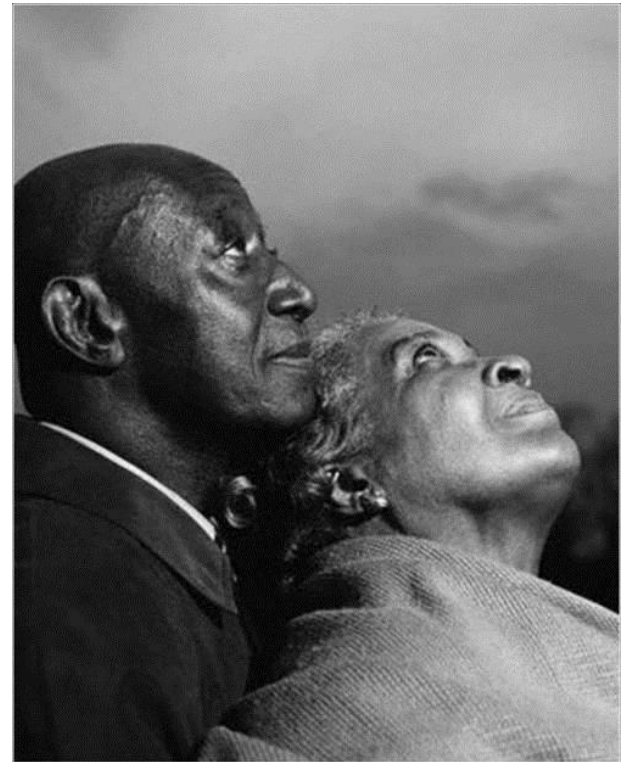
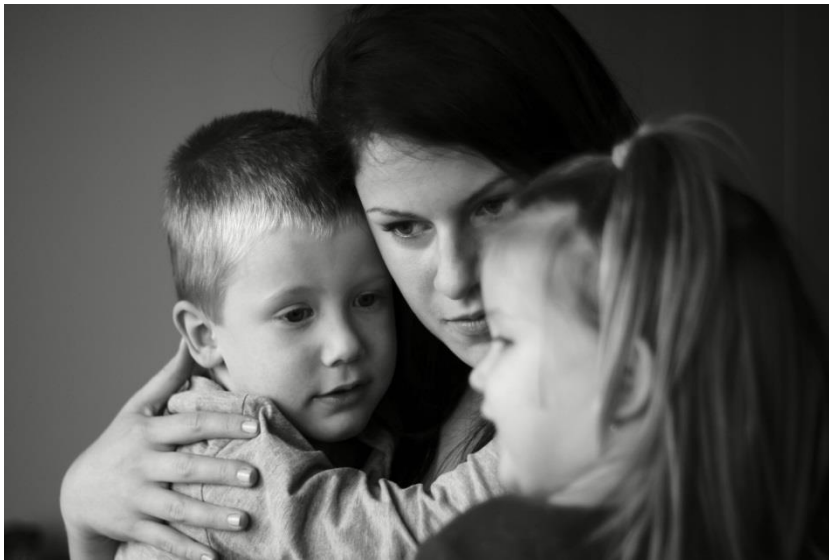


The mission of Bluffton Self Help is to “Help Bluffton neighbors in critical need of short term financial assistance, food and clothing, while supporting them to be more self- reliant.”

- Bluffton Self Help is located at 39 Sheridan Park Circle, Unit 10 in Bluffton South Carolina.
- Residents eligible to apply for emergency financial assistance live in the zip codes of 29910 or 29909
- Food and clothing services are also available to these residents and residents of Jasper County that work within these zip codes.



- Bluffton Self Help is grateful to have been awarded generous funding from Women in Philanthropy to help protect our most vulnerable residents by “Providing safe shelter for our citizens: Crisis, Temporary and Permanent.”



# Facts that matter

- The cost of living in Bluffton is 16% higher than the South Carolina average.
- The cost of living in Bluffton is 13% higher than the national average.
- The cost of housing in Bluffton is 25% higher than the national average.
- The median household income in the town of Bluffton is \$64,217.



# Finding Resources

- The high cost of living and increased housing expenses in Bluffton mean many residents live on very limited incomes without the ability to save for emergencies.
- We strive to assist working families, seniors on fixed incomes and disabled community members.
- Bluffton Self Help is a Resource Center for our neighbors in need referring applicants to partnering agencies and programs to help them avoid future hardships.
- Families and individuals can apply for financial assistance once per year when faced with a crisis.
- Many applications are submitted by families and individuals that never expected to find themselves in a situation needing help.

# Families in Crisis

- A single working mother cannot pay her rent after missing one week of work due to the flu.
- A family cannot pay their expenses while the wife recovers from an emergency hysterectomy and remains home on unpaid leave.
- A young man and his fiance cannot pay rent after their car breaks down and requires a new transmission.
- A senior citizen cannot pay his mortgage after receiving an exorbitant electric bill during cold weather conditions.



# Funding that helps.

- Funding provided by Women in Philanthropy allowed Bluffton Self Help to assist 18 households with emergency financial assistance towards shelter expenses at an average of \$558 per application!
- Families that applied for shelter assistance faced eviction, homelessness, extreme financial debt or the threat of living in deplorable conditions with young children.



# Forever Grateful!

Thank you to Women in Philanthropy for caring about  
your neighbors!

