

PEARLS stands for *Philanthropic Empowerment Among Rural Lowcountry Sisters* and was established to fulfill the mission of connecting women who care with causes that matter in Hampton County.

Women from around the county are invited to be a part of PEARLS with a tax-deductible membership of \$100 or more annually. The money will be used to support the PEARLS of Hampton County Endowment Fund.

PEARLS of Hampton County Endowment Fund

Member contributions are used to build an endowment through the PEARLS of Hampton County Endowment Fund, which will provide a permanent source of sustaining support for the PEARLS grant programs. Grants are distributed each year to nonprofit organizations in Hampton County. Members vote on a grant theme each year and the grants committee provides recommendations to the advisory board for approval.

PEARLS of Hampton County works in partnership with Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Community Foundation assures donors that gifts to the PEARLS of Hampton County Endowment Fund will be used to the fullest extent possible for the causes that will improve the quality of life in Hampton County.

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a PEARLS of Hampton County member, please contact Community Foundation of the Lowcountry at 843.681.9100.

In addition to your membership, PEARLS arranges a variety of activities including mentoring young girls through the PEARLS Girls program, support for the Betti Crosby/PEARLS Early Childhood Education Fund grant program and member fellowship events.



“Throughout our community, women have demonstrated their philanthropic spirit. This is evident everywhere you look...in education, the arts, health, human services and even community development programs.”

— Peggy Parker, founding member of the PEARLS of Hampton County.



PEARLS of Hampton County is a fund of Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.



A dedicated group of local women with the mission of:
Connecting women who care with causes that matter in Hampton County.

Our grantmaking focus is strengthening families and individuals in the areas of arts and culture, community development, education, the environment and health and human services. Our advisory board establishes criteria and selects a theme for each funding cycle meant to benefit grant seeking, nonprofit organizations.

Since 2006, PEARLS has awarded over \$36,000 in grants to Hampton County nonprofit organizations.

2016

Grant Theme: Assisting with the Needs of Our Hampton County Citizens
Award Total: \$8,000

Hickory Grove Baptist Church
(fiscal agent for Circle of Hope): \$2,500

The grant will help provide assistance to persons receiving cancer treatment.

Open Arms Fellowship Church: \$1,400

The grant was awarded for their teen afterschool center.

United Ministries of Hampton County: \$2,000

The grant will provide additional shelving, along with heavy duty carts for organizing and stocking food in "The Connexion" food kitchen.

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry: \$2,100

The grant was awarded to upgrade a video camera for child abuse interviews conducted by law enforcement, DSS and court officials.



Circle of Hope



Open Arms Fellowship Church

2015

Grant Theme: Breaking the cycle of economic dependence by developing strengths and skills
Award Total: \$6,000

Allendale Hampton Jasper Regional Library: \$3,000

The grant was awarded for the purchase of new nonfiction books for the library. Emphasis was on purchasing books for children in the areas of science, math and history.

Hampton County Literacy Council, Inc.: \$2,000

The Literacy Council used the grant to increase the number of volunteers and small group tutors.

Mt. Pleasant AME Church: \$1,000

The grant funded a teen outreach program for teenage mothers in Hampton County. The workshop consisted of teaching teenagers parenting skills.



2015 Grant Recipients

2014

Grant Theme: Women's Health
Award Total: \$4,625

Low Country Rural Health Education Consortium: \$2,075

The grant was used for the Walk Fit program for women in crisis.

Lawtonville Baptist Church: \$800

The grant funded a Women's Health Fair.

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse: \$750

The grant funded the training of medical professionals in Hampton County about domestic violence, signs and symptoms, interventions & CODA's services.

Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services: \$1,000

The grant helped extend availability of mammograms to uninsured women over 40 years of age in Hampton County.



2014 Grant Recipients

2013

Grant Theme: *Respecting our Elderly through Service*
Award Total: \$5,000

Grant Recipients:

- Hampton County Emergency Medical Services: \$1,640
- Hampton United Methodist Church: \$800
- Hampton County Fire/Rescue: \$760
- Hampton County Council on Aging: \$600
- Huspah Missionary Baptist Church: \$600
- First Baptist Hampton, Men Ministry: \$600



2012

Grant Theme: *Families in Crisis*
Award Total: \$4,200

Grant Recipients:

- Open Arms Fellowship: \$2,000
- Hampton Emergency Auxiliary Team (H.E.A.T): \$700
- Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services: \$500
- Community of One: \$500
- Community Intergenerational Enrichment Program: \$500



2011

Grant Theme: *Health Improvement*
Award Total: \$4,085

Grant Recipients:

- Open Arms Fellowship: \$3,000
- Mt. Pleasant AME: \$1,085



2010

Grant Theme: *Girls in Crisis*
Award Total: \$2,400

Grant Recipients:

- The Heart Matters Program: \$1,400
- The Girls in Real Life Situations Program (G.I.R.L.S): \$1,000



2010 Grant Recipients

2009

Grant Theme: *Youth Development*
Award Total: \$2,000

Grant Recipients:

- The Boys & Girls Club of Hampton: \$800
- The Alexander Community Development Center: \$700
- Huspah Missionary Baptist Church: \$500