



The Literacy Center

2011 Grant Theme: Literacy: The Need to Read – \$18,000

Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry (The Literacy Center): \$11,743
YMCA of Beaufort County: \$5,000
The Children’s Center: \$1,257



Deep Well Project

2010 Grant Theme: Helping the Hungry – \$17,000

Bluffton Self Help: \$5,000
St. Vincent de Paul Outreach: \$4,000
Deep Well Project: \$3,125
HELP of Beaufort: \$3,000
The Children’s Center: \$1,875



Little Red Dog Foundation

2009 Grant Theme: Enabling the Disabled – \$14,000

The ABLE Foundation: \$4,545
The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: \$3,500
The Little Red Dog Foundation: \$3,000
The Lowcountry Autism Foundation, Inc.: \$2,955



Hope Haven

2008 Grant Theme: Family Mental Health – \$12,000

Mental Health America: \$4,000
Programs for Exceptional People: \$3,000
Hope Haven: \$3,000
Alzheimer’s Respite and Resource (now Memory Matters): \$2,000



Thumbs Up

2007 Grant Theme: Children in Need – \$8,000

Hope Haven: \$2,500
A Community Caring for Children: \$2,000
The Children’s Center: \$2,000
Bluffton Self Help: \$1,500



Brain Gain

2006 Grant Theme: Education – \$6,000

Thumbs Up: \$4,500
Brain Gain: \$1,500



Women In Philanthropy is a dedicated group of local women with the vision of making a difference in the Lowcountry through the power of collective giving.

Each year the Women in Philanthropy Advisory Board, with member input, approves one grantmaking theme meant to strengthen families and individuals in the areas of health, human services, community development, education, arts and culture, and the environment.

The grants awarded by Women in Philanthropy provide funding to nonprofit organizations serving all of Beaufort County.

Since 2006 Women in Philanthropy has awarded **\$299,000** in grants to local nonprofit organizations.



Women in Philanthropy Advisory Board

2016 Grant Theme:

Provide Safe Shelter for our Citizens: Crisis, Temporary, and Permanent – \$83,000

Habitat for Humanity: \$50,000

The grant will be used to construct a “Woman Build” Habitat home in The Glen section on Hilton Head Island. Women in Philanthropy is proud to be the title sponsor for this home and has awarded its largest grant in history toward the construction. We are hopeful that many women from WIP will join other women in the physical construction as well.

Bluffton Self Help: \$10,000

The grant will provide emergency financial assistance to the elderly and disabled. The assistance will provide help with rent and mortgage payments as well as utility bill assistance during months of weather extremes. This financial assistance is considered crisis and temporary relief, and is available to clients once per calendar year.

Deep Well Project: \$10,000

The funds will keep families in a safe healthy environment. By providing materials and labor such as carpentry, roof repair, plumbing, electric and HVAC, families are able to remain in their homes.

Family Promise: \$10,000

Funding will go toward the “Leap Forward/ Staying on Track” program. This program is committed to finding local housing solutions by networking with landlords to attain more affordable housing units. The funds will assist with transition expenses from homelessness to a permanent housing situation. A required 90-day life skills counseling program is part of the transition.

Women of Faith and Power Ministries: \$3,000

The funds will assist individuals in emergency homeless situations with overnight accommodations. They also assist with limited housing expense if a family is on the verge of becoming homeless.



Habitat for Humanity



For more information and/or to join Women in Philanthropy, Please contact Cindy Smith at Community Foundation of the Lowcountry: csmith@cf-lowcountry.org or call 843.681.9100

Women in Philanthropy is a fund of Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.



The Outside Foundation



Experience Green



Port Royal Sound Foundation

2015 Grant Theme:

Protecting our Lowcountry Environment – \$60,000

Port Royal Sound Foundation: \$16,000

The grant assisted with the youth programming at the new Maritime Center. The overall goal was to reach more students by using the money to create educational and marketing materials, supplies and takeaways, and create more youth friendly exhibitions.

The Outside Foundation: \$10,500

Funding covered the costs for 10 kayaks and scientific equipment and supplies.

Experience Green: \$10,000

Experience Green helped launch the Edible Education for Sustainability project in partnership with Hilton Head Christian Academy. This comprehensive five-year project for learning via a school garden, will serve as a guide/template and showcase.

Coastal Discovery Museum: \$8,000

Funding helped pay for a sustainable garden, observation beehive and interpretive panels for two gardens.

The Nature Conservancy, SC Chapter: \$8,000

The grant was used to treat Phragmites australis, a type of grass that can destroy wetlands if not treated.

The Friends of Beaufort, SC Library: \$7,500

Funds were used for a Environmental Literacy Lab Project at the Beaufort Branch of the Beaufort County Library.

2014 Grant Theme:

Curtailing Violence in our Community – \$34,958

Abuse Prevention Coalition: \$14,500

The coalition's membership includes Hope Haven of the Lowcountry, Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) and Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA). The grant was used for a media campaign, Men Can Stop Rape "Where Do You Stand?"

Citizen's Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA): \$6,550

The grant supported a part-time children's advocate who worked in tandem with CODA's children's counselor and their community educator.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): \$6,000

The grant was for the "Parents and Teachers as Allies" program for presentations to educational professionals and parent/teacher organizations in area schools to help create an awareness of early warning signs for mental illness, and to help identify children at risk.

Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC): \$5,000

The grant was awarded for a neighborhood watch program that fostered community solidarity and involvement to promote a safe environment free of crime in the Oaks neighborhood.

The Sandbox Children's Museum: \$2,908

The Sandbox used this grant for a bully prevention program titled "Be a Buddy, not a Bully." This program was designed to reach approximately 400 kindergarten-aged children.



2014 Grant Recipients WIP Annual Meeting

2013 Grant Theme:

Advancing Women Through Knowledge – \$25,000

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry: \$11,500

Funding was used for a program to develop self-worth in children who have been the victims of abuse. This money enabled 90 girls, aged nine to 18, at six different sites, to participate in the program.

Bluffton Self Help: \$6,000

The grant provided funds to enable women to achieve post-secondary education by assisting with the cost of tuition, books and child care.

Friends of Caroline Hospice: \$5,000

Funding was used for two staff members to attend classes to upgrade their professional qualifications.

Beaufort County First Steps: \$2,500

This organization worked with 550 preschool children to develop learning skills. The money was used for staff training and development.



Bluffton Self Help



Beaufort County First Steps



The Sandbox



Thumbs Up



Memory Matters

2012 Grant Theme:

Fostering Creativity: Through Visual, Performing and Literary Arts – \$21,000

LOUD, (Living Out Ur Dreams): \$5,000

An after-school program was developed by LOUD for children ages 10-13 at the HHI Boys & Girls Club. Grant monies were used to outfit a professional-level recording studio.

Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: \$3,500

This grant was used to enlighten 175 students about Japanese culture through a Japanese Art Festival. The students were third graders from the School for Creative Arts.

Friends of Beaufort Country Library: \$2,890

Funded the fourth annual Teen Film Festival, which invites teens from age 11-17 to participate. The workshop provided lessons about industry standards for creating storyboards, setting up shots and editing.

The Sandbox Children's Museum: \$2,523

The aim of this grant was to incorporate an arts & crafts component into the "Imagination Hour" story time for children.

Beaufort County First Steps: \$2,000

This grant funded an art activity package that parent educators could take to the homes of at-risk children to educate parents to help develop imagination, creativity and motor skills.

Coastal Discovery Museum: \$1,572

Phase II of the Rainwater Harvester Project on the grounds of HHI Middle School was developed from this grant. Students learned about the impact of storm water runoff and studied native South Carolina butterflies.

Memory Matters: \$1,265

This grant was used to purchase a costly circuit die-cutting machine and to replenish art supplies for the clients' daily activities for those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Art Works: \$1,250

The Arts Council of Beaufort County received this grant to provide 50 partial scholarships for children from low-income families. Classes were designed to enhance artistic and verbal skills.

Thumbs Up: \$1,000

This funded the "Arts Enrichment Program 2012," an after-school program for at-risk children. Plans included the purchased tickets for two performances at the Beaufort Children's Theater.