

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 to nonprofit organizations in Hampton County. Members vote on a grant theme 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 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 for each funding cycle, selects a theme for meant to benefit grant seeking, nonprofit organizations.

Since 2006, PEARLS has awarded over \$54,000 in grants to Hampton County nonprofit organizations.

2018

Grant Theme: Assisting with the Needs of Our Hampton County Citizens

Award Total: \$9,500

Hampton County Literacy Council: \$450

The grant will fund scholarships and gas cards for individuals attending adult literacy classes.

Hampton County Historical Society: \$500

The grant will support a Vietnam veterans' appreciation day breakfast.

Hampton United Methodist Church: \$1,500

The grant will help fund a Backpack Buddies Program for chronically hungry children.

The Town of Furman: \$1,000

The grant will support the Hampton County Community Dream Girls Mentoring Program, which empowers girls to make positive choices.

Greater Faith International Ministries: \$1,500

The grant will fund character building and STEM field presentations to youth during the summer.

Fennell Elementary School: \$1,250

The grant will provide technology skills for at-risk students and their families.

Camp Wildwood: \$1,250

The grant will provide swimming lessons and water safety education for PEARLS Girls.

Salkehatchie Summer Service-Black Swamp Camp: \$1,500

The grant will help fund volunteer efforts to repair homes in Hampton County.



2018 Grantees

2017

Grant Theme: Assisting with the Needs of Our Hampton County Citizens
Award Total: \$9,000

Antioch Educational Center: \$2,300

Supported Summer Youth Employment Program.

Hampton County Watermelon Festival: \$1,100

Funded a celebration for Pruitt Health Care Center senior residents.

Open Arms Fellowship: \$2,300

Supported teen afterschool center for at-risk youth and youth in the juvenile justice system.

United Ministries of Hampton County Community: \$1,800

Funded a kitchen upgrade allowing the community kitchen to serve hot meals.

Huspah Missionary Baptist Church: \$1,500

Supported a summer camp focused on enhancing reading skills.



2017 Grantees

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

Assisted cancer patients.

Open Arms Fellowship Church: \$1,400

Funded a teen afterschool center.

United Ministries of Hampton County: \$2,000

Funded additional shelving and heavy duty carts for "The Connexion" food kitchen.

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry: \$2,100

Provided an upgraded video camera for child abuse interviews conducted by law enforcement, DSS and court officials.



Circle of Hope

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

Purchased new nonfiction library books for children in the areas of science, math and history.

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

Increased the number of volunteers and small group tutors.

Mt. Pleasant AME Church: \$1,000

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

Lawtonville Baptist Church: \$800

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse: \$750

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



2014 Grant Recipients

2013

Grant Theme: Respecting our Elderly through Service

Award Total: \$5,000

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

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

Open Arms Fellowship: \$3,000

Mt. Pleasant AME: \$1,085



2010

Grant Theme: Girls in Crisis

Award Total: \$2,400

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

The Boys & Girls Club of Hampton: \$800

The Alexander Community Development Center: \$700

Huspah Missionary Baptist Church: \$500