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.
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 a 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.

**Award Total:** $9,000

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.

**Award Total:** $8,000

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.

**Award Total:** $6,000

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

**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

**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