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Thanks to you, Wexford continues to make a difference to our neighbors in need!

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PLANTATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Supporting Health, Housing, Hunger & Educational Charities of the Lowcountry

Wexford Plantation Charitable Foundation 2018 News Update



A Letter from the Chairman

Dear Neighbors & Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings! I am privileged to update you on the progress of your Wexford Charitable Foundation over the past year. In this, our sixth year, we awarded \$228,000 to a record number of 25 charitable organizations, each delivering humanitarian services in the Hilton Head Island and greater Beaufort county area. In fact, with the grants made at the Annual Grant Awards Luncheon in February, the Foundation surpassed \$750,000 in awards made since our inception in 2012. This extraordinary amount of charitable support is only possible because of the continued compassion and generosity of you, our Wexford members and our local business partners.

While Hilton Head Island is well known as an upscale resort community, the reality is that a large portion of the population lives at or below the poverty level, may be homeless, do not have access to basic health and educational services, and in more extreme cases, live in abusive or dangerous relationships. Though it would be easy to look away and not see the need, the Wexford membership has emphatically said “Not on my watch” and has come together to make a difference through the Wexford Foundation.

This year’s grants will fund a wide range of services to improve health, and provide housing, education and nourishment for our neighbors in need. The list of needs is long, and your support is critical in helping to deliver important services to adults and children in at-risk situations.

With an all-volunteer team handling grant application reviews, fundraising, event planning and oversight, the Foundation has been a force for good, while assuring the maximum amount of every dollar raised goes to fund aid and services. Last year, over 96% of every donor dollar directly benefited those in need. The strength of the Foundation is found in the goodness of its supporters and volunteers. We truly appreciate your participation, in whatever way you can contribute – whether it be with your time, talents or financial support. If you would like more information or would like to discuss ways that you can help improve life for those in need, please contact me or any of the Foundation Trustees.

Thank you,

Sue MacCormack
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2018 Annual Grants Award Luncheon sponsored by South State Bank



New Family Promise Bus

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SAVE THE DATE: 7th Annual Gala & Auction—Friday, November 2

2018 Grant Recipients

Backpack Buddies provides weekend and summer meals to disadvantaged school children and their parents on HHI. This grant will cover weekend and summer food for additional middle/high school students for 52 weeks of the year.

Bluffton Self Help helps neighbors in critical need of short-term financial assistance, food and clothing to become more self-reliant. This grant will help 11 additional families and assist in the remodel of a food pantry.

Born to Read visits new parents to advise the importance of daily reading and communication with infants starting from birth. This grant will supplement the existing program by setting up parent workshops at HHI library.

Boys and Girls Club enables young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. This grant will provide audio-sound system equipment and a scoreboard for their gymnasium.

The Children’s Center provides quality pre-school and daycare learning for the working poor. This grant will provide tuition assistance for 8 families in early childhood care and education.

Children’s Relief Fund provides special needs children with appropriate tools to live productive lives. This grant provides therapeutic programs and equipment not covered by Medicaid or Insurance.

Grateful Hearts Soup Kitchen provides hot meals to those in need. This grant will enable the purchase of food to serve meals to 100 homeless, hungry, unemployed or poverty-stricken HHI residents for two days of the week.

Heather Trew Foundation promotes the increase in the registry of organ, eye and tissue donations. This grant will enable the Foundation to promote a significant increase in registering 13 to 24 year-olds.

Heroes of the Lowcountry provides personal and financial support to under-served students, so they can continue their education beyond high school. This grant will provide valuable tuition assistance for 41 students.

Hilton Head Deep Well Project helps people in emergency situations (e.g. Hurricane Matthew) with rent, utility bills, food, clothing, furnishings or home repairs. This grant will enable Deep Well to provide support for 10 additional families.

Hilton Head Safe Harbour provides transportation and other non-medical services to allow the aging population to remain in their own homes. This grant will fund advertising to recruit additional volunteers and to provide services for 3 additional clients in need of financial assistance.

Hopeful Horizons provides safety, hope and healing to victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault in southern Beaufort County. This grant supports Child Advocacy and Trauma Treatment in their Bluffton satellite office, a site opened last year with the benefit of a Major Impact Grant from the Wexford Foundation.

Hospice of the Lowcountry provides comfort honor and dignity for end-of-life patients and their families. This grant specifically supports a Cancer Care program providing physical, emotional and spiritual care to end-of-life patients.

The Literacy Center provides adults with reading, writing, math and speaking skills to be self-reliant and successful in the community. This grant supports 2 core programs fostering adult and family intergenerational literacy skills.

Meals on Wheels maintains daily social contact and provides a hot mid-day meal 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year to homebound seniors who would not otherwise receive such a meal. This grant will fund the cost of providing meals for an additional 11 clients.

Med-I-Assist pays for eye exams and glasses for people living at or below the poverty level. This grant will support 64 additional people who are currently on the waiting list.

Memory Matters offers support services to those patients afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. This grant is a matching fund to support their “It’s Never Too Late-Brain Stimulation Program” using innovative software.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) works to preserve and strengthen family relationships challenged by severe mental illness. This grant supports weekly group meetings, connection recovery and 3 educational courses.

Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) brings supplementary educational programs and technology to disadvantaged students. This grant supports program growth, a Saturday pilot program and an adult education program.

Pockets Full of Sunshine makes Beaufort County a sunnier place by employing intellectually and physically disabled people. This grant is for a Sunshine Screen Products Microbusiness project working with items of clothing.

Programs for Exceptional People (PEP) enhances the lives of disabled adults with opportunities for socialization, occupational skills and employment opportunities. This grant provides hours of recreational/leisure programs.

Sandlewood Community Food Pantry provides food, love, dignity and spiritual guidance to the hungry and the needy on HHI. This grant will purchase a new commercial refrigerator to store fruit and vegetables.

Second Helpings rescues food from supermarkets, restaurants and stores for delivery to charities and food banks. This grant funds a “Feed the Need” project with Palmetto Breeze targeting HHI workers dependent on public transport.

Volunteers in Medicine provides free medical, dental and mental healthcare. This grant will support a major campaign to reduce the incidence of breast cancer by funding some 350 mammograms to patients over 40.