



Wexford Plantation Charitable Foundation 2016 Newsletter

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



“2016 Remarks from The Foundation Chairman”

2015 has been an outstanding and exciting year for the Wexford Foundation. We raised more funds and awarded more grants than in any past year, reached out to the men & women serving in the U.S. military, and broadened our base of supporters. Thanks to the contributions of our donors, corporate partners, and the charitable agencies with which we partner, the Foundation has become a formidable philanthropic organization. Our recipient charities are to be commended for their compassion, their approach, their commitment and most importantly, we are grateful for their success. They are enriching the well being of so many individuals on the Island by providing services that enable children, seniors, and families to thrive, overcoming life challenges with strength and dignity. We are encouraged to be helping children succeed in school by providing tutors and books and delivering expanded technology to the boys and girls of the Island. We love that Foundation grants allow senior citizens to maintain independence in their homes and abused children and victims of domestic violence to get critical counseling during very difficult times. Several of our partner charities provide therapeutic services to special needs children, training for adults and create stable housing and employment for homeless families.

In addition, 2015 brought some new programs that were very well received. In the Spring, with the generous support of Pam and Roger Freedman, owners of ZipLine Hilton Head, the Foundation developed a “Send A Soldier” program. For each \$100 contributed to the Foundation, Pam and Roger provided admission to the challenging ropes course for a soldier, sailor, airman or marine, and their guest plus lunch for both of them at the Up the Creek Pub & Grill located at the park. All 100 passes were quickly sponsored by 54 generous families in Wexford. The result was 100 very happy service personnel plus their guests and an additional \$10,000 made available for grants to local charities.

In November our annual Charity Gala theme was “*A Tribute to the Greatest Generation*” where we honored Wexford Member and WWII fighter pilot Colonel Craig McCall. It was a wonderful evening with many of our guests in 1940s garb and World War II military uniforms. The auctions were a resounding success and with the added benefit of corporate sponsorships from Hilton Head Distillery and Coastal Carolina Yacht Sales, the net proceeds from the evening exceeded \$70,000. A special thanks to our auctioneer, Sonny Huntley, who provided entertaining and successful bidding wars! The Events Committee headed by Sue MacCormack and Andi Purple is to be applauded for this exceptional celebration.

Our sixteen grant recipients this year include five new charities and six charities that have been with us each year since our founding in 2012. Our grant process is thorough and independent, and our standards for grant awards are rigorous, with follow up and monitoring throughout the year, ensuring that funds are spent as intended. We look forward to another year of caring about individuals in need and building a better and more compassionate Hilton Head Island. In 2016, we will again make a difference through sustaining grants to assure agencies can deliver existing services and by funding capital projects that allow them to expand and enhance their services. This year we will also identify a single major initiative that will entail a larger grant. To accomplish this, the Grants Committee will work with grant recipients to identify a more substantial project that will enable that charity to increase its impact in the community. Once identified by the Grants Committee and approved by the Trustees, the Foundation will work jointly with the selected charity to bring the project to fruition. This exciting expansion of our assistance in the community is enabled by the exceptional support we have received from the Members of Wexford and the surrounding business community. The Trustees of the Wexford Foundation extend our appreciation to all of our supporters and our partner charities.

Thank you,

Jim Hicks

Jim Hicks, Chairman

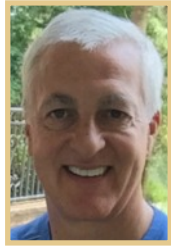
Chairman@wexfordfoundation.com

(843) 842-8714

2016 Board of Trustees



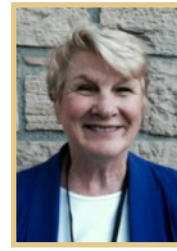
Jim Hicks
Chairman



Stephen Carter
Vice Chairman



Sue MacCormack
Treasurer



Andi Purple
Secretary



Terry Baehr



Sandy Berthelsen



Mary Faas



Thom Hill

Standing Committees

The Foundation depends on the hard work of its committees to utilize the talent from our many volunteers. These committees enable the Foundation to substantially increase our accomplishments throughout the year.

Development - The Development Committee is responsible for ensuring that appropriate funding is available to fulfill the obligations and objectives of the Foundation. This is achieved through a combination of corporate sponsorships, fundraising events and individual donations. *Chair: Stephen Carter*

Grants - The Grants Committee is responsible for refining and executing the established process for the grant cycle. This includes identifying candidate charities, reviewing and grading applications, and recommending grant amounts and recipients to the Board of Trustees. The Grants Committee works with the recipients throughout the year to monitor the use of the Foundation's funds and the charities' progress toward attainment of their stated goals and objectives. *Co-Chairs: Mary Faas and Terry Baehr*

Events - The Events Committee is responsible for planning, coordinating and executing the Foundation's fundraising and other events throughout the year, including the Fall Gala & Auction, Spring Benefit and Awards Luncheon. *Chair: Sandy Berthelsen*

Communications - The Communications Committee is responsible for the promotion of the Foundation's efforts through various forms of communication including eBlasts, website, social media, event programs, and this annual Newsletter. This Committee is also responsible for public relations efforts related to the Foundation's activities. *Chair: Thom Hill*

Finance - The Finance Committee advises the Board of Trustees on matters related to fundraising, investment and monitoring the Foundation's funds plus reporting of financial results. *Chair: Sue MacCormack*

**Committee selections are made in the first quarter.*

If you are interested in participating on a Committee, please contact the Committee Chair.



2016 FOUNDATION

Over \$100,000 awarded



Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island (BGCHHI): The Club's mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Our 2016 grant will help fund a primary grade tech and educational center for 6-8 year olds in its afternoon program.



The Children's Center: Since 1967, the Children's Center has provided a quality preschool and daycare learning environment for the working poor in our community. This year's grant underwrites the purchase of digital assessment portfolios for 220 children plus Creative Curriculum Kits that coordinate with the assessment portfolios.



children's relief fund

The Children's Relief Fund: For over 24 years, this all volunteer organization has been helping special needs children in our area live happy and productive lives by providing physical, occupational and speech therapy, special equipment and activities. This year's grant is directed toward the cost of providing therapy.



Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA): CODA provides professional support services to adults and children who are victims of abuse. In 2014 alone CODA sheltered 172 women and children and provided counseling and advocacy services for 544 adults and children. The Foundation grant will assist in the expansion of counseling services offered at the satellite office in Bluffton by providing for an additional full-time Domestic Violence Counselor.



Family Promise: Family Promise is the only organization that provides temporary emergency shelter for homeless families with children as part of a program that fosters family stability and permanent housing solutions. Our 2016 grant will assist homeless individuals who have secured jobs but need additional funds to access affordable housing while completing the 90-day life skills course.



First Books of Beaufort: This volunteer organization's goal is to place books in 95% of the homes of 4 year-olds in Title 1 schools. The funding provided by our Foundation will enable First Books of Beaufort to purchase books to support the Bluffton Expansion Program for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and to support Bluffton and Hilton Head for the entire 2016-2017 school year.



Grateful Hearts Soup Kitchen: The Foundation's 2016 grant will help support this all volunteer organization's program to provide a free hot lunch to approximately 100 homeless, hungry or unemployed or underemployed Hilton Head Island residents two days per week.



The Heather Trew Foundation: With over 123,000 people on the national waiting list, this organization's long-term goal is to sign up locally more than 5,000 people to the organ, eye and tissue donor registry. Our 2016 grant will enable the purchase of iPads to use at events to take advantage of the quick donor registry sign-up process implemented in South Carolina.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

to 16 Charities in 2016



Hilton Head Island Safe Harbour: Provides transportation, workshops and other services that assist our aging population to remain in their homes. This year's grant will fund the purchase of a TV and DVD player so that movie nights may be held several nights per month providing social opportunities outside of the home.



Hope Haven: Hope Haven provides comprehensive services for victims of sexual abuse, assault, rape and incest, and anticipates serving 480 child victims of abuse along with 700 secondary victims. Funding from the Foundation will support the Children's Advocacy Program for child abuse victims and their families, which includes children's forensic interviews, counseling and medical evaluations, mental health treatment/counseling and family advocacy.



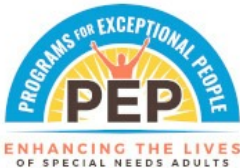
Meals on Wheels: This all volunteer organization delivers 85-90 nutritious, mid-day meals five days per week, 52 weeks per year to homebound seniors who would otherwise not receive such a meal. Our 2016 grant will cover the food costs for providing 1560 meals, which is enough to provide six clients with a meal a day for an entire year.



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with mental illness and their families through community outreach, education and advocacy for mental health. The 2016 funding from our Foundation will pay for advertising and outreach in support of several diverse programs for families, parents, teachers, military and police that help develop skills and techniques in recognizing and dealing with mental illness.



Neighborhood Outreach Connection: Through Learning Centers, this organization brings educational programs, technology and health screening to people with limited pathways to academic and economic success. The majority of our 2016 grant is earmarked for support of teachers in the NOC pre-school, after-school and virtual learning programs, as well as underwriting the cost of computer and technology equipment and healthy snacks/juices.



Programs for Exceptional People (PEP): PEP's goal is to enhance the lives of adults with disabilities living in our community by providing opportunities for socialization and development of occupational skills and employment opportunities. The 2016 grant will underwrite the purchase of supplies and equipment for a PEP Gallery and Photo Copy Center that PEP adults will run, earn money and have vocational training.



Second Helpings: Annually, this organization picks up 2.65 million pounds of food from supermarkets, restaurants and stores. The food, which would otherwise be thrown away, is delivered to more than 60 non-profit charities and food banks in Beaufort County. This year's grant will assist with the purchase of a new truck that will allow better and more reliable delivery.



South Carolina K-9 Emergency Response Team: This organization provides specially trained search teams of canines and handlers to assist with the search of victims who are lost, trapped or incapacitated. Our grant will underwrite the Hug-A-Tree program, which will supply instructional material and 180 kits to children at the Boys and Girls Club, teaching appropriate behavior and actions should they become lost.

Wexford Plantation Charitable Foundation Mission

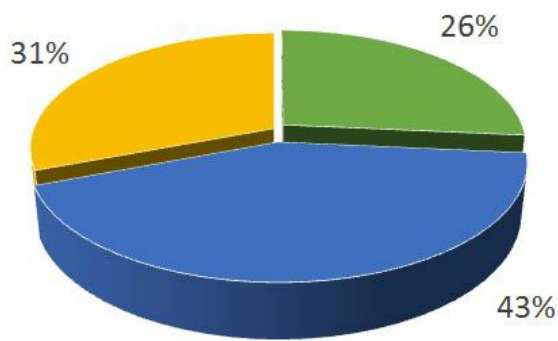
Wexford Plantation, a residential community located on Hilton Head Island, SC, has created the Wexford Plantation Charitable Foundation, whose mission is to support with financial and volunteer resources, Beaufort County non-profit organizations, which provide social services for humanitarian needs.

10 Foundation Fast Facts

- The Foundation received its 501(c)(3) approval from the IRS on July 24, 2012.
- In four cycles, the Foundation has awarded 55 grants to 24 different local charities.
- The average grant has been just over \$6,000.
- The Charity Gala each November has sold out the last two years.
- 17 different Members of Wexford have served on the Foundation's Board of Trustees.
- 35 different Members of Wexford have served on Committees of the Foundation.
- The Foundation does not have any paid employees.
- Since 2012, proceeds from auctions and special events have tripled.
- Administrative expenses are less than 3% of income - primarily accounting and insurance.
- We could not do it without you.

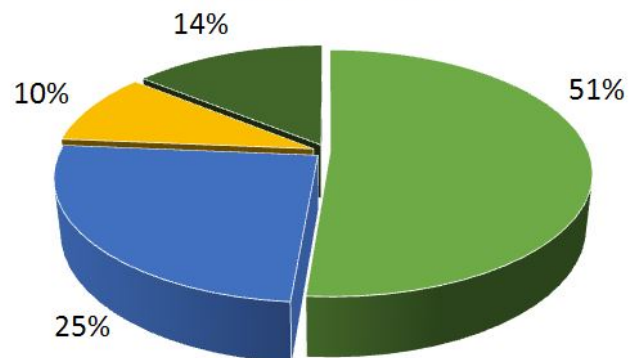
Grant Allocation

2016 Grant Dollars by Population Served



■ Adults ■ Children ■ Families

2016 Grant Dollars by Agency Focus



■ Education ■ Health ■ Housing ■ Hunger

Cornerstone Campaign & Founders' Society Donors

Diamond (\$25,000)

Joanna and Jim Hicks
Darlene and Brian Marlowe
Kim and David McPhail
Andi and Bill Purple
Mary Ann and Ron Soldo
Ariel and Bob Stone
Didi and Andrew Summers
Gail and Doug Tozour

Platinum (\$10,000)

Ginny and Bob Agans
Chris and Terry Baehr
Kelle and Butch Branson
Ruby and Tom Fudge
Ann and Bob Grassi
Lesley and Neil Green
Lucinda and Joe Jacobs
MC and Paul McEvoy
Laurel and Bruce Murchison

Gold (\$5,000)

Shari and Rick Anderson
Elizabeth and Stephen Carter
Beverly and Bob Chell
Diane and Ben Clark
Pam and Harvey Geiger
Mary Faas and Art Gorman
Anthea and Grog Grogono
Nancy and Bill Haverland

Lynn and Thom Hill
Betty and Paul Krupa
Sue and Bob MacCormack
Marian and Porter Morgan
Kim and Andre Naniche
Jean and Rich Palmer
Gale and Terence Seikel
Jennifer and Harry Stout
Mary and Tom Tracy
Mary Lou and Dean Yannucci

Silver (\$2,500)

Missy and Jim Bell
Karin and Mark Brown
Bonnie and Richard Burnette
Suzanne and Bill Busch
Celia and John Cunningham
Wini and Stephanie Holderied
Jacque and Tim Johnson
Bev and Harry Mellon
Mary Diane and Mulvihill
Nancy and Fred Noonan
Carolyn Rider
Barbara and Brian Soiref

Bronze (\$1,000)

Kathy and John Adair
Hillary and Tom Baltimore
Sandy and Richard Berthelsen

Barbara and William Byrd
Heather and Bob Cherichella
Cindy and Mark Creamer
Cathleen and Brian Crotty
Donna and James Eberl
Kathi Bateson and Torrey Glass
Janice and Frank Fernald
Cathie and Larry Forlenza
Annette and Forrest Hayes
Barbara and Jack Lane
Trish and Drew Maggard
Colonel Craig McCall
Liddie and Bill Murray
Jeanne and Larry Ricciardelli
Sandy and Carl Rossetti
Patricia and Charles Spruill
JoAnne and Don Staffa
Rutie and George Volanakis
Linda Williams



Plaque on display in the Clubhouse

A Special Thanks to our growing list of Corporate Sponsors



*Hilton Head Distillery is set to open at
14 Cardinal Road in early 2016.*



Contact Foundation Development Chairman, Stephen Carter, at (843) 802-4501 to discuss your corporate donation opportunities.



Fundraising & Social Events



2015 Foundation Awards Luncheon



BBQ & Dancin' Too



ZipLine- Send a Soldier



Our 4th Annual Gala & Auction- "A Tribute to the Greatest Generation"



2016 Save the Dates

2016 Awards Luncheon - Wednesday, February 10th

5th Annual Gala & Auction - Friday, November 4th

Thanks to you,

Wexford continues to make a difference to our neighbors in need.