# Wexford Foundation 2022 News Update





























































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# 32 local charities benefited from the Wexford Foundation 2022 Grants!

## A Letter from the Chair

Dear Neighbors and Friends of the Wexford Foundation,

In 2012, a small group of service-minded Wexford residents, led by Jim Hicks, decided to create an organization dedicated to supporting local health, hunger, housing and educational charities with financial and volunteer services. They met face-to-face with Wexford friends and neighbors to share their vision and solicit donations, and a Founder's Society was established to acknowledge these early multi-year pledge contributors. In that first year, they raised \$120,000 through donations and a fundraising Gala, established a robust grant evaluation and vetting process, and distributed \$68,000 to 11 very deserving local charities. The Wexford Foundation had become a reality.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we are thrilled to report that the Wexford Foundation will surpass the \$2 million charitable giving milestone this year. This is a remarkable achievement in such a short period of time and reflects the immense generosity of our Wexford donors.

With over 60% of the Wexford membership having turned over in these past ten years, we recognize the need to reach out to our newer members and those who have not donated in the past for your help if we are to sustain the major impact that we have previously made in the Hilton Head community. We look forward to the opportunity to do this over the balance of this year and to welcoming you as contributors to this important cause.

We see no decline in the demand for funding from our local charitable partners, especially in the aftermath of Covid 19. Moreover, this year record high inflation will once again stretch their resources and test our capacity to support their needs.

We are committed to preserving the values and fulfilling the mission of our founders. If you would like to learn more about the Wexford Foundation, please contact me at chair@wexfordfoundation.com or reach out to any one of the Board Trustees.

Thank you for your consideration and for your generosity!

Best regards, Fred Noonan

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### **Become a Supporter**

**BILL YOUR WEXFORD MEMBER ACCOUNT** Contact accounting@wexfordhiltonhead.com to donate through your Wexford account.

#### WRITE A CHECK

Payable to the Wexford Foundation, mailed to P.O. Box 4100, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938

#### DONATE SHARES OF STOCK

Donate stock through our brokerage account at Fidelity Investments. Donors generally receive a tax deduction for the appreciated value of the shares donated.

#### **ESTATE PLANNING**

Consider the Wexford Foundation in your estate plan. Contact your Financial Advisor for more information.

#### DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Speak with your Financial Advisor to learn more about setting up a donor-advised account.

#### GIFT FROM IRA FUNDS

If you are subject to taking a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA, consider giving to the Wexford Foundation. The transfer must be made directly from your IRA to the Foundation.

### **2022 Grant Recipients**

Arts Center of Coastal Carolina serves to enrich and benefit the local community through live performances and a variety of enrichment and educational programs. This grant supports an early childhood educational arts presentation and appreciation program carried out in partnership with Beaufort County Schools District.

**Backpack Buddies of Bluffton** provides nutritious food and food vouchers to chronically hungry children in Bluffton and Hardeeville. This grant helps to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to underprivileged families every third week of the month.

**Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head** provides fresh weekend and summer meals to disadvantaged school children, their families, soup kitchens, VIM and NOC on HHI. This grant will cover over 20 additional children as well as supporting additional snacks and children attending NOC.

**Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen** delivers hot food to seniors, working poor and homeless individuals in the Bluffton area. This grant supports their goal to increase their number of hot meals by 30% in 2022.

**Bluffton Self Help** helps neighbors in critical need of food, clothing, tutoring and financial assistance. This grant will provide emergency financial assistance for 20 households.

**Boys and Girls Club HHI** enables young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. This grant supports technology-based STEM educational programs for 21st-century technology job preparation.

**Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton** provides youth development programs that will enable young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. This grant supports the cost of installing a new playground.

**Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)** promotes awareness of child abuse and keeping at-risk children safe from harm. This grant covers first year of specialized training and supervision to expand the therapy program for foster children.

**The Children's Center** provides affordable, high-quality early education and childcare for working families. This grant will support their Tuition Assistance program for 15 children over one year.

**Children's Relief Fund** provides special needs children with appropriate tools to lead productive lives. This grant provides funding for various types of therapeutic programs for special needs children in the HHI/Bluffton area.

**Family Promise** provides shelter, food and support services to homeless families. This grant will support four families (16 individuals) for the first four weeks of their Shelter Program.

**Grateful Hearts Soup Kitchen** provides an average of 1,000 nutritional lunches twice a week to homeless, hungry and unemployed individuals on HHI. This grant covers a substantial part of their food item purchases.

**Heroes of the Lowcountry** provides tuition assistance to deserving minority students through post-graduation. This grant will provide ten Beaufort County students with a stipend that increases each year of their enrollment.

**Heroes on Horseback** provides equine assisted therapy to special needs children, adults and veterans. This grant supports 10% of their equine therapy costs for disabled veterans and emergency responders.

Hilton Head Recreation Center is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all ages with recreation programs, wellness activities and community events. This grant covers equipment for their Adaptive Recreation Program for students with physical disabilities.

Hospice of the Low Country provides compassionate end-of-life care to terminally ill patients and their families. This grant covers a new mental health and bereavement initiative for healthcare workers impacted by Covid and PPE.

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Low Country Autism Foundation enhances the lives of individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and their families with individual advocacy and awareness programs. This grant supports respite care and a supervised 3-hour program once a month for youths in their Parents Night Out program.

Low Country Hope House provides residences for men and women over the age of 18 recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. This grant supports the recovery of 13 people and helps them to achieve a better way of life.

**Lowcountry Legal Volunteers** provides free critical legal services to low-income individuals living below the poverty line. This grant supports legal issues related to tenant eviction, rental assistance and alternative housing.

**Meals on Wheels** delivers daily hot meals to the elderly, ill, disabled and homebound individuals in the Lowcountry. This grant covers 2,667 meals and helps to increase their delivery program from five to six days a week.

**Memory Matters** provides compassionate support for patients with cognitive decline. This grant supports existing client services and an expansion into the Bluffton area in partnership with the Okatie Pines Retirement Center.

**Mitchelville Freedom Park** preserves, promotes and honors the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people in the US. This grant covers essential transportation, books and teaching materials used in school and childcare educational programs.

**NAMI Low Country** offers free education and support to those living with and or affected by mental health issues. This grant will help fund the more than 100 bi-monthly support groups that NAMI runs.

**Neighborhood Outreach Connection** provides supplementary educational programs and technology to disadvantaged students. This grant supports an annual after school academic program for 75 students taught by qualified teachers.

**Programs for Exceptional People (PEP)** promotes independence, social interaction and employment opportunities for intellectually disabled adults. This grant covers the cost of 200 scholarship days to financially challenged intellectually challenged adults.

**Safe Harbour** provides transportation and related services (e.g., medical appointments and shopping) so island residents can continue to reside in their homes. This grant covers six eligible individuals who cannot afford the annual fee.

**Sandalwood Food Pantry** provides fresh nutritious food and dignity to 800 mainly Gullah and Hispanic households twice a week. This grant covers the purchase of discounted supermarket quality fresh fruit and vegetables.

SC Solicitors Office – Victims Services Center seeks to facilitate in one place the necessary criminal, legal and medical interviews and to establish physical evidence in cases of sexual abuse and domestic violence. This grant covers 22 dolls and cases used by nurses in the examination and interview of children under ten years of age.

**Second Helpings r**escues food from supermarkets, restaurants, and stores for distribution to 14 local food pantries. This grant covers their purchase of meat and vegetables with higher dietary protein which they deliver to the food pantries.

**Special Olympics SC Area 8** provides year-round sports training and competition for special needs children and adults. This grant will provide funds to support 18 schools and 2 adult programs in their decentralized Spring Games events.

**Volunteers in Medicine** – **Bluffton** provides free medical care to the underserved and uninsured of Bluffton and Jasper County. This grant covers screening, identification and treatment of diabetic patients with retinopathy conditions.

**Volunteers in Medicine** – **HHI** provides comprehensive medical and dental services to the underserved and uninsured. This grant will cover the purchase of dentures for 75 patients in the Hilton Head area.