

WEXFORD FOUNDATION

# 2025 News Update



SOAR Special Olympics

## Inspiring Hope.

Our partners are dedicated to assisting people in our local communities with health, housing, hunger, & educational needs.

Through their good works and compassion, they create a caring environment that inspires hope when it is needed most.



Heroes on Horseback



Sandalwood Food Pantry

## Changing Lives.

Day in and day out they work tirelessly to bridge the gaps that make life challenging for many people on a daily basis.

We encourage you to learn more about these 33 amazing organizations that are changing outcomes with our support.

## 33 Local Non-profits receive grant awards.

The Wexford Foundation awarded \$465,000 to 33 deserving charities at their annual awards luncheon in February.

The worthy projects that these grants support will truly have a lasting impact in our local communities.

We thank our Wexford neighbors for making this possible. TOGETHER we are making a difference.





## A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO OUR WEXFORD NEIGHBORS

Our Wexford neighbors have embraced the Foundation in ways we never imagined when it was organized in 2012. Your generosity has amounted to \$4,000,000 in support, along with thousands of hours of volunteer time, new ideas, and encouragement. Our obligation is to use these resources wisely, creatively, and with compassion.

As an all-volunteer organization, we have structured our operations to ensure that every donor dollar provides grants to selected local non-profits. We achieve this by recruiting several local businesses to cover our modest administrative expenses. The Foundation's Grants Committee comprises twelve Wexford Members who seek out potential partners. During the analysis stage, the committee thoroughly understands the potential partner's mission, resources, boards, and financials. This builds confidence that they will succeed with the project if we decide to award a grant.

Our partners focus on local needs in the areas of Health, Hunger, Housing, and Education. They reach out to those in need, not just to meet the need but to alter the outcome. They do more than tutor young students to improve their learning; they create successful children who will thrive in school. They do more than provide daycare for little ones; they prepare children for kindergarten and enable parents to join the workforce. They do more than counsel abused women and children; they give them tools to build successful lives. They do more than bring food to seniors; they allow them to maintain independence and social interaction.



The list is extensive, and their accomplishments are inspiring. Our partners – the grant recipients – are doing incredible work, and we are thrilled to be able to help them.

**"Your tremendous support has been nothing short of amazing."**

We are very proud & grateful that you enable the Wexford Foundation to be so impactful through your generous contributions. Your tremendous support has been nothing short of amazing. Please help us continue our mission.

If you are not yet engaged with the Wexford Foundation, please consider becoming a donor, joining a committee, and participating in our celebrations. Please contact me or any of the Foundation Trustees if you can help.

My sincerest thanks,

Jim Hicks  
Chairman & Founder  
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# 2025 Grant Recipients



**Arts Center of Coastal Carolina** enriches the local community through live performances and educational programs. This grant supports their adaptive arts program for 149 Beaufort County students with disabilities.

**Backpack Buddies of Bluffton** provides nutritious food and food vouchers to chronically hungry children in Bluffton and Hardeeville. This grant will be used to provide nutritious food to children through their Summer Farmers Market program.

**Bluffton Community Kitchen** delivers hot food to seniors, working poor, and homeless individuals in the Bluffton area. This grant will enable them to purchase food and supplies to provide 5,200 hot meals to area residents.

**Bluffton Self Help** assists neighbors in critical need of food, clothing, tutoring and financial assistance. This grant will support the programs offered at their Learning and Literacy Centers in Bluffton, Hilton Head, and Hardeeville.

**Born to Read** visits new parents and provides resources to promote the importance of daily reading and communication with infants starting from birth. This grant will be used to buy resource bags and books to promote their early childhood literacy program.

**Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton** provides youth development programs enabling young people to reach their full potential and become responsible citizens. This grant will be used to purchase new computers for their technology center.

**Boys and Girls Club of HHI** provides programs to help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. This grant will providing funding to replace the floor in their teen room.

**Child Abuse Prevention Association** (CAPA) promotes awareness of child abuse and keeping at-risk children safe from harm. This grant will supply funding for basic clothing and toiletries for kids initially placed in foster care.

**The Children's Center** provides affordable, high quality early education and childcare for working families. This grant will help fund their Tuition Assistance Program so eligible parents can work while their children are provided quality care.

**Family Promise** provides shelter, food, and support services to homeless families. This grant will be used to help cover the operating costs for a homeless shelter in our community.

**Habitat For Humanity** partners with people in the community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. This grant will be used to fund home repairs on Hilton Head Island when critical safety concerns are identified.

**Heroes of the Lowcountry** provides college tuition assistance & mentorship to deserving students. This grant will be used to provide educational stipends and mentorship to college students from the local area.

**Heroes On Horseback** provides equine-assisted therapy to special needs children, adults, and veterans. This grant will be used to help underwrite the cost of equine therapy for Beaufort County special needs students.

**HHI Deep Well Project** helps people in emergency situations with rent, utility bills, food, clothing, furnishings, or home repairs. This grant will fund their Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance Program to enable people to stay in their homes.

**HHI Recreation Center** is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all ages with recreation programs, wellness activities and community events. This grant will be used to help fund their Family Fun Night event held quarterly.

**Hopeful Horizons** provides safety, hope and healing to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault in southern Beaufort County. This grant will provide funding for their Client Assistance Program.

**Hospice of the Lowcountry** provides compassionate end-of-life care to terminally ill patients and their families. This grant will be used to support caregivers with an individualized tool kit, access to a support group, training sessions and respite care.

**Hunger Coalition of the Lowcountry** focuses on individuals whose economic situation limits their ability to have adequate, healthy food. This grant will provide two cartons of milk per day to support children in need.

**Low Country Autism Foundation** provides programs that support families affected by autism. Because drowning is a significant cause of death in autistic kids - this grant will fund swimming lessons for 28 children.

**Low Country Hope House** provides residence assistance & support for adults recovering from addiction. This grant will help cover the intake fee for new residents entering their Alcohol & Drug addiction recovery program.

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**Low Country Legal Volunteers** provides free critical legal services to low-income individuals living below the poverty line. This grant will pay for client services in the Housing Protection Program.

**Meals On Wheels** delivers daily hot meals to the elderly, ill, disabled, and homebound individuals in the Lowcountry. This grant will be used to provide over 4,000 meals to local residents.

**Med-I-Assist** pays for eye exams and glasses for people living at or below the poverty level. This grant will be used to pay for 50 to 60 eye exams, prescription eyeglasses and eye medications.

**Memory Matters** provides compassionate support for patients with cognitive decline. This grant will be used to partially fund the meals served at their Memory Day Care Program.

**Neighborhood Outreach Connection** provides supplementary educational programs & technology to disadvantaged students. This grant will fund their Hilton Head after-school education & enrichment program at their Cordillo location.

**Operation Patriots FOB** creates recreational peer-to-peer experiences for veterans and first responders which help to provide them with a brighter outlook on their future. This grant will help fund monthly retreats on site for local veterans.

**Programs for Exceptional People (PEP)** promotes independence, social interaction, and employment opportunities for intellectually disabled adults. This grant will cover 250 free days of PEP Services to individuals waiting for a Medicare waiver.

**Safe Harbour** provides transportation and related services (e.g., medical appointments & shopping) so island residents can continue to reside in their homes. This grant will cover transportation costs for 10 individuals who cannot drive.

**Sandalwood Food Pantry** provides fresh food & dignity to over 700 families annually. This grant will cover the cost of purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables for their pantry.

**Second Helpings** rescues food and redistributes it to over 50 local food pantries. This grant will fund three months of their Healthy Food initiative for Hilton Head and Bluffton.

**Special Olympics SC Area 8** provides year-round sports training and competition for special needs children and adults. This grant will help fund their local Special Olympics Track & Field Event which will host over 500 children.

**Volunteers In Medicine Bluffton-Jasper County** provides comprehensive medical care to the underserved and uninsured. This grant will be used to provide screening and treatment for patients with diabetic eye issues.

**Volunteers In Medicine HHI** provides comprehensive medical care to the underserved and uninsured. This grant provides funding for a special tool to continually monitor glucose levels for insulin dependent patients.

## Our Mission: Supporting Health, Housing, Hunger and Educational Charities of the Lowcountry.

### A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS

