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### **Women in Philanthropy Awards \$162,475 in Grants to Local Organizations**

Women in Philanthropy (WIP), a charitable giving circle of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, awarded \$162,475 in grants to seven deserving Beaufort County nonprofits at its recent Annual Grant Awards Luncheon at Country Club of Hilton Head. The theme of WIP's 2026 grant cycle was "Bridging the Gap: Employment, Basic Needs, and Family."

The luncheon featured informative and inspiring presentations by 2025 WIP grant recipients, as well as the announcement of the 2026 grantees. WIP, who has over 200 members, has granted over \$1.3 million to local organizations since its inception in 2003!

#### **The 2026 WIP Grant Recipients are:**

**Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine: \$18,000** to fund the *Chronic Disease Care Program*, which provides resources to help uninsured adults manage chronic disease, enabling them to maintain employment and care for their families.

**Family Promise of Beaufort County: \$20,000** to fund the *Housing Stabilization Program*, which supports families with children who are at imminent risk of homelessness or who are currently experiencing homelessness.

**Hilton Head Deep Well Project: \$21,475** to fund *From Surviving to Thriving: Connecting Neighbors to Education, Employment, and Family Stability*. The program will connect individuals to key elements of advancement: education, basic needs, and family stability.

**Lowcountry Legal Volunteers: \$28,000** to fund an expansion of the *Charting a Path Forward for Families* Program. The program provides free, comprehensive legal advocacy and outreach to families in need.

**Neighborhood Outreach Connections: \$20,000** to fund the program *Breaking Barriers by Creating Opportunities: Integrated Support for Working Families in Hilton Head*. Their unique dual track program will help close the educational gap affecting low-income children and address the employability gap faced by parents.

**Second Helpings: \$25,000 (Dr. Juliann Bluitt Foster Fund)\*** to fund *Basic Needs and Family Stability Through Food Rescue Operations*.

**The Children's Center: \$30,000** to fund *Bridging Communities Through Tuition Assistance*, which will provide childcare scholarships for working families.

\* Dr. Foster was a dedicated member of WIP from 2007 until her passing in 2019. For several years, Juliann served as chair of the grants committee. To support WIP's grant-making efforts, Juliann left a generous bequest to WIP. Her legacy lives on each year, with the grants committee awarding grants from Juliann's memorial fund.

### **About Women in Philanthropy**

Created in 2003, Women in Philanthropy has been supporting nonprofit organizations throughout Beaufort County, strengthening communities, and celebrating the value of giving back to benefit those in need. If you would like more information about joining Women in Philanthropy, visit <https://cf-lowcountry.org/giving-circles/women-in-philanthropy-wip> or contact Lisa Hodge at 843-681-9100.