2027 GRANT THEME · WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

It Starts at Home

Building Pathways to Housing and Family Stability in Beaufort County

Across Beaufort County, working families are being priced out of a stable place to live. The good news: we know what keeps them housed for good.

88%
of local charitable aid over 8 years went to keeping families housed

~$1,000
the monthly gap between a 2-bedroom ($1,816) and what a working family can afford ($848)

326
children identified as homeless in Beaufort County schools in a single year

1 in 3
families come back for help year after year — the crisis underneath was never solved

The fix isn't just a roof — it's a pathway.

Lasting stability pairs safe, affordable housing with the supports that remove the barriers underneath: employment, financial education, legal help, and case management. Families that get the pathway stay housed — **91% of Family Promise families are still housed a year later.**

IT TAKES A COORDINATED NETWORK

Who's working on this across Beaufort County

No single organization can solve housing alone. These partners each cover part of the pathway; United Way's 2-1-1 line connects families to them.

Shelter & housing	Family Promise of the Lowcountry (Freedom House) · Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry · Beaufort Housing Authority · Hopeful Horizons
Rent & utility help	Family Promise · St. Vincent de Paul · Salvation Army · Rise with Living Hope · Bluffton Self Help · Deep Well Project · HELP of Beaufort · Beaufort-Jasper EOC
Workforce & finances	SC Works · Rise with Living Hope · South Atlantic Bank · World Financial Group
Legal aid	Lowcountry Legal Volunteers
Faith & volunteers	St. Gregory the Great · Church of the Palms · Campbell AME · St. Francis by the Sea · St. Mark's · St. Luke's Methodist · St. Andrew's · St. John's
Schools & agencies	Beaufort County School District · SC Dept. of Social Services (Beaufort County office)

WHERE YOUR PHILANTHROPY MOVES THE NEEDLE

Fund the pathway
Pair emergency aid with the stabilization and wraparound services that keep families housed.

Strengthen the network
Help partners work as one system, so no family falls through the seams.

Invest in prevention
Keeping a family housed costs far less than rebuilding after an eviction.

Get involved

Give, volunteer, or connect a family: Family Promise of the Lowcountry · familypromisebeaufortcounty.org · 181 Bluffton Road, Bluffton, SC. To reach any partner above, dial 2-1-1.

Sources: NLIHC Out of Reach 2026; United For ALICE 2023; Beaufort & Bluffton magistrate court records 2018–2025; Beaufort County charitable direct-assistance records 2018–Aug 2026; McKinney-Vento district counts 2023–24; SchoolHouse Connection; Family Promise of the Lowcountry program data 2025. Eviction orders authorize removal but do not confirm it; assistance and court datasets are separate systems.