

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) is a giving circle, founded in 2003 by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (CFL). The CFL team provides WIP with invaluable fund oversight, administrative support and management.



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Celebrating 20+ Years

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) has been dedicated to strengthening families and individuals by supporting nonprofits in the areas of arts and culture, community development, education, the environment, and health and human services.

Through the power of collective giving, WIP continues to make a lasting impact on the community.

2025 Theme: Building Pathways to Long-Term Self Sufficiency - \$148,700 awarded

- **Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry: \$30,000** to fund “Childcare Programs” including scholarships for approximately 30 to 40 families using after-school and summer camp programs for their children at multiple program sites throughout Beaufort County.
- **Bluffton Self Help: \$22,000** to fund local family emergency needs identified through the "Case Management & Resource Coordination Program.”
- **The Children’s Center: \$30,000** to fund an infant and toddler child care program offering services at a sliding scale for working families through their “Family Livelihood Depends on Childcare” program. This is one of only two centers on Hilton Head Island providing care for infants and toddlers, and remains the only affordable option.
- **Deep Well’s Circles Program: \$20,000** to fund the third cohort of this program that helps low-income families move from poverty level existence to financial stability. Graduation from the program occurs when a family’s annual household income rises to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- **Lowcountry Gullah Foundation: \$21,700** to fund the “Historic Gullah Land Preservation Program,” which provides short-term emergency financial assistance for delinquent County taxes and long-term educational partnerships with local families to establish a solid financial base for the future and prevent a return to the tax list.
- **Lowcountry Legal Volunteers: \$25,000** (Dr. Juliann Bluitt Foster Memorial Fund Award) to fund the “Breaking the Cycle of Poverty” Program which offers free legal services to underserved populations with a focus on issues such as domestic violence, child support, and housing instability. By addressing these critical legal needs, LLV strives to remove barriers to financial self-sufficiency and stability, ultimately improving lives through legal advocacy.

2026 Theme: Bridging the Gap: Employment, Basic Needs, and Family Stability - \$162,475 awarded

- **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 Julilann’s memorial fund.