



**United
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**United Way
of the Lowcountry**



Quick Facts

- Donations to the United Way of the Lowcountry (UWLC) stay LOCAL, helping to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors throughout Beaufort and Jasper counties in order to build a strong community.
- Through Community Impact, UWLC partners with local nonprofit organizations to address community priorities and create positive, lasting change by focusing on Basic Needs, Education, Health and Economic Mobility.
- UWLC meets strict requirements for accountability and results by using local volunteers to serve as board members and on various committees.
- UWLC's internal HELPLINE serves as a safety net, providing information and referrals to link people with local resources and services to meet their needs.
- United Way and Beaufort County partner to provide 211, which is a free, confidential referral and information service complementing our HELPLINE. 211 connects people with local resources after business hours, on weekends and during natural disasters. It can be accessed by dialing 211, or online at sc211.org.
- UWLC's Early Grade Reading Initiative, Read Indeed, provides one-on-one in-school tutoring at schools and sites throughout Beaufort and Jasper counties as well as provides free books and supplies for students.
- Funding decisions are made LOCALLY by volunteers and community members in Beaufort and Jasper counties who donate to United Way of the Lowcountry.
- Women United's Operation Backpack works with school social workers to provide backpacks full of school supplies to local children in need each school year.
- UWLC partners with the IRS and Beaufort County to offer free tax preparation through the Lowcountry VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program.
- UWLC offers Charity Tracker, which is a web-based, shared case management tool, free to local nonprofits to help detect patterns of need in our community, address the root causes of individual and family challenges, and provide accountability to ensure resources in our community are making the most impact.

149,641

Local people benefited through our community impact funded programs and direct services

Education Impact



United Way of the Lowcountry, Inc.

Together, we are making an impact on education through United Way of the Lowcountry's Early Grade Reading Initiative, Read Indeed!

Read Indeed! offers one-on-one, in-person and virtual tutoring for Pre-K through third grade students in Beaufort and Jasper counties. Despite challenges created by the pandemic, Read Indeed continued to serve 10 locations in Beaufort and Jasper counties, including:

Hardeeville Elementary
Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts
James J. Davis Early Childhood Center
Joseph Shanklin Elementary
Lady's Island Elementary
Red Cedar Elementary
Ridgeland Elementary
Robert Smalls International Academy
St. Helena Elementary
St. Helena Early Childhood Center

Our new Vello online tutoring program is making it easier for volunteers to engage with students through a safe and secure digital setting. Together, students and volunteer tutors read e-books using screen sharing and audio. The program allows volunteers to conduct their tutor sessions from anywhere with a computer and internet access, making it easy to do without leaving their home or workspace.

23,876
books
distributed to
students

10
sites

390
Pre-K
students

454
Kindergarten
students



Summer Book Blitz Extravaganza

United Way of the Lowcountry partnered with Pi Phi, the Public Library Foundation of Beaufort County/ Beaufort County Library System, and the Beaufort County School District to help minimize the loss of learning that occurs when young minds sit idle during the summer. Together, the partnership provided 10,000 free books – including picture books and chapter books – to children of all ages throughout our community! As an added treat, volunteers – including Ron and Natalie Daise from “Gullah Gullah Island!” – recorded videos of themselves reading aloud from one of the books. You can scan the QR code with your cell phone to hear one of the virtual reading videos:



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Through our continued partnership, AmeriCorps members are helping achieve results by serving as reading tutors.

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Community Impact

United Way of the Lowcountry works with our funded agencies to build a Cycle of Success by helping to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors and create lasting, positive change in our community through Community Impact by focusing on Basic Needs, Education, Health and Economic Mobility.

Lowcountry Service Area (Beaufort & Jasper Counties)
Bluffton/Hilton Head Service Area
Beaufort Service Area • Jasper County Area
Beaufort County Service Area



Basic Needs

Agape Family Life Center, Inc. – Carolina Feed the Hungry
Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry- YMCA Transportation Program
Bluffton Self Help – Emergency Financial Assistance
Boys & Girls Clubs – Healthy Lifestyles for Disadvantaged Youth
Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) – Open Arms Children’s Home
Community Service Organization (CSO) – Charity Tracker
Family Promise of Beaufort County – Family Shelter Program
HELP of Beaufort – Wellness Pantry
Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project – Safe Shelter: Today and Beyond
Hopeful Horizons – Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter
Jasper County Council on Aging – Congregate Home & Delivered Meal Program
Lowcountry Food Bank – **Fighting Child Hunger in Beaufort County**
LowCountry Habitat for Humanity – Affordable Housing Program
Second Helpings – Food Rescue
Second Helpings – Healthy Food



Economic Mobility

Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry – Discovery Kids Preschool Program
Boys & Girls Clubs – Life Skills for Disadvantaged Youth
Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) – Economic Empowerment
Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) – Student Financial Success
Jasper County Disabilities and Special Needs – JH Hill Center – Day Program
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers – Financial Freedom for Families
The Children’s Center – Tuition Assistance Program



Education

Agape Family Life Center, Inc – Agape Family Life Center Education Program
Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry – After School Program
Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry – Summer Learning Loss Prevention Camp
Born To Read – Born To Read Programs
Boys & Girls Clubs – Early Childhood Reading Development
Boys & Girls Clubs – Project Learn / Power Hour
Boys & Girls Clubs – STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
Boy Scouts of America Coastal Carolina Council – SBS’s “Full Family” Program Development
Hopeful Horizons – Strengthening Families Program
The Children’s Center – Building Foundations
The Children’s Center – Eliminating Summer Slide



Health

Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) – Exchange Club Parent Aide Program
Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) – School-Based Outreach Program
Good Neighbor Medical Clinic of Beaufort – Free Healthcare for Uninsured Adults
HELP of Beaufort – Mobile Meals Program
Hopeful Horizons – Prevention Programs
Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire – Dental Care Mobile Program

Helpline 843.524.4357

HELPLINE offers health and human services information, referral, advocacy and support to help callers find the assistance they need to address the everyday challenges of living as well as those that develop during times of disaster and other community emergencies.

This past fiscal year, 5,454 community members requested assistance through our HELPLINE, resulting in 5,633 referrals to Human Services agencies and 1,197 cases of in-depth advocacy. A total of 649 families in Beaufort and Jasper counties were provided safety-net assistance totaling more than \$280,500.

Meet Wanda

Like so many of our neighbors, Wanda and her family moved to the Lowcountry looking for a fresh start. However, soon after relocating to Beaufort, Wanda was diagnosed with a serious health issue that made it impossible for her to continue to help support her family.

Faced with mounting medical bills and the possible loss of their home during a pandemic, HELPLINE was able to provide the funds and referrals needed to help her family find stable housing.

"I don't know where I would be without United Way. I wouldn't have rent or a deposit. I wouldn't be able to pay my light bill or my water bill."

- Wanda



Watch Wanda's story
by scanning here:



Meet the Williams Family

You may have noticed a familiar smiling face on the cover of this year's Palmetto Society Book. We first met "Baby Joey" and his family five years ago when he was undergoing multiple emergency heart surgeries at MUSC in Charleston. At the time, the Williams family – who went from a two income household to just one – were facing unexpected out-of-pocket medical expenses. Our HELPLINE was able to provide them with a variety of support services so they could focus their attention on the health needs of their newborn son.

"We reached out to United Way five years back, and they've been there ever since. We are stronger because of you."

- Joe Williams

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story by scanning here:





We hope you will consider joining us in

making a difference

in our community by supporting the
2021-2022 United Way of the Lowcountry Annual Campaign.

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