



UNITED WAY
Lowcountry

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Becky Francis Dignity Project – Empowerment with Compassion

Named in honor of **Becky Francis**—a lifelong advocate for human dignity, education, and equity—this initiative reflects her unwavering belief in meeting people where they are, with compassion and practical support, to help them rebuild and thrive.

The **Becky Francis Dignity Project** continues her legacy by giving individuals and families the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to move toward self-sufficiency while preserving the dignity everyone deserves.

This initiative focuses on three interconnected goals: meeting basic needs, promoting self-sufficiency, and building a supportive community.



Meeting Basic Needs

A stable foundation is essential for long-term independence. That begins with ensuring individuals have access to:

- **Safe and secure shelter** – the starting point for addressing other challenges.
- **Nutritious food** – essential for physical and mental health.
- **Hygiene facilities and services** – including mobile showers and laundry trailers.
- **Medical and mental health care** – addressing the higher rates of chronic illness and mental health concerns among people experiencing homelessness.

Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Reintegration

Lasting change comes from empowerment and opportunity. Individuals can move toward self-sufficiency when they have access to:

- **Employment skills and job opportunities** – building financial independence.
- **Education and job training** – opening doors to better employment prospects.
- **Mental health and addiction recovery services** – removing barriers to stability.
- **Permanent housing connections** – guiding individuals into stable, long-term housing solutions.

Building a Supportive Community

Self-sufficiency thrives in a compassionate and supportive environment. Communities can foster this by:

- **Reduce stigma and discrimination** – fostering public understanding and acceptance.
- **Strengthen social connections** – combating isolation and building belonging.
- **Advocate for systemic change** – addressing root causes like poverty and lack of affordable housing.

The result: The Becky Francis Dignity Project addresses urgent needs while paving the way to lasting independence—helping build a stronger, more compassionate Lowcountry where every neighbor in Beaufort and Jasper counties can thrive.