

Celebrating 50 Years

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

The Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project

Last year was challenging for Deep Well, with critical needs increasing throughout our area. Requests for food, shelter and utilities assistance, housing repair, and children's school readiness programs all saw significant appeals for help. Again, the island community has stepped up with increased financial and volunteer support. The needs were strong and our community's response was even stronger.

Two important milestones occurred in 2023. **Circles Hilton Head** launched, offering ongoing one-on-one assistance from dedicated, trained volunteers helping families break the cycle of poverty. Weekly dinner meetings, ongoing

individual support, and a variety of programs and activities are now offering pathways forward for a more sustainable lifestyle for our Circles participants.

Also last year, **Deep Well celebrated 50 years of helping neighbors** with the premier of a film about Deep Well's history and impact. Our theme, **Looking Back, Moving Forward**, honored our achievements while inspiring us for future challenges. An Endowment Fund created at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will help assure that Deep Well can continue to meet the needs of neighbors.

Food

\$612,131 value of food provided

228,000 # of meals from our Pantry and our Food Collaborations

Where does Deep Well supply food?

Our Wellness Pantry, The Children's Center, Volunteers in Medicine, Meals on Wheels, senior centers in Jasper County, and St. Andrew-By-The-Sea United Methodist Church



Food donations were critical to help us feed the 600-800 people who visited our Pantry every month.

Shelter

\$817,192 funds expended to keep people safe

in their homes

300 # of people who received Livable Housing home repairs

248 # of home repair projects in Hilton Head Island, Daufuskie, Ridgeland, Bluffton, Okatie, Beaufort and Port Royal

1,362 # of people helped with a rent/mortgage one-time payment

1,000 # of people with "new-to-them" furniture/appliances

658 # of people assisted with a one-time utility payment



Some neighbors needed a rent payment, some roof repairs. Others needed a mattress or couch to sleep on—housing issues come in all sizes.

Holidays/Students



Community toy donations for our Santa Shop meant almost 800 children had a magical holiday.

268 & 185 # of Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners coordinated and/or delivered

775 # of children who received toys and new clothing from the Santa Shop

174 # of new bicycles given to local children from the Santa Shop

2,450 # of new uniform shirts, plus supplies, given to 490 Hilton Head public school children





Circles families learned new skills and gained self-confidence.

Circles

Completed one full year of programming with our first group of Circles families, 15 adults and 19 children.

40 % of Circles adults are currently enrolled at TCL, acquiring education and training which will open doors for higher family incomes and better career opportunities.

20 % of Circles adults have begun working on prerequisite tasks, including taking language and computer courses to prepare for higher education and the workforce.

One family escaped domestic violence and established a new, safe home.

35 % of adults increased their incomes as a result of earned promotions or increased employment.

100 % of adults reported enhanced budgeting skills and increased financial knowledge.

53 % of adults reported improved mental health and self-confidence.

38 # “Ally” volunteers worked closely with families, establishing intentional friendships and sharing experiences both ways across socio-economic lines.

2,940 # of meals that were cooked, donated, and served by the 15 Hospitality volunteers.

16 # of Children’s program volunteers who implemented curriculum designed to increase the overall well-being of children living in poverty.

We also connected families to external services and community resources by offering nine in-house educational sessions with guest speakers from multiple organizations. In February 2024 we will add a 2nd group of new families.

94.2%

of every
Deep Well dollar is spent on direct client services and programs
(per 2022 Federal Tax Form 990)

Volunteer Power!

\$567,317 the value of our volunteer hours

21,336 # of hours volunteers donated

300+ # of active volunteers who carry out Deep Well’s mission

What do Deep Well volunteers DO?

Client intake, office staffing, pantry shoppers, pantry deliveries, home repairs, scheduling donation pick-ups, financial oversight, organization strategy and planning, new initiative research, Circles program meals

Our volunteers are AMAZING.



Support Deep Well

DONATE ONLINE: www.deepwellproject.org/donate

BY MAIL: P.O. Box 5543 • Hilton Head Island, SC 29938

IN PERSON: 80 Capital Drive • Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

VOLUNTEER: Call Lori Alexander or email volunteer@deepwellproject.org

843-785-2849

Miscellaneous Services

235 # of times we assisted with transportation to medical appointments

VIEW:

Deep Well’s 50th Anniversary Video

Looking back.
Moving forward.

www.deepwellproject.org

We are grateful for your continued support as we create opportunities for people to move from crisis, to stabilization, to success.