

Myrtle Beach Area Nonprofit Organizations
Nonprofit Members of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
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A Father's Place <http://www.afathersplace.org>

Contact Information

A Father's Place
PO Box 1291
Conway, SC 29528
(843) 488-2923

Mission

To engage fathers in the positive support of their children and to enhance community support for fatherhood throughout Horry County.

About Us

We provide an array of supportive services to assist fathers in overcoming the barriers that are preventing them from being actively involved in the lives of their children. Some of these services are:

- ~ GED Preparation/Post-Secondary Education Assistance ~ Job Readiness and Retention Training
- ~ Economic Stability ~ Life Skills Training ~ Family Court Workshops ~ Substance Abuse Referrals
- ~ Mental Health Referrals ~ Parenting/Cooperative Parenting Education
- ~ Mediation/Advocacy on Behalf of Participants ~ Peer Support ~ Father/Child Activities
- ~ Communication and Relationship Building Workshops ~ Spiritual Awareness
- ~ Community Workshops on Impact of Father Absence

The Conway Community Improvement Coalition first envisioned the establishment of the father-engagement initiative that would become A Father's Place. Later, the members of this group combined their efforts with the Community Coalition of Horry County to involve local fathers, mothers, faith organizations, government agencies and several concerned citizens in the development of a plan for strengthening the connections between noncustodial fathers and their children. This community partnership, working with the University of South Carolina Institute for Families in Society, developed a successful proposal for funding from The Sisters of Charity Foundation in Columbia, S.C. The Sisters of Charity Foundation committed to support the program for three years beginning in October 2000.

In October of 2002, with the help of the Sisters of Charity Foundation and the USC Institute for Families in Society, all of the fatherhood programs being supported by the Sisters of Charity secured an agreement to begin receiving TANF funds from the Department of Social Services through the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families (SCCFF).

In 2006 A Father's Place began receiving funds from the Administration for Children and Families through the responsible fatherhood grant awarded to the SCCFF for five (5) years. Additionally in August 2006 A Father's Place expanded further by opening a second satellite office in Myrtle Beach.

In 2007 A Father's Place began receiving funds from the General Assembly to support its Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) component. Fathers who qualify for the program are mandated to participate in lieu of being incarcerated for nonsupport of their children.

Today, A Father's Place is one of six father-engagement programs, on 11 sites, in South Carolina being supported by the Sisters of Charity Foundation and has expanded its service area to all of Horry County and continues to work to raise community awareness on the importance of father engagement.

Use of Funds

90% of funds are programmatic

American Heart Association <http://www.americanheart.org>

Contact Information

American Heart Association
1113-44th Ave. N., Ste. 200
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 282-2901

Mission

"Building Healthier lives, free of Cardiovascular disease and Stroke"

About Us

Diseases of the heart are the No. 1 killer in the United States, and stroke is the No. 3 killer. The American Heart Association strongly believes that learning more about these diseases is the best way to reduce disability and death. That's why research is an association-wide priority.

Since 1949, the American Heart Association has spent more than \$2.9 billion on research to increase our knowledge about cardiovascular disease and stroke. 1948-49, the American Heart Association's National Center and affiliates contributed \$700,000 to research; in 2006-2007, more than \$147 million, which compares favorably with other health organizations.

Use of Funds

80% of each dollar goes toward community awareness, programs and research at MUSC, USC and Clemson.

American Red Cross, Coastal South Carolina Chapter

<http://horrycounty.redcross.org>

Contact Information

American Red Cross, Coastal South Carolina Chapter
2795 Pampas Dr.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 477-0020

Mission

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

About Us

The Horry County and Georgetown County Red Cross chapters were both chartered in 1917 and merged to form the Coastal South Carolina Chapter in July 2005. The local Red Cross provides disaster relief to the communities that it serves, which today covers a 3,000-square-mile jurisdiction that also includes Williamsburg County. All disaster assistance is provided free of charge to the clients. The Red Cross is not a government agency and all funds must be raised locally. The local Red Cross provides disaster assistance to individuals who lose their homes to fire or other natural or manmade disaster, provides 24-hour emergency communications to military personnel and their families and provides lifesaving skills courses such as CPR and First Aid training.

Use of Funds

Ninety-one cents of every dollar goes to Red Cross programs to help those in need.

Autism Advocate Foundation

<http://www.autismadvocatefoundation.com>

Contact Information

Autism Advocate Foundation
PO Box 7061
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
(843) 213-0217

Mission

To provide emotional, financial, and therapeutic support for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders throughout their lifespan, while achieving their personal goals and dreams with integrity and distinction in their least restrictive environment.

About Us

The Autism Advocate Foundation is a nonprofit (501c3), incorporated in July 2004. The organization was started by parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders who knew that in order to assist their children in achieving their dreams they needed the support of others. This thinking continues today, and drives AAF to provide supports to all individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders, living in Horry County. AAF provides numerous supports including tracking devices, summer recreation, respite care, recreational activities for families, and parent support.

Use of Funds

The Autism Advocate Foundation employs only one full time staff and one part time staff. We utilize board members and volunteers to assist in the monitoring and maintenance of our programming. We are currently utilizing donated office space and seek out donations and support for all our administrative needs. We strive to utilize every donation to further our mission and provide additional supports for those affected by autism.

Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina, Inc.

<http://www.myrtlebeach.bbb.org>

Contact Information

Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina, Inc.
314 Laurel St.
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 488-0238

Mission

To be the leader in advancing marketplace trust.

About Us

We offer a variety of services to businesses and consumers. We offer pre-purchase information on companies, a public report on companies in our community, complaint processing, advertising review, issue alerts and identify scams, consumer education and awareness out reach, Military Line Program, Auto Line Program and we will assist consumers and businesses in any way we can!

Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand

<http://www.bgclubgs.org>

Contact Information

Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand
1404 Carver St.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 445-9964

Mission

To inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

About Us

The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand seeks to enhance the lives of school-aged youth 5 to 18 years of age by providing safe, productive and fun programs and activities on a daily basis. Our programs are very affordable and scholarship assistance is available to families that can demonstrate hardship. The organization has three main programmatic objectives:

- 1) Increase Academic Success,
- 2) Improve Character & Leadership Skills, and
- 3) Encourage Healthy Lifestyles.

Use of Funds

The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand's IRS Form 990 for 2007 as prepared by Timothy Hucks, CPA shows that 86.75% of expenses were used for program costs and 13.25% of expenses were for management and fundraising costs.

CASA - Citizens Against Spouse Abuse

Contact Information

CASA - Citizens Against Spouse Abuse
PO Box 912
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
(843) 293-2270

Mission

The mission of CASA is to provide intervention, safe refuge, counseling and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and to disrupt the generation cycle of domestic violence in Horry and Georgetown counties through community awareness and education.

About Us

CASA helps any member of our community who is trying to escape a violent life. Children are a large focus as they are surely victims as well. CASA provides two safehouses, counseling, court advocacy and resource coordination and referral.

Use of Funds

89% programs
11% administrative

Children's Museum of South Carolina

<http://www.cmsckids.org>

Contact Information

Children's Museum of South Carolina 2501 N. Kings Hwy. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 946-9469

Mission

The mission of the Children's Museum of South Carolina is to promote and stimulate self-discovery through interactive learning experiences which will enhance every child's understanding of his or her global community.

About Us

Since its inception, the Children's Museum of South Carolina has experienced tremendous growth. In 1994, the museum opened its doors, occupying a modest 1,200-square foot retail space in a local mall. The museum was well received by all who visited. As a result, the museum began to expand.

In March of 1995, the museum acquired a 7,500-square-foot facility and the task of restructuring the space into a museum environment began. During this period, 10 exhibits were designed, built and purchased. In March of 1996, the museum once again opened its doors to the community. As a result of continued growth and support, the museum acquired an additional 1,200 square feet of space in the summer of 1998.

As the museum continues to experience growth, it is steadily challenged to meet the needs of our community and state as a provider of a family-oriented learning environment that promotes interactive learning. As the local resident and tourist populations continue to increase, the need to provide quality family-oriented experiences increases. This is evidenced by the museum's steadily increasing number of visitors and voiced through visitor surveys at the museum. The growth of CMSC is a continual challenge for the board of directors as they search for a permanent site.

CMSC's commitment to education and fun can be experienced in all of our exhibits and educational programs. Working collaboratively with our communities and schools, student participation is enhanced in the sciences, technology, the humanities and culture.

Thousands of visitors from schools, day care centers and other groups in Myrtle Beach and surrounding communities, along with tourists from around the world, enjoy CMSC every year. Special programs offered by the museum, such as Tales for Tots and Digitalis Planetarium, are extremely popular with the adults and children who visit the museum. The museum also participates in several community-based festivals held annually.

Use of Funds

Monies raised through fundraising, admissions, and donations are used to enhance and maintain the current exhibits and programs offered at the museum, as well as the development of new exhibits and programs. CMSC is also currently in a Capital Campaign to build a new state-of-the-art facility.

Children's Recovery Center

Contact Information

Children's Recovery Center PO Box 1499 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 (843) 448-3400

Mission

It is the mission of the Children's Recovery Center to provide forensic interviews, medical exams, and effective advocacy for children suspected of having suffered sexual abuse in a manner that minimizes re-victimization throughout the process

About Us

The Children's Recovery Center is a multidisciplinary clinic that provides forensic interviews and medical exams to children who may be the victims of physical and/or sexual assault. The center began providing services in March 1996 and has grown significantly with 46 children seen 1996 and 229 children seen in 2008. The Children's Recovery Center is a nonprofit community organization governed by a volunteer board.

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center

<http://www.coastalsamaritan.org>

Contact Information

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center
901 N. Kings Hwy.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 448-4820

Mission

To provide hope, healing, and growth through counseling, education and consultation.

About Us

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center was established in 1980 by the Reverend Tom Brittain of the First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. The center and its satellite offices are located in churches in Horry and Georgetown counties, but serve anyone regardless of their religious background. Services are offered on an adjusted fee scale. When life becomes overwhelming, the center is a wonderful place to turn to.

Use of Funds

The majority of funds go to pay our licensed, professional counselors who provide the services directly to those being helped. The overhead is very low because of the generous "housing" provided by churches.

Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum

<http://www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.org>

Contact Information

Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum
3100 South Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 238-2510

Mission

The Art Museum is dedicated to being on the finest visual arts museums in the Carolinas. We strive to engage our community and our visitors through unique exhibitions and interactive, education and creative programs for people of all ages.

About Us

The Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum first opened to the public in June 1997, but it was conceived some 13 years earlier by a small group of Myrtle Beach visionaries – artists, art patrons, business leaders, cultural enthusiasts and other private citizens. The building itself has an even earlier history. In 1924, textile industry mogul, Eugene Cannon built a large wooden-frame cottage in the Cabana section of Myrtle Beach and christened it the Cannon Beach House. After 20 years, it was sold to Colonel Elliot White Springs for use by his family and executives of Springs Industries. The house was then rechristened Springmaid Villa. The Springs' family and friends enjoyed this house for 30 years until 1975, when the family reluctantly moved due to the development of condominium projects surrounding the house. The family gave the Villa to Cox Construction Company in exchange for a new home. Cox Construction did nothing with the house. For fear that it would be knocked down, then Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild president, Gaye Sanders Fischer, convinced Cox to donate the house to the arts group. Cox agreed under the condition that the house be moved to a different location. The task was embraced by Guild member Harry Charles, who, with his wife Jane Charles, was passionate about the arts and the value arts could bring to the Myrtle Beach community. Charles visited with the president of Myrtle Beach Farms Company and walked out with the deed for an undeveloped lot eight miles south, just outside the city limits.

It took three full days, two flat-bed trucks and a slew of volunteers and city and utility workers to move the 150-ton structure to its present location.

Once moved, Harry Charles, again, came to the structures rescue. Charles formed the Springmaid Villa Art Museum Corporation, a nonprofit with a board of trustees charged with managing the property as a public art museum. Macon Epps formed the Friends of the Villa, a small group of women organizing all substantial

fundraising efforts. The organization put on a myriad of fundraising events as well as raised awareness in the community of the Art Museum.

After a little more than a decade, the Art Museum, designed by Charleston architectural firm LS3P and constructed by local contractor Mike Harrington, opened its doors in June 1997. In recognition of the donation of the land the Art Museum became the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum.

The Art Museum struggled financially the years after its doors opening. Lineta Pritchard, then Chairman of the Board of Trustees, along with Harry Charles and arts advocate Harry Love, convinced the city to help keep and preserve the building.

The Museum now offers lectures, docent tours, workshops, KidsArt, adult classes, free Family Days and a host of other activities for all ages; and it all happens at a Museum that has been admission-free since 2003.

Although the road has been bumpy at times, the destination has been well worth the journey. Today, the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum is truly the community's jewel by the sea.

Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina

<http://www.girlscoutseasc.org>

Contact Information

Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina
2412 Pisgah Rd.
Florence, SC 29501
(843) 669-5174

Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

About Us

Girl Scouts were founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low. We serve girls ages 5-17 in our 21 county jurisdiction. Girl Scouting is a preventative program. Girls learn through an all-girl environment which addresses such issues as bullying, self-esteem, domestic violence, child abuse and many other issues facing girls today.

Use of Funds

100% of funding stays in the council jurisdiction.

Grand Strand Senior Center

<http://www.seniornews.biz>

Contact Information

Grand Strand Senior Center
1268 21st Ave. N.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 626-3991

About Us

We are a nonprofit organization that provides activities and support for seniors 50 years and older. We are part of the Horry County Council on Aging. Please read our newsletter on our Web site SENIORNEWS.BIZ

Use of Funds

Any funds raised help with the implementation of our activities.

Grand Strand Technology Council, Inc.

<http://www.gstechcouncil.org>

Contact Information

Grand Strand Technology Council, Inc.
9209 Marina Pkwy.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
(843) 491-6060

Mission

Technology-based businesses tend to "cluster" with similar type businesses in geographic regions. In fact, technology professionals as individuals also seem to want to interact directly with other similarly trained persons to gain additional knowledge, ideas and develop potential enhancing partnerships. This council provides that nucleus of growing and involved technology professionals and businesses.

About Us

Activities are focused on topics of specific interest to computer information and technology trained professionals, and to technology dependent businesses. Initial emphases are on personal networking among the individuals, but will also involve such programs as:

- ~ Information technology initiatives at Coastal Carolina University
- ~ Federal government contracting
- ~ Microsoft security initiatives
- ~ Technical training at Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- ~ Visiting business leaders from significant companies where subcontracting might be available
- ~ Biotechnology and information technology

The next levels of Internet Interaction with students in computer sciences and other technology disciplines from the schools are being developed. Direct involvement is encouraged of technology professionals with the local school systems in tutoring or helping sponsor school clubs in such areas as computers or mathematics. Business plan competitions are being developed.

Use of Funds

Funds are primarily received from member dues from technology companies, affiliated organizations and educational institutions, government entities and individuals. Member meetings are generally sponsored or have costs covered by attendance fees. Spending is done by sponsoring various programs, and educational awards at the high school and college levels.

Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach, Inc.

<http://www.helpinghandofmyrtlebeach.org>

Contact Information

Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach, Inc.
PO Box 2886
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
(843) 448-8451

Mission

Helping Hand is a crisis intervention agency whose mission is to minister to the needs not met by existing agencies.

About Us

Helping Hand provides food, utilities, rent, prescription medications, diapers, hygiene kits, gasoline, local and long distance bus tickets, IDs, referrals to other agencies, and other individualized services. Residents and transients in the City of Myrtle Beach and west to the Conway city limits can receive services at Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach. Helping Hand was formed in 1971 by the First United Methodist Church. At present, support comes from nine area churches, United Way of Horry County, local foundations, and private donations. During 2008, Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach served 19,844 clients and their families and provided \$174,000 in direct client assistance.

Use of Funds

84% of funds are used to provide direct client assistance. In addition to expenditures, over \$75,000 in donated foods are provided to clients. Helping Hand has an executive director, an associate director and a part-time data analyst, and relies heavily on volunteer assistance

Honor Flight Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach

<http://www.honorflightsc.com>

Contact Information

Honor Flight Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach
P.O. Box 1212
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 957-8212

Mission

Honor Flight is a national program designed to honor our rapidly vanishing World War II veterans. These veterans had to wait 60 years for a WWII War Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C., honoring their service and the ultimate sacrifice given by countless numbers of their friends. For those reasons, Honor Flight is dedicated to giving as many WWII veterans as possible the opportunity to see the memorial erected in their honor.

About Us

Honor Flight Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach is the newest hub for Honor Flight South Carolina. The inaugural flight from Myrtle Beach International Airport is scheduled for Nov. 10, 2010. Upon arrival in Washington, D.C., veterans are welcomed and met by buses that transport them to various sites including the WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. When they return to Myrtle Beach, they will receive a heartwarming and well deserved hero's welcome.

Horry County Arts & Cultural Council

<http://www.horryacc.org>

Contact Information

Horry County Arts & Cultural Council
P.O. Box 1708
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
(843) 467-6742

Mission

Horry County Arts & Cultural Council supports, nurtures and promotes local artists, arts organizations and groups to improve the quality of life in our communities.

About Us

Horry County ACC was established in 2005 by a group of dedicated volunteers to create a county wide service agency for the arts in Horry County.

ACC is a community resource for local artists of all disciplines. ACC is also the fiscal sponsor for three newly formed arts organizations in the community.

In 2007 and 2008 ACC awarded grants to qualified local artists and arts organizations. These projects serve to strengthen the cultural climate of Horry County.

ACC designed and implements an Artist in the Schools program. This program integrates the arts into the established academic curriculum and teaches to stated SC educational standards.

ACC will hold the 2nd Annual Fabulous 50s Festival in March 2010. This program serves to celebrate the arts in Horry County and support the work of ACC.

Use of Funds

80% goes back into the community to provide services such as artists in the schools, grants technical assistance, fiscal sponsorship, grants to artists and arts organizations, workshops for artists, etc.

Horry County Disabilities & Special Needs

<http://www.hcdsn.org>

Contact Information

Horry County Disabilities & Special Needs
250 Victory Lane
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-3010

Mission

Horry County Disabilities provides services and supports to persons with life long disabilities of Mental Retardation, Related Disabilities, Autism and persons with Head and Spinal Cord Injuries.

About Us

We screen applicants for eligibility based on one of divisions of service (Mental Retardation, Related Disabilities, Autism and Head and Spinal Cord Injuries). Once a person is eligible, we link them with services within the community as well as try to assist them in locating an appropriate funding source for the identified needs.

Use of Funds

Individual Medicaid & Medicare are possible funding sources as well as state funding and local government funding.

The Long Bay Symphony

<http://www.longbaysymphony.com>

Contact Information

The Long Bay Symphony
1551 21st Ave. N.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 448-8379

Mission

The mission of The Long Bay Symphony is to provide the highest quality musical performances and programs that educate and entertain while enhancing the cultural environment of the region.

About Us

The Long Bay Symphony was founded in 1987 by Dianna Swanner-Scroggins, a local music store owner. The first auditions for the symphony produced a core of 26 volunteer musicians. They performed together for the first time in April of 1988, in Wheelwright Auditorium, of then called Coastal Carolina College. Since that time the symphony has expanded under the direction of Dr. Charles Evans who was accepted the music director/conductor position in 1996. As a professional symphony, we are committed to enhancing the quality of the cultural life of the region by providing the impetus and vision necessary for the continued growth of the arts community and by affording educational opportunities for citizens of all ages. The Long Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra remains a top priority as we invest in the cultural and artistic future of the region. In addition The Long Bay Symphony has, during its entire history, considered educational programming for both young people and adults as part of its mission.

Use of Funds

The funding we receive helps to pay the cost of concert production, including musicians' salaries, hall rental, administration and other related expenses. Ticket revenue covers less than 40% of funds needed to present the season's concerts. Individual donors and corporate sponsors are essential for the future of the symphony and to help us keep the music alive! Educational programs are an additional expense. In that regard, 100% of the funding we receive goes directly to the mission.

Lowcountry Food Bank

<http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org>

Contact Information

Lowcountry Food Bank
99 Broadway
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 747-8146, ext. 105

Mission

Our mission is to feed the poor and hungry of the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina by soliciting and distributing healthy food and grocery products to nonprofit agencies serving the poor, and to educate the public about the problems of and solutions to domestic hunger.

About Us

Our service model is simple and cost-effective. We collect, inspect, maintain, and distribute otherwise wasted food products from manufacturers, food distributors, the government, supermarkets, wholesalers along with farmers to redistribute these food products to a grassroots network of over 320 member agencies providing hunger-relief services throughout the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina. Through these agencies, the Lowcountry Food Bank provides food-related services and programs to:

- Seniors living on fixed incomes
- Single-parent families
- Hard-working, low-income couples
- Physically and developmentally disabled children and adults
- Victims of personal tragedy (fire, loss of job) as well as others suffering from hunger and malnutrition

Use of Funds

From the year 2008, 93.5% of the LCFB funds go directly to those being helped.

March of Dimes

<http://www.marchofdimes.com/southcarolina>

Contact Information

March of Dimes
314 Laurel St., Ste. 201
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 488-3463

Mission

The March of Dimes mission is to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

About Us

For the March of Dimes, all babies are a source wonder - those born healthy and those who need help to survive because they were born too soon or with a birth defect. We know we can make a positive difference in their lives and we will carry out our mission until every baby is born full term and healthy.

The March of Dimes helps moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. If something goes wrong, we offer information and comfort to families. We research the problems that threaten our babies and work on preventing them. We achieve our mission of improving the health of babies through community services, education, advocacy and research.

Use of Funds

95 cents of every dollar we raise in the state of South Carolina goes to our mission.

Meals on Wheels of Horry County, Inc.

<http://www.mowhc.org>

Contact Information

Meals on Wheels of Horry County, Inc., PO Box 50862, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579, (843) 340-5982

Mission

Meals on Wheels glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ by providing home-delivered meals and fellowship to the homebound elderly and frail of Horry County.

About Us

Meals on Wheels, a Christ-led organization, began in November 2008, and we delivered our first meal on Jan. 16, 2009. We serve hot, homemade, freshly prepared meals each day to the homebound elderly, handicapped and terminally ill of Horry County. We also have a companion pet food program. Our routes have a limited number of clients so our drivers have time to visit with each one.

Use of Funds

100% of the money raised goes directly to feed our clients. We have no paid employees and all our volunteers use their automobiles and their gas to deliver meals. We accept no government funding. Other expenses are paid for by volunteers.

Mercy Hospice

<http://www.mercyhospice.org>

Contact Information

Mercy Hospice PO Box 50640 Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 (843) 347-5500

Mission

Mercy Hospice and Palliative Care is a nonprofit organization committed to comforting suffering persons with a life threatening or chronic illness. Our goal is to integrate physical, spiritual, psychological and social care by offering a range of innovative services that address end-of-life issues and bereavement needs of adults and children.

About Us

Mercy Hospice and Palliative Care was formed in 1981 to bring a special program of caring to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Organized by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and initially funded by both the Sisters and the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, Mercy has since provided the highest quality care to patients and families dealing with advanced illness in Horry, Georgetown and Marion counties.

As the area's hometown hospice, Mercy provides services to any member of the community in need. Donations by generous community members make this possible.

Use of Funds

100% of all donations go directly to programs and services for our community members in Horry, Georgetown and Marion counties.

Myrtle Beach Marathon

<http://www.mbmarathon.com>

Contact Information

Myrtle Beach Marathon, PO Box 8780, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578, (843) 293-7223

About Us

The Myrtle Beach Marathon was started back in 1996 by a group of friends who trained for another event with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and eventually received the okay from the City of Myrtle Beach to organize one here. The event has grown from a 2,400 person event to over 10,000 participants and would not be possible without the help of our over 1,000 volunteers and the City of Myrtle Beach.

Use of Funds

A percentage of each registration is given back to each charity (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, American Red Cross, Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs). There are also donations made by the registrants as well as money raised to participate as a Red Cross or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society runner. Since 1996 the Myrtle Beach Marathon has helped raise over \$2.4 million for our local charities.

Pawleys Island Festival of Music and Art

<http://www.pawleymusic.com>

Contact Information

Pawleys Island Festival of Music and Art
PO Box 1975
Pawleys Island, SC 29582
(843) 237-4774

Mission

To create and enhance cultural awareness and enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing quality performances, programs and educational opportunities in music and the arts.

About Us

We are presenter of cultural art in the Waccamaw Neck area of South Carolina, serving area residents and visitors. Founded by Dr. Lee Minton in 1991, the Festival began as a one-event performance. Overwhelming community support led to a formation of a 501(c) organization and it has evolved into a month long event featuring world class artists and musicians.

Use of Funds

80% of funds are used to bring artists and musicians to the area as well as sponsoring local children's art events. Administration costs average 20%.

Pawleys Island Montessori Day School

<http://www.pawleysislandmontessori.org>

Contact Information

Pawleys Island Montessori Day School
236 Commerce Dr.
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-9015

Mission

Our mission is to provide a safe Montessori environment that empowers and challenges children to achieve, and promotes independence, self confidence and the love of learning.

About Us

Pawleys Island Montessori Day School is located in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Founded in 1984, the school was originally called Pawleys Island Montessori School. It provided an early childhood educational experience for children between the ages of two and nine. The school became a non-profit organization in 1995 when it was purchased by the parents and is run by an elected school board. The school's name changed to the Pawleys Island Montessori Day School. In 1999, the school moved to its present location.

Our programs are offered in four levels. The toddler class is for ages 18 months to three years. The Primary class is for children three years of age by September 1 through six years of age (and has independent bathroom skills). The Lower Elementary class is for students ages six through nine (grades 1-3). The upper Elementary class is for students ages nine through 12 (grades 4-6). All of our lead teachers are certified by the American Montessori Society. In addition, PIMDS has met the requirements as an Internship Site School in Elementary Teaching for ages six through nine.

Use of Funds

This is a private school not afforded state funds so therefore tuition, fundraising and donations are used to cover the expenses of educating the students and running the school.

Rolling Thunder South Carolina Chapter 3

http://www.rollingthundergrandstrand.com/SC3_HomePageMar07.html

<http://www.TheRideHome.com>

Contact Information

Rolling Thunder South Carolina Chapter 3, PO Box 370, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597, (843) 685-1793

Mission

The main purpose of Rolling Thunder ® Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all previous wars; to help correct the past; and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or missing in action. We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars.

Every September, the chapters of Rolling Thunder host a special weekend to honor former prisoners of war and to remember those still missing in action. This weekend is called The Ride Home.

About Us

Rolling Thunder South Carolina Chapter 3 is made up of a diverse group of local residents committed to the issues of POW/MIA and Veteran Affairs. This chapter holds monthly meetings. Funding for RTSC3 is provided through membership dues, fundraising events, sales of RTSC3 merchandise, sponsors, donations and in-kind contributions. RTSC3 is a nonprofit organization.

Rolling Thunder serves the veteran community by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in financial support, food, clothing and other essentials to sanctioned veterans' groups, veterans and veterans' families in need, homeless veteran programs, women's crisis centers, and toys for children. In addition, thousands of hours are logged in by members of the Rolling Thunder organization at local VA hospitals around the country; members visit with and provide moral support to nursing home veterans, patients suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and homeless veterans.

The Ride Home began in 2002 as a retreat and rededication. Our founding members, from Florida and Georgia Rolling Thunder Chapters, choose the National Historic Site at Andersonville, Ga., home of the National Prisoners of War Museum.

S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Contact Information

S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department, 3009 Fourth Ave., Conway, SC 29527, (843) 248-2235

Mission

The S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department enables eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to prepare for, achieve and maintain competitive employment.

About Us

We serve our clients through a statewide network of area offices and work training centers. Every year, approximately 8,500 people with disabilities find gainful employment after receiving our services. Our work training centers, including our center in Conway, provide cost-effective outsource opportunities for businesses and industries. This training helps prepare clients for the work force. They become tax payers instead of tax consumers, paying back \$3.20 in taxes for every \$1 spent on their rehabilitation. The federally mandated public vocational rehabilitation program began in 1927 to help disabled World War I veterans get jobs.

Use of Funds

SCVRD is state and federally funded and does not accept monetary donations. The agency applies all funds toward the provision of services to people with disabilities. In addition to client services, the agency administers Disability Determination Services, which processes Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims under the Social Security Act.

Tidelands Community Hospice, Inc.

<http://www.tidelandshospice.org>

Contact Information

Tidelands Community Hospice, Inc. 2591 N. Fraser St. Georgetown, SC 29440 (843) 546-3410

Mission

The mission of Tidelands Community Hospice, Inc. is to provide interdisciplinary, compassionate services, both professional and volunteer, for persons with life limiting illnesses and their families. The program is dedicated to promoting quality of life and serves as a community resource for end of life issues.

About Us

Tidelands Hospice provides care for individuals with life-limiting illnesses. We are dedicated to preserving dignity and providing expert care with genuine respect and compassion regardless of their diagnosis, age, race nationality, physical capabilities and/or reimbursement source (once a physician has determined hospice care to be appropriate.) We also have a 12-bed in-patient Hospice House which is available for pain and symptom management, respite and end of life care.

We provide for the needs of all our patients regardless of their reimbursement ability.

United Way of Horry County

<http://www.unitedwayhcsc.org>

Contact Information

United Way of Horry County PO Box 673 Conway, SC 29528 (843) 347-5195

Mission

The mission of the United Way of Horry County Inc. in Conway, S.C., is to unite the diverse elements of Horry County in a network of contributors, providers and users of human services in order to expand the capacity of these citizens to solve social problems and care for one another.

About Us

The United Way of Horry County was established in 1973 by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to find the most efficient and effective way to address problems they saw in their community. Those citizens saw the wastefulness of money and volunteer time in having many different human service agencies staff and operate fund drives each year.

Since that time, the United Way of Horry County has been an organization focused on creating results you can see. No two communities are alike; therefore, no United Way organizations are either. Each United Way is an independent agency, led by volunteers from our communities who have an intimate understanding of Horry County, their neighbors and what concerns they may face.

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on our children, families, education, independency and health. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement and good health.

Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. Our vision for Horry County in the next 5 years is bold: - Ensuring Successful Youth and Children - Developing Strong, Safe and Healthy Families - Promoting Self Sufficiency - Providing a Basic Needs Safety Net

We invite you to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.

Use of Funds

With one contribution, you can help a group of Community Partners serving Horry County with a wide variety of needed services. What is raised here stays here to help people right here in our communities. 84% of the total dollars raised in our local communities goes to help the 38 local Community Partners are supported by our local United Way in 2009.

Through our vision councils, your United Way works to understand the complex social issues that impact our community. When you give to United Way, you set in motion the actions needed to solve our most critical social and health issues. Your investment results in more hope, more opportunity, and more people involved in making a real measurable difference in the lives of so many. We hope you'll join us. Every gift and every level of giving is needed and appreciated. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.

Waccamaw Animal Rescue Mission

<http://www.warmfarms.org>

Contact Information

Waccamaw Animal Rescue Mission
PO Box 1764
Conway, SC 29528
(843) 347-6583

Mission

WARM is a NO-KILL refuge whose mission is to rescue and rehabilitate farm, wildlife and companion animals. No healthy or curable animal is ever euthanized at WARM. Animals are euthanized ONLY when their pain and suffering cannot be alleviated. All animals are given every possible chance for life.

About Us

WARM rescues and rehabilitates wildlife, farm and companion animals. Companion animals are adopted into new loving homes through WARM's adoption program. Farm animals are adopted to small family farms and wildlife is returned to the wild away from human habitation and hunting areas. For those animals that cannot be released or are not adopted, WARM's facility becomes a permanent home where the animals live out their lives. WARM began in 1980 when Julie Finlayson, the director of WARM, threw herself out of a moving truck to save a German Shepherd on fire on the side of the road. She was able to save the Shepherd and he went on to live for nine more years at a place now called WARM. Julie has been saving the lives of helpless, abused and abandoned animals ever since. WARM is dedicated to helping animals and is working hard to alleviate the suffering of the stray, abandoned and abused animals of our community. Saving lives is what WARM is all about.

Use of Funds

WARM is a local volunteer organization and operates totally on donations and fundraising events. No tax grant funding is received from the city of county. WARM relies solely on its friends, neighbors and community for its support. All funds go directly to the cost of housing, feeding, medicating and vetting the animals in its care.

Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

<http://www.wacg.org>

Contact Information

Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild
PO Box 1595
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
(843) 448-7690

About Us

The Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild is a nonprofit, state-chartered organization. Sixteen artists and crafts people who wished to encourage and promote fine arts in the community organized it in 1969.

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Monthly program meetings from September to May on the third Saturday of the month at 10:15 a.m. at The Art Museum, 3100 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach. A variety of programs is offered including demonstrations, slide presentations, social gathers with exhibitions of recent works by members, and panel discussions on subjects of interest to artists such as framing and making slides of your art, etc. Guests are always welcome at no charge.

- Two art shows, that at least one of them have been ongoing for 33 years.
- Four Art in the Park shows are held in Chapin Park each year giving artists an opportunity to display and sell their work.

Members are kept informed of events of interest by periodic newsletters and postcards.

Waccamaw Community Foundation

<http://www.waccamawcf.org>

Contact Information

Waccamaw Community Foundation
3655 S. Hwy. 17 Business.
Murrells Inlet, SC 29526
(843) 357-4483

Mission

The Waccamaw Community Foundation is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging the development of a community tradition of philanthropy by making it easy, personally satisfying, and effective for individuals, families, corporations and businesses to establish permanent and temporary funds in support of the charitable organizations and causes they care most about.

About Us

Formed by local citizens in 1998, the Waccamaw Community Foundation helps individuals from all walks of life establish charitable funds for the long-term benefit of our communities. Our motivation is single-minded and simple: no one can know what the region's needs will be in 20, 50 or a 100 years, but we do know future generations will need charitable resources to respond adequately to the issues of their day.

Use of Funds

Since inception, the Waccamaw Community Foundation has granted in excess of \$7,200,000.00 to 501(c)3 charitable organizations, religious and educational institutions. In 2008 alone, the Foundation granted more than \$1,500,000.

Waccamaw Regional Education Center

<http://www.scpathways.org>

Contact Information

Waccamaw Regional Education Center
2018 Church St.
Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 436-7207

Mission

The Waccamaw Regional Education Center will serve as a bridge for students, parents, educators, adult learners, and employers to enable and empower education and career goals. The Waccamaw REC Vision is every person in the Waccamaw Region will reach his/her potential in education attainment and work force accomplishments.

About Us

The Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) passed by the South Carolina General Assembly in 2005 established 12 Regional Education Centers (REC) to coordinate and facilitate the delivery of information, resources, and services that connect education to business. Serving as one of the 12 designated RECs, the Waccamaw Regional Education Center serves educators, students, parents, employers and the general community in Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties, and is led by an Advisory Board appointed by the Waccamaw Legislative Delegation.

Use of Funds

Waccamaw Regional Education Center is a state agency funded by the South Carolina general budget. Contributions can be made directly to local school districts for initiatives that support career exploration, drop-out prevention and college/work force readiness through post-secondary education and skill training.

Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach

<http://www.zontamyrtlebeach.org>

Contact Information

Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach
P.O. Box 51572
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
(843) 236-9102

Mission

Zonta International seeks to advance the status of women worldwide by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy.

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- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a fellowship of executives in business and the professions.
- To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

About Us

ZONTA was organized in November 1919 in Buffalo, N.Y. Our founder was Marion DeForest, a journalist and playwright. At a time when few women held leadership positions she conceived the idea of a strong network of women. By March of 1919, five women organized to achieve this mission and chartered the first Zonta Club in Buffalo, N.Y.

ZONTA Club of Myrtle Beach was chartered on Feb. 1, 1993, to serve Myrtle Beach and the surrounding areas. We work closely with nonprofit agencies to help improve the status of women and girls in South Carolina. Our projects have included transportation for CASA, baskets for young mothers choosing to continue their education with the help of Horry County Outreach, helped found ECCAHT to end human trafficking in the Carolinas, sweat suits for rape victims, and local scholarships for young women.

Use of Funds

100% percent of our service funds go to help those in need.