

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

American Red Cross, Coastal South Carolina Chapter

<http://www.columbiaregionredcross.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.

American Red Cross Blood Services

<http://www.redcrossblood.org>

Contact Information

American Red Cross Blood Services
7747 N. Kings Hwy., Northwood Plaza, Unit #24, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, (843) 839-4483

Mission

To fulfill the needs of the American people for the safest, most reliable and most cost-effective blood services through voluntary donations.

The American Red Cross empowers ordinary people to perform extraordinary acts of service. Our blood donors are ordinary people – high school students, factory and office workers, business executives, parents and grandparents, and people from every walk of life. But they share one thing – a generous spirit, a desire to give back to their community and help others. Blood donors play an integral role in the delivery of modern health care. Many life-saving medical treatments and procedures involve blood transfusions and would not be possible without a safe and reliable blood supply.

About Us

American Red Cross Blood Services in the South Carolina Region needs to collect approximately 500 pints of blood per day to meet the needs of our local patients in area SC hospitals. This is not possible without the support of our blood donors and of our sponsors. We ask area businesses and organizations to consider hosting a blood drive for their employees or members. This is something that can be done on-site or you can have your group come visit our Donor Center in Myrtle Beach.

Hours of operation:

Tuesday & Friday from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday from 12-6:30 p.m.

Atlantic Stage

<http://www.atlanticstage.com>

Contact Information

Atlantic Stage, PO Box 7402, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, (877) 287-8587

Mission

The purpose of Atlantic Stage is to enhance the cultural landscape of the Myrtle Beach area by providing quality theatrical productions of classical, contemporary and new works that are entertaining and enlightening. Atlantic Stage is an ensemble of professional resident artists committed to artistic excellence, community enrichment, and educational outreach.

About Us

Atlantic Stage was formed in 2008 by a group of theatre artists working regionally and at Coastal Carolina University. In our first season, we had yet to find a permanent home and so produced two plays at the university and one at a beachside resort (as a dinner theatre production). By the start of our second season, we had secured the 79th Ave Theatre, which we share with university productions. Our second season exposed growing audiences to the best quality professional theatre money can buy in Myrtle Beach. Average attendance more than doubled, and our patrons' enthusiastic and vocal support confirmed the area's hunger for what we have to offer. We continue to grow and now in our fourth season offer our community six professional productions, classes taught by theatre professionals, and intern and apprentice programs for area youth.

Use of Funds

The nonprofit regional theatre model typically has somewhere around a 40:60 split of earned to unearned income in order to sustain itself. With a 145-seat black box theatre space such as ours, it's understandable that revenue will cap out quickly. In order to provide this lovely intimate theatrical experience for our audiences we rely on sponsors, donors and grants to keep us going. These monies go toward all manner of expenses from production costs, advertising, marketing and as low an administrative overhead as we can manage.

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.

Belle W. Baruch Foundation/ Hobcaw Barony <http://www.hobcawbarony.org>

Contact Information

Belle W. Baruch Foundation/ Hobcaw Barony, 22 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown, SC 29440, (843) 545-9853

Mission

The mission of the Belle W. Baruch Foundation is to conserve Hobcaw Barony's unique natural and cultural resources for research and education in South Carolina.

About Us

The Belle W. Baruch Foundation is a nonprofit organization and owner of the 17,500-acre wildlife refuge, Hobcaw Barony. Made as a royal land grant in 1718, it was eventually subdivided into 14 individual plantations. It became the winter residence of Wall Street millionaire and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch. Baruch's daughter, Belle, purchased all of the barony over a period of several years and at her death a foundation was created to use the land for the "purposes of teaching and/or research in forestry, marine biology, and the care and propagation of wildlife, flora and fauna in connection with colleges and/or universities in the state of South Carolina."

Use of Funds

All funds are used for the management of Hobcaw Barony in:

Historic Preservation
Environmental Conservation
Research
Education

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 percent of expenses were used for program costs and 13.25 percent of expenses were for management and fundraising costs.

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.

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.

Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre <http://www.coastalyouthballettheatre.org>

Contact Information

Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre, PO Box 1205, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, (843) 651-2006

Mission

The mission of Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre is to promote arts appreciation and cultural enhancement in the community, providing access to high caliber ballet training and performance opportunities through professionally-staged productions and educational initiatives.

About Us

Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre aims to provide young dancers in the Grand Strand a pre-professional training program that will prepare them eventually for the professional world or should they decide to choose another career path, be able to use the life skills learned in dance. Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre's programs include a focus on providing quality arts experiences for the youth throughout the Grand Strand community. Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre serves this population with ballet productions each year, outreach programs for youth that traditionally do not have access to arts programming and ballet training through its school, Coastal Dance Centre. From 2007 through 2010, Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre has brought school children to come and see its Nutcracker productions, of which nearly 8,000 children have participated.

Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre is uniquely positioned to combine the professional performing arts with a youth development focus. The organization makes a significant and lasting impact in the community and in the lives of thousands of area youth every year.

Use of Funds

Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre operates on company members' fees, ticket revenue and fundraisers which covers less than half of our operating expenses so we rely on your donations to help make possible the programs and performances offered by Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre. Our education and outreach programs, the creation of new dance works, and the preservation of time-honored programs all benefit from your donation.

Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum

<http://www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.org>

Contact Information

Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum, 3100 S. 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, than 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.

Grand Strand Harmony Chorus

<http://www.gsharmonychorus.com>

Contact Information

Grand Strand Harmony Chorus, 415A Alder St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, (845) 216-7861

Mission

The Grand Strand Harmony Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a singing organization of over 33,000 women in 50 states and several foreign countries. The organization is dedicated to teaching and practicing four-part barbershop harmony, in order to bring musical enjoyment to themselves and their audiences.

Members of Sweet Adelines are from all walks of life and many ethnic backgrounds. They are joined by a mutual love of harmonizing together. Within the supportive structure of her chorus, a member will find the strength, courage and joy of participating in and contributing to a beautiful tuneful presentation, loved and appreciated by audiences everywhere.

About Us

Launched in 1995, the Grand Strand Harmony Chorus received its official charter from Sweet Adelines International in 1997. That same year the ladies participated in their first regional competition, winning the Novice Chorus Award. The spirited, hard-working chorus won the Most Improved Chorus Award the following year. Now

boasting nearly 30 women, GSHC is preparing to compete in the 2012 spring regionals, while envisioning a fully staged public show next year.

Most performances take place here on the Grand Strand. Over the years GSHC has been seen at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Brookgreen Gardens, The Theatre of the Republic and the Low Country Men's Barbershop Annual Show, as well as various festivals, malls, community centers, churches, schools and nursing homes.

Bonded by friendship and a shared love of performing in a cappella, four-part barbershop harmony, GSHC continues to grow in number and expand its repertoire. Their programs often include upbeat tunes complete with choreography, heart-rending ballads, patriotic songs, hymns and spirituals, old favorites, contemporary hits and original compositions.

The Grand Strand Harmony Chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening, 7-9:30 p.m., at Surfside United Methodist Church on Business 17 in Surfside Beach. New members are warmly welcomed, and the group is always seeking new venues for performances.

Use of Funds

Funds raised by the Grand Strand Harmony Chorus are used locally, to purchase music and costumes and to pay our director and coaches. All chorus members are volunteers.

Grand Strand Low Country Barbershop Chorus <http://www.lowcountrychorus.org>

Contact Information

Grand Strand Low Country Barbershop Chorus, PO Box 14308, Myrtle Beach, SC 29587, (843) 903-4047

Mission

We are part of the Barbershop Harmony Society (the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America-SPEBSQSA). We are part of the Carolina's District which is one of 17 Districts throughout the country. We support the national charitable mission: Harmony Foundation-to preserve our music legacy through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities.

About Us

Barbershoppers actively support community service projects and local charities, and contribute many man-hours singing for churches, schools, and hospitals. The GS Low Country Chorus performs over 40 times each year for charitable purposes such as those supporting research for cancer, heart Alzheimer's, high schools throughout Horry and Georgetown counties (as a part of our "Young Men In Harmony" program), civic groups, nursing and retirement homes, churches, and other occasions and other organizations. We are doing our best, to further advance the goals of our Society and to make a noticeable difference in our community. Our local Chapter was formed in June 1984. Barbershop harmony is an original American musical art form. The Society was founded in 1938, during a storm that closed the airport in Kansas City. The Society has grown into the world's largest all-male singing organization, with nearly 30,000 singers in more than 800 chapters in the United States and Canada. Another 4000 Barbershoppers are members of affiliated organizations in Australia, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, The Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, and Sweden. The Society is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., where a new Harmony Hall is home to the Old Songs Library, containing 125,000 titles from the heyday of Tin Pan Alley. The Heritage Hall Museum of Barbershop Harmony serves as a repository for memorabilia, early recordings, costumes, research materials, and historical documents tracing the roots of the Barbershop style. A professional staff administers a wide range of programs and services. Although most men join for the music most stay in the organization because of the strong, deep friendships they build by raising their voices in song with other "congenial men of good character."

Use of Funds

We are a nonprofit organization, and as such governed by the state and federal laws pertaining to non-profit organizations. Members pay dues to belong and members do not get paid for singing. The money from our show and the donations we raise go towards promoting Barbershop singing in our community with our annual show and other funds are given back to the community organizations as stated. We work on a very limited shoestring budget.

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 website 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 percent 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.HonorFlightMyrtleBeach.com>

Contact Information

Honor Flight Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach, PO 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 was on 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 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.

IMPACT Ministries <http://www.impactmb.org>

Contact Information

IMPACT Ministries, PO Box 8777, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578, (843) 254-7777

Mission

The mission of IMPACT Ministries is to influence those who live, work, and play in Myrtle Beach and along the Grand Strand with the life-changing love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

About Us

In November 2009, my term of service with the Waccamaw Baptist Association came to an end. Through this time of transition and uncertainty about our future ministry plans, the Lord made it clear to my family that He still has work for us to do in Myrtle Beach and along the Grand Strand – thus, the creation of IMPACT Ministries of Myrtle Beach. IMPACT stands for Innovative Mission Projects Advancing Christ's Teachings. Through IMPACT we want to continue to partner with the 1,500+ mission team volunteers from across the country who come to Myrtle Beach each year to share the message of God's love. We also look forward to expanding our ministry to tourists by targeting specific groups among the 15 million visitors who vacation here each year. We have also established a hotel ministry as well as a construction ministry. That allows us to reach out to the many hotel employees and make home repairs for the many people in need.

Use of Funds

We use our funding by going into the community and working within the many campgrounds, the many multi-housing developments, and making much needed home repairs for people who are in need.

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 percent 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 percent of the funding we receive goes directly to the mission.

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 percent 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 Care

<http://www.mercyhospice.org>

Contact Information

Mercy Care, 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, (843) 848-6480

Mission

Mercy 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 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 percent 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.

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 presenters 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 percent 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 percent.

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

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 nonprofit 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 Sept. 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 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.

Rape Crisis Center

<http://www.victimtosurvivor.org>

Contact Information

Rape Crisis Center, PO Box 613, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578, (843) 448-3180

Mission

The Rape Crisis Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties is a nonprofit organization providing services that lay the foundation for the healing process to all survivors of rape and sexual assault- women, children, men, their families and friends. We work to promote public awareness of the realities of sexual victimization and strive toward its elimination through outreach and community education.

About Us

The organization was founded in 1991. We provide services including, but not limited to, individual counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, community awareness, hospital accompaniment and a 24 hour, 365 day a year crisis line. All of these services are provided at no cost to all survivors of rape and sexual assault, and their families.

Use of Funds

Approximately 80 percent of funds go directly to our clients.

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.

Use of Funds

About 66 percent to 70 percent goes to help our local veterans, their families and the needy in our community. About 15 percent to 20 percent goes to support veterans nationwide.

The Salvation Army - Horry County

<http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/command/conway>

Contact Information

The Salvation Army - Horry County, PO Box 500, Conway, SC 29528, (843) 488-2769

Mission

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

About Us

Social Service programs help needy families in Horry County with food, clothing, financial counseling, financial assistance with rent, utilities, prescription drugs and assistance at Christmas with food and toys.

Boys & Girls Club offers a safe place to learn and grow; ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals; life-enhancing programs and character development experiences; hope and opportunity.

Community Worship Center offers worship programs for all ages. Programs include Sunday school, a Sunday morning worship service, mid-week programs for children and adults, and community service opportunities.

The agency operates a mobile feeding unit that is able to bring hot meals to people in areas affected by disasters.

Family Stores offer much needed services to the community, is also open to the public for discount purchases; revenue supports community programs.

Use of Funds

In FY 2009, locally, 4,430 people were served and 1,177 children were helped with food and toys during Christmas. ~ Nationally, 67 percent of all children graduate high school. For children who are members of Boys & Girls Clubs, that number increases to 93 percent to 97 percent. ~ The local Family Stores distributed 14,678 pieces of clothing and 94 pieces of furniture to needy persons and put \$339,305 back into the community by supporting programs.

Tee Off Fore A Cause, Inc.

<http://www.teeoffforeacause.org>

Contact Information

Tee Off Fore A Cause, Inc., PO Box 3661, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, (843) 333-7974

Mission

To raise funds for Wounded Warrior Project. We also collect and distribute golf equipment for soldiers to use in Wounded Warrior Project golf clinics during the rehab process.

About Us

Tee Off Fore A Cause Inc. started in 2008 by Fred Kane, father of two Army infantry officers, along with several area veterans. We have held three golf tournaments locally and assisted with a tournament in Charleston and have raised more than \$30,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project. Our Clubs Fore Heroes project has collected approximately \$40,000 of new and used golf equipment for rehab use.

Use of Funds

All of our net proceeds are donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. We have no salaried employees, officers or staff.

Seacoast Vineyard Church

<http://www.seacoastvineyard.com>

Contact Information

Seacoast Vineyard Church, PO Box 7047, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, (843) 445-9000

Mission

Loving the people of the Grand Strand and beyond into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

About Us

We are a biblically based group of ordinary people with a good, healthy theology who are learning together what it means to follow Jesus Christ. We are casual, welcoming, spiritually passionate, and open to the Holy Spirit invading our lives. We try to "do church" in such a way that the unchurched, churched-out and followers of Christ can come together and encourage one another to gather in Small Groups, develop friendships and do life together while being the people Jesus desires us to be.

Sr. Pastors, Tim and Karen Holt have lived along the Grand Strand most of their lives. Tim has played in beach bands and surfed the East Coast in contests during the 60s and 70s. After attending UNC-Charlotte, Tim and Karen returned to Myrtle Beach, planning to take over Tim's father's construction business; however, after meeting Christ at a surfing contest in 1971, they became very involved in leading Small Groups of young people and sharing Christ on the streets of Myrtle Beach. Over the years, they have served as youth pastors, Worship Leader and Associate Pastor in Assembly of God & Evangel Fellowship of churches. In 1997, they began Seacoast Vineyard Church here at the beach. Tim is also the South Carolina and North Carolina Church Planting coordinator for Vineyard Churches and the coordinating pastor for the Puerto Rican Partnership mission initiative.

Sons of Italy Lodge #2662

<http://www.SonsofItalyMB.com>

Contact Information

Sons of Italy Lodge #2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588, (843) 215-2662

Mission

To promote and preserve the heritage and culture of the Italian and Italian-American community and to combat stereotyping of the Italian culture.

About Us

Now in our 19th year in Myrtle Beach, the Sons of Italy is a nationwide organization of over 600,000 members. To promote and preserve our Italian heritage, we host (at our 2,500-square-foot lodge) films, language classes, guest speakers, bocce tournaments and other Italian-themed activities. We host Myrtle Beach's two largest Italian festivals every year – 4th of July weekend at Market Common, and Columbus Day Weekend at Broadway at the Beach.

Use of Funds

We host an annual golf tournament to support the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach, and to date have donated over \$34,000. Our second annual fall golf tournament will benefit "Law Enforcement United," an organization who bicycles each year to raise money to support the widows, widowers and children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

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.

SOS Health Care, Inc.

<http://www.sos-healthcare.com>

Contact Information

SOS Health Care, Inc., PO Box 7136, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, (843) 449-0554

Mission

To partner with our community in providing hope to our neighbors in need of medical or related care.

About Us

SOS Health Care was established in 1989 by Dr. Bill Davis. Our current programs include: The Building Futures Autism Clinic, an early intervention school for children with autism spectrum disorders. Dogs for Disabilities: specially bred and trained dogs to assist children with disabilities. Elements Healing Space, free classes and services for women with cancer. Urgent Dental Care, free treatment for emergency dental issues. Caring 4 Kids, helping families with immediate needs related to health, nutrition and shelter, Substitute for Santa, a special Christmas night for 100 children to go shopping and buy themselves gifts. Opening Doors, a place to learn how to live more independently, meet friends and socialize with other people that have similar disabilities. We also assist the homeless youth of Horry County Schools.

Use of Funds

90 percent goes toward program costs.

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.

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

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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.

Woodmen of the World

<http://www.woodmen.org>

Contact Information

Woodmen of the World, PO Box 1079, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578, (843) 448-8057

Mission

Woodmen of the World exists to benefit our members through every stage of life.

About Us

Woodmen of the World is a fraternal benefit society, meaning we're not-for-profit and member-owned. Since 1890, we've been providing valued life insurance and annuity products to American families.

At Woodmen of the World, our members matter the most. When families join Woodmen of the World, they become part of a network of like-minded people who truly care for one another. In times of need, fellow members often bring aid, comfort and encouragement to each other. Local lodges perform thousands of outreach projects in their communities each year, and they organize just as many social activities that foster lifelong friendships among members.

Woodmen of the World members share a commitment to family, community and country. Through a commitment to family values, they become more dedicated family members. Through volunteerism, members strive to be better friends and neighbors. Through a patriotic allegiance, members pledge to be better citizens.

Use of Funds

As a fraternal benefit society, Woodmen of the World members pay dues to their lodge each month, which help pay for the community service and social activities that the lodge plans. All organization-wide benefits, assistance, equipment, and awards are funded through Woodmen of the World's Fraternal Service Fund. All activities and benefits supported by the Fraternal Service Fund are intended to promote Woodmen of the World's fraternal mission and to extend our reach throughout the community.

Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach

<http://www.zontamyrtlebeach.org>

Contact Information

Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach, PO 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.