



FUNDED PARTNER AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

HEALTH-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 10 programs focusing on healthy lifestyles

Pharmaceutical and Diabetic Supplies - Good Shepherd Medical Clinic

864-833-0017

Cindy Perry, Director - goodshepherd@backroads.net

245 Human Services Rd, Clinton, SC 29325

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs 8:30 am-3 pm & Thurs 5-9 pm



Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic is a non-profit, staffed by volunteers including primary-care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, nurses, and pharmacists. The clinic offers free primary care, eye care, mental health counseling, diabetes education, pharmacy services and specialty referral. Residents of Laurens County can be eligible for services at Good Shepherd if they have no government (Medicaid, Medicare, VA) or private health insurance and provide proof of household income falling under 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The clinic does not duplicate services already provided in the county or provide routine physical exams for disability.

Medication Assurance Program - Laurens Memorial Home for the Aged

864-682-2322

Carolyn Penland, Director

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Laurens Memorial Home is a non-profit, community residential care facility with a 50-bed capacity. The home is for residents who can no longer able to care for themselves at home, but can ambulate and still do most of their activities of daily living. Memorial Home offers Medicaid and private pay rooms, and its staff provides care in a loving home environment.

Meals on Wheels - Piedmont Agency on Aging

864-938-0572 ext 8159

Contact: Christine Piles

96 LC residents signed up for the program

Kathy Hendricks-Dublin, Executive Director

P.O. Box 997

Greenwood, SC 29648

kdublin@piedmontaoa.com



Approximately 650 meals are prepared in the Piedmont Agency on Aging's kitchen for Meals on Wheels each day. The faithful volunteers deliver these hot, nutritious meals right to the door of the individual. At the time of meal delivery, the volunteer is able to check on the welfare of the client and make contact on their behalf if needed. In addition to hot meals, frozen meals are available

for those that live outside our hot meal routes or those that need weekend service. New for the year is a "Boxed Meal" program, which assists individuals who are on the waiting list for hot meals. Each box is packed with 14 meals, and contains items which are shelf stable or refrigerated. These meals provide 1/3 RDA recommendations, and serve as a bridge until a spot is available for hot meals. The individual with the greatest need will be the first to be moved to the hot meal service.

Patient Charity Care with Hospice Services - Hospice of Laurens County

864-833-6287
PO Box 178 Clinton, SC 29325
Phone 864-833-6287 Fax 864-833-0556
www.hospiceoflaurenscounty.org



Hospice of Laurens County has provided end of life care for the citizens of Laurens County for over 24 years, and within the last couple of years has expanded its services to include state-of-the-art inpatient hospice service. Hospice care was developed to allow patients to live in their own homes, care for by their loved ones with the 24-hour support of the Hospice team. That care is now expanded to provide this end of life care to those who are alone, or who are being cared for by elderly care givers, or caregivers who are sick themselves. No Laurens County resident is turned away from Hospice of Laurens County due to lack of funds.

Services for the Sight Impaired - Bell Federation of the Blind

864-984-4714
Robbie Bell, Director
1103 N. Harper St., Laurens, SC 29360



This organization was formed to promote security, equality and opportunity for the blind. They offer emergency transportation, personal individualized services, counseling, social and recreational activities, monthly educational meetings, annual seminars and annual conventions. The Hands-Up Program is a partnership with the Lions Club to screen children at no charge to their family.

Family Health Enhancement Program - Clinton YMCA

864-833-1555
Gene Simmons, Director
PO Box 492
100 YMCA Drive, Clinton, SC 29325
www.clintonymca.org



At the Clinton YMCA, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and neighbors. Responding to the various needs of the community since 1967, the YMCA seeks to put Christian principles into practice through these programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all, for youth development, healthy living, and for social responsibility develop the values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility to strengthen family life and enrich human relationships.

Snack Pack Program - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325



The Snack Pack program serves five schools in District 56 to ensure that children do not go hungry over the weekends or holidays when school meals are not available. There is a limit to the number of children served at each school, due to funds and space. This program is a partnership with local schools.

Children's Advocacy & Sexual Trauma Counseling and Services - Beyond Abuse

864-227-1623
Mrs. Cathy Miller, Director
115 Alexander Ave. East
PO Box 693
Greenwood, SC 29648
www.beyondabuse.info



Beyond Abuse provides services and support to victims of child abuse and sexual assault in Abbeville, Greenwood, and Laurens Counties. Many services are provided, but support for Laurens County residents through United Way funding includes children's advocacy and counseling services with a masters-level therapist. All funds raised in Laurens County are designated to help Laurens County victims.

Youth Mentoring - Bridging the Gap

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101 Park Place Laurens, SC 29360

This program's mission is to bridge the gap between a child and parent's gifts and their future by promoting faith, education, health, wellness, job training and employment initiative. Children come to the center to get tutoring for their academics, and parents work on their personal development as well. United Way donations help fund their Health & Wellness focus area.

Youth Feeding Program – SC Empowerment Centre

864-984-1817
Allen Lawson, Director
Mailing Address: PO Box 1895 Laurens, SC 29360
600 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC
1020 Old Airport Rd., Laurens, SC
www.scempower.org



South Carolina Empowerment Centre was launched to address the increasing challenges facing youth living in generational poverty by providing support, mentorship, and services that encourage youth to realize their full potential. The vision is that all youth have the support and tools to lead a productive and rewarding life. Good nutrition is vital for a child's growth and development. The Youth feeding program helps to keep students healthy and not hungry, so that they can focus on their studies.

EDUCATION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 13 programs focusing on education

Imagination Library - Dollywood Foundation

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16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org



The United Way of Laurens County partners with the Dollywood Foundation to offer Dolly Parton Imagination Library books to Laurens County children from birth to five years of age. The program is set up to mail specially selected, age-appropriate books to the registered children's home address, monthly. This program allows all children, regardless of their family's income, to create a home library of up to 60 books, while instilling a love of reading at an early age. There are currently around 1,400 children signed up to receive books on a monthly basis. Close to 4,000 children have received the "Graduation Book" which means they have completed the program. This is an amazing asset to the children receiving the books, the families of the children, and our community. Statistics and independent reports have shown Dolly Parton's Imagination Library drastically improves early childhood literacy for children enrolled in the program. Further studies have shown improved scores during early literacy testing.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) - Laurens County School District 5

864-684-0799
Brenda Schrantz
Laurens School District 56 - Assistant Superintendent
211 B. North Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325
www.lcsd56.org



The mission of JAG is to assist at-risk and disadvantaged youth in graduating from high school and finding entry-level employment leading to career opportunity through post-secondary education and the employment system. The JAG Model consists of a comprehensive set of services designed to keep young people in school through graduation and improve the rate of success in achieving education and career goals.

Plato Education Program - AMIkids Piedmont

864-833-4505
Matthew Kingdom, Director
20238 Highway 72 East, Clinton, SC 29325
www.amikidspiedmont.org



AMIkids Piedmont is a residential program for male juvenile offenders (age range of 14-18 years) that serve as an alternative to state incarceration. AMIkids Piedmont operates in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, and all students are screened and selected by the treatment, behavior modification, and education components. Students must progress through a rank system in order to graduate from AMIkids Piedmont. Students attend academic core classes from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday. United Way funding assists AMIkids in providing the Plato Learning Environment, which offers male residents the opportunity to obtain their GED.

Youth Job Training – SC Empowerment Centre

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600 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC
1020 Old Airport Rd., Laurens, SC
www.scmpower.org



Factors that improve a child's ability to overcome the cycle of generational poverty are positive social influences that can be gained through involvement in afterschool programs that focus on mentorship, career exploration, and workforce and leadership development. South Carolina Empowerment Centre is a community-based service organization that uses this evidence-based approach to support youth during their middle and high-school years.

Scouting Leadership Youth Development - Boy Scouts

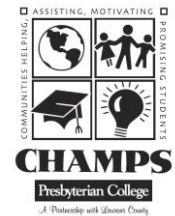
(864) 214-5405
Eric Black, Field Director
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The Boy Scouts, Blue Ridge Council is a Youth Development program to develop character, civic responsibility and leadership skills. The Scout Reach program is used to ensure scouting experience is available to low-income and special needs children in Laurens County. Scout Reach funding provides for camping experiences, activities, registration, books, uniforms, recognition of rank and achievement.

C.H.A.M.P.S. - Presbyterian College

864-833-7000
Rev. Rachel Parsons-Wells
www.pc-champs.org



CHAMPS (Communities Helping, Assisting, and Motivating Promising Students) brings together local institutions and the community to find a fresh solution to a persistent education problem. The CHAMPS mission is to nurture, motivate, and challenge students who have the potential but who otherwise may fall short of their highest educational capability. CHAMPS provides promising students with a vision of their future and stimulates them to strive toward post-secondary education.

Scouting Leadership and Literacy Programs - Girl Scouts

864-208-2712
349 East Blackstock Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29301
www.gssc-mm.org



Girl Scouting has helped girls develop positive values and become active, responsible leaders in their communities. With renewed vigor and increased emphasis on leadership, citizenship and service to others, Girl Scouting is poised to fulfill our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Wellness Occupational Literacy & Art Therapy for the Disabled - Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

864-683-5628
Jason Tavenner, Director
1860 Hwy 14, Laurens, SC 29360
www.lcdsnb.org



Art therapy can have a variety of positive effects on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The art classes are tailored by an education consultant to each individual's skills and abilities. Daily literacy classes at the Evergreen Campus allows students to increase their literacy skills, which increases independence and can possibly lead to employment in a community setting. During literacy classes, reading and math concepts are taught and practiced on each student's level. The Laurens County DSN Board supports 557 low income adults in Laurens County with intellectual and developmental disabilities. On-site art and literacy classes allow students to increase independence and learn at their own pace.

Literacy Adult Basic Education - Laurens County Literacy Council

864-984-0466
Emil Finley, Board President
221 W Laurens St., Laurens, SC 29360

The mission of the Laurens County Literacy Council is to serve adult students whose skills fall within the ranges of Levels 1 and 2 of the National Adult Literacy Survey. To accomplish this mission, the Literacy Council is committed to assisting students in personal growth and attainment of goals, using volunteers effectively in all areas of the program, improving the quality of life and assisting in the economic development of our county, and research and development of strategies to advocate for improved literacy throughout the Laurens County service area.

Born Learning - United Way

864-833-3623
PO Box 544
16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org



Here in the Upstate Region of South Carolina, seven United Way organizations, serving 10 counties, have joined together to launch and support the Born Learning effort. Born Learning is designed as a tool for long-lasting community change that supports young children. It has three cornerstones: awareness about how young children learn; easy, fun, educational action steps that parents, grandparents and caregivers can use every day; and availability of research-driven products and tools for education outreach.

FINANCIAL STABILITY-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 6 programs focusing on financial stability

Childcare Sponsorships - First Steps of Laurens County

864-984-8130
Rosemary Patterson, Director
1029 W. Main Street Laurens, SC 29360
864-984-8130



Laurens County First Steps' sole mission is to get children ages 0-4 ready for school, healthy, and ready to learn. Services are contracted to expand programs in other agencies such as: Family Literacy Programs, Child Care Training and Professional Development opportunities, on-site mentoring and technical assistance to child care centers, Countdown to Kindergarten, a summer transition program for at-risk four-year-olds going to kindergarten in the fall, and child care scholarships to provide quality care for income eligible families.

Day Care and Afterschool Care Scholarships – YMCA of Greater Laurens

864-984-2621
Brian Harlan, Director
410 Anderson Drive Laurens, SC 29360
(864) 984-2626
www.laurensymca.org



Nurturing the potential of every child and teen is a priority of the YMCA of Greater Laurens where many youths are taking a greater interest in learning; making smarter life choices; and cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, the pursuit of higher education and goal achievement. This can be offered through scholarships so that parents can work without the burden of worrying about the safety of their children and relieving some of the financial strain childcare may cause on a family.

After School Care Scholarships - Clinton YMCA

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100 YMCA Drive, Clinton, SC 29325
www.clintonymca.org



The Clinton YMCA believes that children should have a safe and secure, yet stimulating environment staffed by warm and caring adults. Children should have a quiet time and place in which to do their homework, under the supervision of a knowledgeable adult who can provide appropriate assistance from time to time as needed. The Happy Days curriculum should provide children with opportunities to develop new skills and abilities, and to build on and improve those they already possess. This can be offered through scholarships so that parents can work without the burden of worrying about the safety of their children and relieving some of the financial strain childcare may cause on a family.

AmeriCorps Financial Stability Programs - Benefit Bank, Money Smart, etc. with United Way of Laurens Co.

864-340-9286
PO Box 544
16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org



The AmeriCorps member with United Way of Laurens County serves as a Financial Stability Counselor and is intended to facilitate and amplify the operations of United Way in its mission to promote financial stability. Programs under this initiative will help low-income workers increase their personal income, build savings, and gain and sustain assets.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - VITA with United Way

864-833-3623
PO Box 544
16 Peachtree Street Clinton, SC 29325
www.uwlc-online.org



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a free service offered by United Way of Laurens County to help low-income families file their state and federal taxes—free of charge. Any household making under \$54,000 during the 2017 year will qualify for this service in 2018. Our VITA sites will be open from February-April. The specific program schedules will be posted on www.uwlc-online.org.

Criminal Domestic Violence Out of Shelter Assistance - SAFE Home of Laurens County

864-682-7270 / 24-Hour Hotline - 888-598-5932
Dawn Marie Ardel, Director
Post Office Box 744 Clinton SC 29325

Our Little Shop (Safe Home) - 864-681-0672
1500 W Main St, Laurens, SC 29360
Tues.-Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10-am-3 pm



The Safe Home provides a comfortable, safe place for female residents that are fleeing from a potentially violent home and seeking shelter for themselves and their children. Case management, legal advocacy counseling, support groups, and community resources are just a few of the services provided to assist victims of domestic violence.

Financial Assistance for Utilities - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325
Mon & Wed 9 am-Noon



United Ministries of Clinton provides utility assistance to qualifying residents of Laurens County. United Ministries Educational Ministry refers and offers financial assistance to clients for GED classes. Other financial stability services offered at United Ministries include: Referring clients to One Stop for employment opportunities, referring families with outstanding debts to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and Requiring all clients that receive assistance (financial or food) to attend a 1-session workshop on budgeting. This budget workshop must be attended before the client can receive any additional assistance.

Financial Assistance - Salvation Army of Greenwood

864-229-3407
Captain Jason Hughes
222 Pressley St., Greenwood, SC 29648
www.salvationarmycarolinas.org
Mon-Thurs. 9-12, 1-4 pm



The average family requesting utility and rental assistance from The Salvation Army of Greenwood have rent p y HUD, receive food stamps and a utility check. There is a lot of “working poor” that use this assistance program. Single parent homes, working minimum wage, receiving little to no child support. The economy brings many of the clients in, layoffs, shorter hours, and weather conditions wreak havoc on the families living pay check to pay check.

EMERGENCY SERVICE-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

2017-18 year grants will be awarded to 4 programs focusing on emergency services

The Criminal Domestic Violence In-Shelter and Out of Shelter Awareness - SAFE Home of Laurens County

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Homeless Shelter and Rehabilitation Program - Open Door Christian Center

864-833-7670
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PO Box 925, Clinton, SC 29325
brewington32@gmail.com

Geraldine's Soup Kitchen, Clinton
E. Main Street Clinton, SC
864-833-7670
Lunch served Mon.-Fri.



The Open Door targets three areas of need in our county: 1) Homelessness. The open door offers a 90-day emergency shelter for men, women and women with children; 2) Addiction—The Open Door offers a 90-day, in-house Christian based alcohol and drug rehab for men only; 3) Hunger—The Open Door offers a hot lunch meal to any and all who come in on Monday thru Friday from 12 noon until 1 pm. Many other needs are addressed during the course of the stay, and someone is always available during lunch to pray for the needs of the recipients of the soup kitchen.

Free Food Assistance - United Ministries of Clinton

864-938-9070
Melvin Bailey, Director
500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325
Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 until 3:00



United Ministries Food Bank provides food to qualifying residents of Laurens County. All clients that receive assistance (Financial or food) are required to attend a 1-session workshop on budgeting. This budget workshop must be attended before the client can receive any additional assistance.

Home for Abandoned/Neglected Children - Bowers-Rodgers Home for Children

864-229-1240
Ti Barnes, MPA
Executive Director
Greenwood, SC
(864) 229-1240 Office



The mission of Bowers-Rodgers is to provide a child abuse prevention program and emergency shelter for abused, neglected, and abandoned children while preparing them for permanent placement. The Bowers-Rodgers home strives to provide a family-like atmosphere while assisting the children in their healing process. They provide medical, dental, and mental health care. There is also an onsite mental health therapist and after school tutoring.

*The grant process for United Way of Laurens County is held from January – March each year. Applying organizations must submit new applications each year, and present programmatic outcomes.
Funding is zero-based each year, and is not guaranteed.*