

The Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project

2024

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



In their need for help, local families set a record high in 2024. Thankfully, our community responded.



Mission

Through services and advocacy, the Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project partners with neighbors to meet their basic needs and create a bridge to self-sufficiency.

Stabilization

The important first step to put a family on the road to self-sufficiency is to stabilize their food and shelter.

FOOD

The number and value of meals provided by Deep Well's weekly five-day food pantry has escalated steadily. Thanks to community food drives, our smart BOGO shoppers, and supportive food partners like Second Helpings and Martin's Piggly Wiggly—who combined provided almost 75% of the food distributed—Deep Well's hard costs to purchase food in 2024 was just over \$180,000.

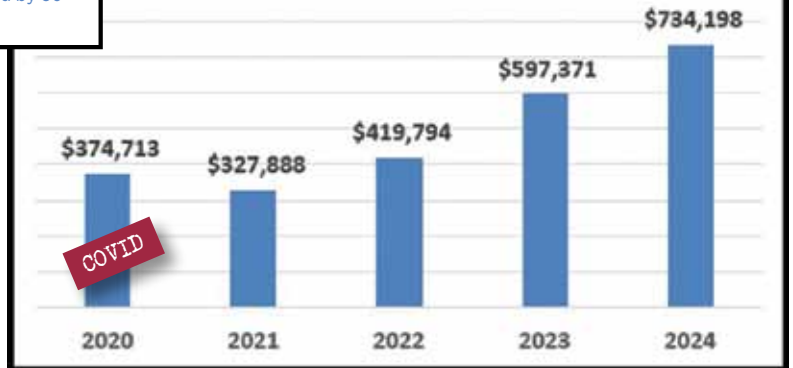


Deep Well's Food Pantry is staffed by 50+ volunteers.

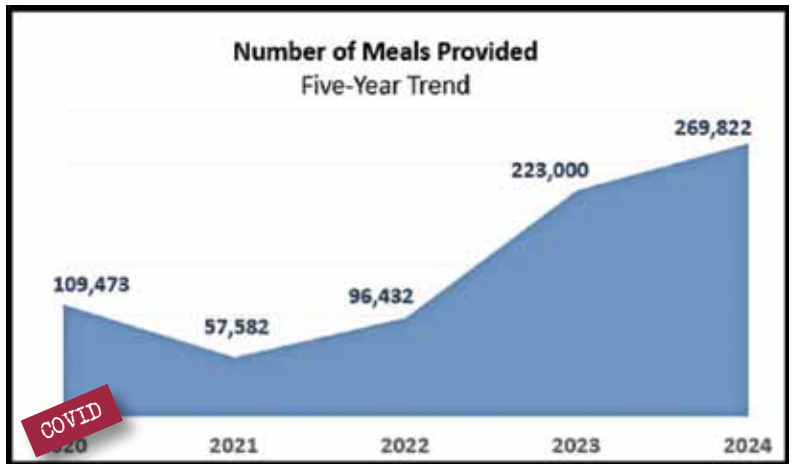
Food & Shelter

For critical stabilization needs, food and shelter are the anchors. With your support we can continue to be a critical safety net for local families. Here's how your help has enabled us to positively serve our community over the last few years.

Combination of Purchased Food and Food Donations



Number of Meals Provided Five-Year Trend



Emergency Rent/Mortgages Paid Five-Year Trend



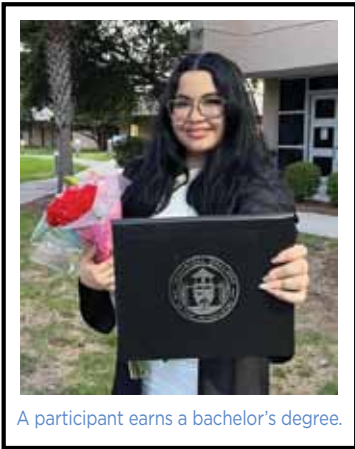
93.3%

of every Deep Well dollar is spent on direct client services and programs (per 2023 Federal Tax Form 990)

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A participant earns a bachelor's degree.

Circles

graduated its original cohort of families, and welcomed a second group of families in 2024, all striving to advance themselves along the path to self-sufficiency.

50% of adults enrolled in higher education. Programs of study include Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Servicing, Early Childhood Education, Nursing/Health Science, Paralegal Studies, Hospitality/Tourism, and Entrepreneurship.

36% of adults more than doubled their income.

100% of adults reported enhanced budgeting skills, improved financial literacy, and more effective financial planning. Many also report increased credit scores allowing access to better financial options.

22# Children's program volunteers provided childcare and implemented curriculum designed to increase the overall well-being of children living in poverty.

64% of adults reported improved mental health and self-confidence with an increase in their sense of purpose and meaning.

50# Meal donors generously support our program by alleviating the logistical challenge of providing meals to participants and volunteers each week. With many joining us immediately after a full day of work/school, it's imperative that we provide sustenance and a meaningful way to bring people together.

"Circles has introduced us to folks we otherwise would not have encountered and has enriched us as a result. We have newfound friends and family, and we relish in the opportunity to 'do life' together."



109 Active volunteers

50 Meal Donors

50% of adults enrolled in higher education

73% of adults increased their income



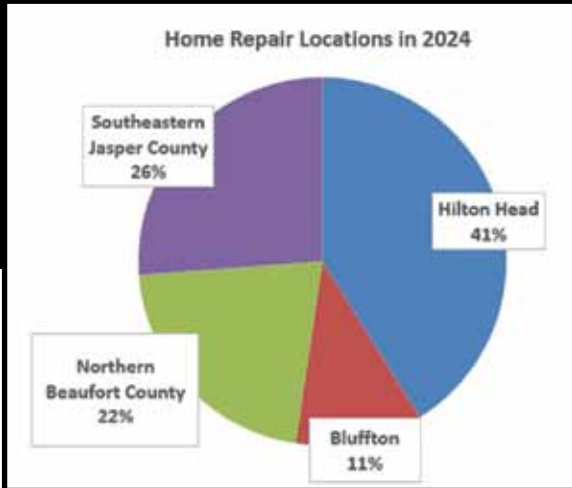
Circles Leaders and Allies share Wednesday night dinners.

"I wish I could repay Circles for everything they did and continue to do for my family and me. They saved me."



SHELTER

While 2024 was slightly better than the prior year in terms of the number of people seeking emergency rent and mortgage aid, the cost of these services was almost identical. The average cost per housing assistance payment increased by 7%, reflecting the rising cost of housing locally and regionally.



Shelter

Livable Housing Home Repairs

Deep Well's most unique service focuses on making owner-occupied homes safer and more comfortable. The homeowners don't have the means to get the critical nature repairs done, so the structure isn't safe and their greatest family asset is eroding, along with their ability to transfer wealth to future generations. The body of work in Livable Housing by three different volunteer crews and partner vendors in 2024 is impressive:

- 107 homes repaired across Beaufort and Jasper Counties
- 354 different repair projects completed
- 375 people now living in improved circumstances



Volunteers: Critical Stakeholders

Three hundred volunteers teamed with Deep Well's ten full and part-time staff members to achieve tremendous results this year. The 26,000 volunteer hours logged across all Deep Well/Circles programming represented a donated payroll of \$825,000 to our non-profit...an amazing investment in lifting up the most vulnerable in our community.



Circles Meal Team provides weekly dinners.



Volunteers staff the Food Pantry 5 days a week.



800 children served by the Santa Shop.

Support Deep Well

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

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