

Now we have the pleasure of awarding the 2019 Women United Grants to eighteen local organizations. I will introduce each agency and say a few words about what their organization hopes to do with the grant they are awarded. Recipients, please remain at the front so that a group photo can be taken following the completion of awards. Stephanie and Sharon, please join me at the podium to award the grants.

1. The Aiken Civic Ballet is awarded \$1,000.00 to expand its outreach program to include 2,400 Aiken County school children through visits and performances, dance instruction for Children's Place clients, Dracula ballet performance at the theater for ACPS students and visits to local nursing homes. Please come forward to accept the grant.
2. ACTS is being awarded \$1,000.00 to help fund its Food Program which currently serves over 2,750 individuals, many of whom are women and children. Please come forward to accept this grant.
3. The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club is being awarded \$2,550.00 for three computers for its new Teen Center. The computers will be used to improve math and reading scores. Please come forward to accept this grant.

4. The Center for African American History, Art and Culture is being awarded \$1,000.00 to expand its JUNETEENTH Festival to be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please come forward to accept this award.
5. Child Advocacy Center is being awarded \$1,000.00 to build a healing garden. The garden will include a water fountain, benches, and plantings. The total project cost is \$17,000 and CAC has already received \$10,500.00 toward the project. Please come forward to accept this grant.
6. Calidonia Missionary Baptist Church is being awarded \$1,152.30 for 10 iPads for its Summer Enrichment Program. Please come forward to accept this grant.
7. Children's Place is being awarded \$1,675.00 to purchase Incredible Beginnings Curriculum to improve existing programs. Please come forward to accept this grant.
8. Christ Central Missions Aiken/Graniteville is being awarded \$1,500.00 to fund a summer program to provide a basic financial principles program for twenty women. Please come forward to accept this grant.
9. Cumbee Center is being awarded \$1,000.00 to purchase new bedding, towels, and washcloths for residents entering the shelter. Please come forward to accept this grant.

10. GEM is being awarded \$300.00 to provide program T-Shirts for 30 girls.

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11. Golden Harvest Food Bank is being awarded \$1,000.00 to enroll additional seniors in its monthly Senior Food Box Program. Please come forward to accept this grant.

12. Great Oak Aiken Therapeutic Riding Center is being awarded \$1,000.00 to provide therapy for six Children's Place mothers. It is a four-week program to improve their relationship with their children. Please come forward to accept this grant.

13. Hankinson Boxing Gym is being awarded \$500.00 for equipment. Please come forward to accept this grant.

14. JoAnn Tillman Ministries is being awarded \$500.00 for its youth basketball team. Please come forward to accept this grant.

15. Mental Health of America Nurture Home is being awarded \$1,800.00 to provide five women with trauma six therapy sessions to assist them with their recovery. Please come forward to accept this grant.

16. Public Education Partners is being awarded 12 books for each 4K classroom in the Aiken County Public School System. The books will be

provided through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Please come forward to accept this grant.

17. Project Graduation is being awarded \$500.00 to support its 2019 program for Area 1 graduating seniors. Please come forward to accept this grant.

18. Saratoga Warhorse Foundation is being awarded \$1,500.00 to provide treatment to a female veteran with PTSD. Please come forward to accept this grant.

United Way of Aiken County and our Women's Leadership Council are very happy that we have the opportunity to invest in our community by assisting these wonderful programs!