

We have the pleasure of awarding the 2022 Women United grants to the following six organizations:

- 1- Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) is being awarded \$2500 to help fund its expanded outlying food distribution program that serves women and children who have challenges accessing services due to limited transportation options. The existing outlying food distributions are in Ridge Spring, Oakwood-Windsor and New Ellenton, and new food distributions for Wagener, Perry and Salley are planned for later in 2022. ACTS has provided food to those in need for over 35 years and since its inception has provided more than 4.6 million meals to individuals and families. ACTS Food Program helps meet the immediate and basic needs when access to food is limited or nonexistent. Families with children at risk of hunger are provided stability with nutritious food options.
- 2- The Bridge to Home Program is being awarded \$2000 for a privacy fence. The agency has applied for SC DSS licensing to offer up to two years of transitional housing and a safe living environment for children and youth ages 12 to 17 who are sex trafficking survivors. The fence would surround their .68 acre property that has a 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. They have been a 501© (3) since June 10, 2020. The program is still in the implementation phase.
- 3- Community Medical Clinic (CMC) is being awarded \$4,000 to fund its HERstory program to assist up to 100 women who are CMC patients. The program will improve their health as well as encouraging healthier lifestyles and financial health. Exercise programs and financial counseling are a focus. This program will be part of CMC's R.I.S.E. program (Real Independence Self-Empowerment). CMC serves 607 patients, 61% are women. (**Recipient of the inaugural Harriet Jackson Memorial Endowment.*)
- 4- Cumbee Center Shelter for abused women and their children is being awarded \$1200 to purchase luggage for women and children coming to the shelter. The ultimate goal is to identify barriers preventing

individuals from sustaining permanent housing and building upon their strengths to maintain housing. The shelter needs for luggage to offer clients to pack up belongings when they come into the shelter or other safe arrangement. Furnishing families with luggage is just one small step of many that leads to transforming lives by promoting health, wellness, and advanced quality of life. If funded, they could assist 15 or more families.

- 5- Mental Health America/Nurture Home (MHA) is being awarded \$2500 to purchase an outdoor pergola to provide sheltered outdoor space for Nurture Home residents as well as other MHA clients. MHA plans to use the space to provide yoga classes and other therapeutic sessions. Requested funding includes cost of yoga mats and instructors.

- 6- Successteam is being awarded \$1500 to fund a Leadership Academy for Young Women. The program will be held on a college campus and include 100 young ladies ages 14-18 (Grades 9-12). The program will have a mentoring focus primarily on education, leadership development, poverty prevention and mental health. Topics will include financial literacy, career readiness and self-care. This will be an expansion of Successteam's existing program for young men which has proven to have exceeded its goals.