

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

# 2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT

# MISSION

Helping Hands offers HOPE, HELP, and CHANGE in Georgetown County. On faith-based principles, we seek to create sustainable futures through job training and youth empowerment to relieve generational and situational poverty, while meeting immediate needs of food insecurity, utility support, and dental care.

### YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (YEP)



Helping Hands coaches and mentors connect with Georgetown County high school students (sophomores, juniors and seniors) through our Youth Empowerment Program that promotes stability and health in their lives as they prepare for life after graduation. Over a nine-month program, weekly required meetings build relationships; monthly Saturday experiences provide windows for new possibilities and perspectives and a week-long Outward Bound experience builds self-esteem, confidence and trust. Success in life is multi-dimensional. YEP, using the approach described, provides opportunities for character development and career building blocks in the following core areas of life: mental, emotional, physical and spiritual.

students went to NC Outward Bound Experience in the Florida Everglades

20+

students at each high school actively involved in YEP











NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED:



## DENTAL CLINIC

Helping Hands Dental Clinic was established in 2013 to alleviate pain and health risks for uninsured, low-income residents of Georgetown County. Through partnerships with Tidelands Health, St. James Santee Health Clinic and Delta Dental, we have been able to expand from offering only extractions to offering free examinations, restorative care and cleanings with newly installed state-of-the-art equipment. The clinic is open on Thursdays and Fridays staffed by 2 Dental Assistants, 1 Dental Hygienist, 1 Paid Dentist and 14 Volunteer Dentists along with their wonderful assistants from around the area from Charleston to Myrtle Beach. The support of our clinic has led to an increased access to comprehensive dental care and an overall improvement in oral health in Georgetown County.

### COMPASSIONATE CARE

#### NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED:



Total Compassionate Care Assistance Valued at **\$232,768** 





### EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



In collaboration with Friendship Place, A Father's Place and Goodwill, Helping Hands trains residents to find employment (or advance their employment) that is needed to improve their lives and climb out of the cycle of poverty. This gives the unemployed and underemployed a hand up toward independent, productive lives. We provide employment skills training and strive for excellence in an ongoing 4-step process: Recruitment, Career Preparation, Career Placement and Career Advancement.

#### FINANCIAL STATISTICS



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