

Some Thoughts on Giving

In 2007, charitable giving in the U.S. broke the \$300 billion mark with a total of \$306.39 billion contributed by individuals, foundations, and corporations.

Individuals continued to contribute the lion's share – more than \$229 billion (74.8%). Add to this another \$23 billion in bequests, and the total of individual giving in 2007 rose to a whopping \$252 billion (82.3% of the total).

Foundations accounted for \$38.5 billion (12.6%) and corporations rounded out the numbers with \$15.6 billion (5.1%).

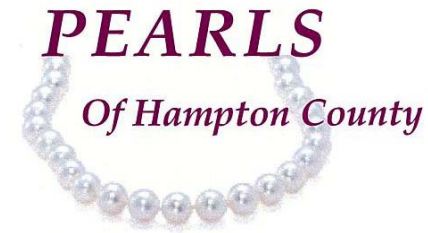
Independent and community foundations also continued to grow, in number as well as in giving. This group accounted for only 1% of giving in 1990, but has grown to almost 10% in recent years.*

In these tough economic times, the power of foundations and organizations like WIP seem likely to continue to grow, as people find more power in “collective” giving, as opposed to individual contributions.

* Giving USA report for 2008

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Connecting women who care with causes that matter

PEARLS of Hampton County Grants Committee Seeks Member Input

To promote our mission and purpose, PEARLS of Hampton County will award grants each year from our endowment fund.

The grantmaking effort will focus on a different theme each year. Currently, the Advisory Board is seeking input on the grantmaking theme for 2009. The following potential focus areas have been identified:

Youth Development—i.e. gang-related issues, afternoon programs, graduation rates, high school retention, teen pregnancy, etc.

Healthy Lifestyles—i.e. prevention treatments, drug abuse, obesity, diabetes, affordable medications, recreational programs, etc.

Workforce Education and Literacy—i.e. youth employment, financial literacy, workforce preparedness, etc.

The committee welcomes member input on which area should be the focus for the 2009 grantmaking cycle. To offer your input on any of the three areas, please email committee chairwoman Madeleine McKenzie at madeleinemck@yahoo.com, or Advisory Board chairwoman Gwen Bampfield at gwenbam@aol.com.

Want to Become More Involved?

Are you interested in becoming more involved with PEARLS? To learn about the many opportunities such as committee membership, board membership and special events please contact Advisory Board Chairs Peggy Parker at pegsparker@gmail.com or Gwen Bampfield at gwenbam@aol.com.

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Recruitment Events Underway

Membership Committee members have partnered with Grantmaking Committee members to host a series of recruitment events called "Share Philanthropy with a Friend." The idea is for each member to invite a friend (or two or three) to learn more about PEARLS.

The first event occurred in early January and the last one of this series will be held in early February.

More will be scheduled in the future—but don't let that hold you back. If you know of someone (or two or three) who might be interested in joining PEARLS, call the Community Foundation at 843.681.9100 and ask them to send out some information. Or, call anyone on the Advisory Board to give you a hand.

PEARLS Members Attend Community Foundation Luncheon

Several PEARLS members attended the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry luncheon in November at the Westin Resort on Hilton Head Island. Joining 200 other guests, they learned more about the mission and vision of the Community Foundation and celebrated the spirit of giving back.

PEARLS are featured prominently in the Community Foundation video which was premiered at the luncheon. Members

Jeanette Harley, DeThane Johnson, Peggy

Parker and Lizzie Young are in the video discussing the benefits of working with the Community Foundation as well as the current and future work of PEARLS.



Chim White and Anna White



Peggy Parker and Ethel Denmark

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A Message from your Chairwomen—Widening the Circle



Chairwomen, Peggy Parker and Gwen Bampfield

Building legacy, producing powerful impact, while working with like-minded women ...that is the work of PEARLS.

The time is right for increased investment in women's philanthropy. We believe the potential is great for identifying new donors, tapping into new means, and improving our community by addressing issues tied to our grant-making focuses.

PEARLS offers an exciting and innovative way for women to become involved in philanthropy and in making a difference in our community. After one full year and more than 86 members we are in an excellent position to move forward and widen our circle.

How do we widen our circle?

We take advantage of every opportunity to talk about the work of PEARLS, to our friends, neighbors and associates. "Share Philanthropy with a Friend" is a phrase you will continue to hear throughout the year. And the Membership committee is providing many opportunities for you to do that! Let's double our membership and increase our ability to carry out our mission to inspire and educate women to become philanthropic leaders.

Don't keep PEARLS a secret!