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Bishop Gadsden Awards a RECORD \$234,260 to Area Charities

Building Upon a Mission to Reach Out with a Generous Spirit



Recipient Charities are pictured with Bishop Gadsden Resident Pete Trees, 2018 Charitable Mission Chair, Bill Trawick President/CEO (bottom left), and Sarah Tipton, Vice President/COO (top right).

(Charleston, SC, February 21, 2019) Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community awarded \$223,000 in donations from our Charitable Fund to four wonderful local charities on Wednesday, February 20, in addition to the \$10,475 that was distributed throughout 2018.

The following organizations were voted-on by the Community, and throughout 2018, residents, staff members, future residents, board members, and friends gave donations in support of the 2018 Charitable Fund that in turn made the following gifts possible –

Lowcountry Food Bank received \$38,000:

- Funding will support the BackPack Buddies program in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties to alleviate weekend hunger among food-insecure public school children. This is the third time in six years Bishop Gadsden has selected to support the Food Bank.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity received \$38,000:

- Funding will fund 50% of construction material costs for lot 5 in the Heritage Oaks neighborhood off Ferguson Road, for homeowner-to-be, Dara, a Vet Tech. Sea Island Habitat has received donations from Bishop Gadsden three other times, including being one of the first retirement communities to fund and build a Habitat home in 2000.

Turning Leaf Project received \$38,000:

- Funding will support reentry and rehabilitation services for seven men who will be released from prison this year and who are at the highest risk of re-arrest. This is the first time Bishop Gadsden has supported Turning Leaf, and this gift accounts for Turning Leaf's largest single gift from a foundation or organization.

Vantage Point Foundation received \$109,000:

- Funding will support 22 post 9/11 military South Carolina Veterans and their families, in providing a yearlong comprehensive, wrap-around program that helps veterans transition into civilian life. An inaugural partner of Bishop Gadsden, this \$109,000 gift represents the largest single gift Vantage Point has received to date.



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In addition to the above, Reading Partners received \$2,600, Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary received \$2,030, James Island Outreach received \$3,275, the SC Alzheimer's Association received \$2,225, and Charleston Area Senior Citizens Meals and Wheels received \$1,030 through special events in 2018.

In 2018, Bishop Gadsden was proudly named the 2018 Organization Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and with the last line of Bishop Gadsden's mission statement reading – *We Reach Out with a Generous Spirit*, the desire to support the greater Charleston area is only growing stronger and stronger each year!

About Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community: Bishop Gadsden is a thriving life plan retirement community on over 100 acres of lush marshlands and majestic oaks on James Island, just 10 minutes from downtown Charleston. A top City of Charleston employer, Bishop Gadsden is nationally recognized for its architectural design, high-quality programs and services; offering its 500 residents the amenities, support, and freedom to live truly extraordinary lives.

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