



HISTORICAL CHARM.  
NATURAL BEAUTY.

*Extraordinary Living*

*Dataaw's Volunteers: Serving Many Missions*



One of the most satisfying aspects of living on Dataw Island is the spirit of community and volunteerism that pervades the island. Dataw residents are generous with their knowledge, skills, and time and contribute enormously to the betterment of our home island and the broader Beaufort, low country community. We who live here have a general understanding and appreciation for the efforts of our residents, but it is not as evident to most people outside of our gate. Moreover, while visitors to our island can easily see the natural beauty, our gorgeous golf courses and pleasing tennis courts, some aspects of Dataw life—such as the spirit of giving and helping others—are not as readily visible.

This report—researched and written by the Government and Community Affairs Committee of the Dataw Island Owners Association-- makes the extent and impact of Dataw volunteerism more apparent to a broader audience. We hope it provides the information you need to understand and appreciate the extent of volunteerism by our residents, helps you find rewarding volunteer work, and inspires you to do so.

## Collecting Data on Volunteering at Dataw

The Committee thanks the many Dataw residents and members who supported our data collection efforts. Three hundred and eighty members responded to our electronic survey last Spring on their volunteer efforts. We also carried out interviews with leaders of some of the larger volunteer efforts on and off the island. The data we collected are primarily from calendar year 2017 and the first half of 2018.



We hope the report is both interesting and useful to several audiences-- our contacts in government and the private sector, potential buyers of property and our lifestyle here, and most importantly, our current and new Dataw residents who may enjoy volunteering but need a little help understanding where and how they can apply their talent and energy.

This project is about telling the story of life at Dataw beyond the golf courses, tennis, croquet, and bocce ball courts and pub dinners. We are a very gifted, giving and learning community and the Committee hopes this report helps tell that story. It's an important story to tell.

## How Much Do We Volunteer? ...

The simple, loud and clear answer is a great deal. The data Dataw members provided us tells us that the volunteer effort of your friends and neighbors is vast. It is broad and deep. Of the respondents to our survey, some 94% perform volunteer work at Dataw or in the Beaufort community. Over seventy-two per cent of respondents describe themselves as "an

active volunteer in one or more organizations.” Only six per cent of respondents responding to the survey said that they did not volunteer, most often because they still have careers or work part time or they have health issues.

Many Dataw members pour hours into volunteer work. Almost 200 of you reported that you spend at least 10 hours a month doing volunteer work. 123 respondents donate over 20 hours a month to volunteer efforts. More than 30 of our members are devoting over 40 hours—a full workweek—to volunteer commitments each month.

Seventy per cent of our survey respondents say that they have increased their volunteer work since moving to Dataw Island. Many replied that of course they now have more time available, but respondents also noted that the opportunities at Dataw and in Beaufort are many, easy to find, and convenient. Some residents, though, also would appreciate knowing how to find out about the various volunteering opportunities.

## ...And Why Do We Do It?

The answer to why so many of you give up so much of your time to volunteer work seem to fall into two broad categories: giving back and staying involved. Just about half of our survey respondents expressed a responsibility to help others by directly supporting volunteer and charitable organizations. One person noted that “life is so good, I have a responsibility to give back.” One of our members who we interviewed said that the people her organization was helping “had nothing, and yet they were always happy and pleasant.” She reported that she put in some 25 hours a week into her volunteer work, although her expression suggested she did a lot more hours than she was willing to admit. When

asked why in retirement she had taken on so much, she said “I sometimes have to drag myself into the office,” but that “there is never a day that I don't feel much better for having done so.”

Just about another half of our survey respondents focused on staying involved in the community and using and applying skills that they had gained over many years. Others noted that volunteering is not only fun, but also a great way to meet people and to network. Some of our volunteers emphasized that volunteering provides them opportunity to keep learning, as evidenced by the many who are trained docents at historical and architectural sites.



## What would you say is your primary reason for volunteering:

### Answer Choices

### Responses

I feel a responsibility to volunteer

27.11% 103

The organizations I support need volunteers to do much of their work

21.58% 82

I want to stay involved

16.32% 62

I have the time, and volunteering is a good way to put it to work

10.79% 41

I have career experience or skills I want to continue using

12.63% 48

I just really enjoy volunteering

11.58% 44

Other (please specify)

27

Answered 380

Many residents added in a note that they volunteer for all of the reasons above.

One person summed up why she is volunteering more by observing that volunteering is “part of the culture here.”

## So Many Choices; So Little Time

Survey respondents identified more than 65 discrete non-profit, volunteer, and charitable organizations off-island that they support with time and labor. There are at least as many organizations, committees, and charitable efforts right here on Dataw that our people devote much energy to for the good of all of us. And many people who don't live here full time continue to volunteer "back home."

Many Dataw residents provide support to multiple organizations, both on and off island.



While many respondents focus on helping an organization in an area where they have a particular passion or skill, many others spread their efforts over two or more—several people are helping six or seven organizations each month.

Our volunteers are important contributors to large national organizations such as the United Way. Thir-

teen survey respondents are volunteers at The United Way of the Low Country. We talked with Dataw's Peter Post, who has served on United Way's Board for 17 years. He is proud that the United Way budget has grown from \$300,000 to over \$2.8 million during his time on the Board. He is equally proud of the fact that Dataw Island alone provides 17 percent of the monies raised by United Way north of the Broad River.

Other respondents to our survey told us that they volunteer for other large, national charitable groups such as the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and Goodwill. Many more of you—65 survey respondents—volunteer at your churches and their associated thrift stores, food pantries, prison outreach programs, and also help with their charitable fund raising activities.

The Committee would like to be able to acknowledge all the volunteer work provided to these more than 65 non-profit, volunteer, and charitable organizations off-island, but space allows us to only highlight a few illustrative examples of the volunteer work you do over several important spheres of activity. The appendix includes the names of the organizations our residents are directly supporting with volunteer hours and which need more volunteers.

### 1) HELPING THE DISADVANTAGED

Twenty-six of you told us that you support the **Second Helpings** organization here in the low country, a charity that rescues excess food items from supermarkets and distributes the food to local food banks. From truck drivers and crewmembers to board members, Dataw is deeply involved in the Second Helpings mission and that prompted the committee to interview Lil Coleman, the Executive Director of Second Helpings.

Ms. Coleman related that Seconding Helpings, which she has steered for about a year and a half, distributed almost 3 million pounds of food in 2017, providing the poor with some 45,000 meals every week. She said the contribution of Dataw people is very important to their success; we provide the most

volunteers in any of the geographic areas they serve. Three island residents serve on its Board of Directors and 44 Dataw volunteers drive their trucks, collect food, and distribute it to food bank storage areas. These truck crews collectively donate some 220 hours per week to the effort.

Twenty-five respondents to the survey said they are helping the needy in our area in a totally different way, by volunteering for **Habitat for Humanity**. Our small army of volunteers for Habitat builds houses—including the funding and building of two “Dataw” houses. They also collect donated furniture and books for Habitat’s Restore to sell cheaply to low-income neighbors. Many of our volunteers organize each January’s Resolution Run—a 5K fun run and dog walk to raise money for Habitat and many Dataw residents participate in that annual event. They also contribute to organizing Habitat’s many other fundraisers in the low country.

Our survey revealed that many Dataw residents serve in leadership positions in many volunteer and non-profit organizations, and that is no different for Habitat for Humanity. Many Dataw residents have served on the Habitat Board of Directors. When asked how important is the contribution of Dataw people to Habitat, Denise Sullivan, a resident serving as Vice Chair of Habitat’s Board, answered in a word, “crucial.” Ms. Sullivan particularly likes the fact that Habitat is not a “hand-out” organization; she emphasized that the recipients of new or renovated homes are involved throughout the process, even being involved in the construction and painting. More importantly, she noted that Habitat volunteers tutor recipients about budgets and finance, homeowners insurance, and everything else a homeowner needs to know. You don’t have to wield a hammer to help out at Habitat.

Another one of our larger volunteer efforts is with **Dataw Special Friends**. Nine respondents to the survey said they volunteer for the Special Friends program, but Donna McKeown—who has been with the program since 2003—reports



that there are some 20-25 Dataw volunteers with the program each year. Our volunteers organize and participate in social activities with adults in the Beaufort area who have special needs and disabilities. The Beaufort County Department of Special Needs and Disabilities refer the participating adults to Dataw Special Friends.

Ms. McKeown notes that Dataw residents founded Special Friends in 1998 because they wanted to organize some social activities for their special needs adult children. Trudi Stevens is the current leader of the program and has been with it since its inception, according to Ms. McKeown. She adds this is a Dataw-only volunteer effort and is the only one in the Beaufort area.

Ms. McKeown explains that most volunteers begin with the program as “subs” before being assigned their own “special friend.” She usually spends about three hours a month working with the program. It involves a few more hours of work if she is planning the month’s activities which include fun activities such as bowling, kite flying or corn hole games, a shared meal, and some “sharing” conversation time. She says her time invested in the volunteer program pales in comparison

to the joy of seeing the smiles on both volunteers and “special friends,” watching the wonderful relationships grow, and witness the “special friends” grow in confidence and try new things.

Additional Special Friends “subs” are always needed to fill in when regular members cannot attend a meeting and they provide a “trained” recruit pool when regular members move on or away, according to Ms. McKeown.

Smaller numbers of Dataw residents volunteer for and support some critically important programs for seniors and for victims of abuse. Four respondents to the survey are working for the local **Meals on Wheels** program. And four others are supporting the **Hopeful Horizons** organization—providing advocacy for children and a domestic violence and rape crisis center, and working to end abuse through intervention and education.

## 2) STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE IN BEAUFORT

Speaking of leadership—and assisting the less privileged among us—we interviewed the former Chief Executive Officer of the **Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic of Beaufort**, Wendy Nagy, who was a longtime Dataw resident. She told us that the clinic is the only one of its kind in northern Beaufort County. It provides free medical care from volunteers to very low-income, desperately poor, individuals who have no insur-

ance and have an annual income of more than 200% below the federal poverty level. The clinic’s volunteer physicians and nurses treated 457 individuals in 2017 during over 1700 patient visits. The Beaufort Memorial Hospital is the clinic’s largest donor, recognizing the tremendous cost to the hospital if it treated these patients for free.

The CEO says it is all accomplished with sixty volunteers, 20 of whom are from Dataw. Our neighbors helping out at the clinic include physicians, nurses, budget and finance and

grant writers, front desk and administrative personnel, and three members of the Board of Directors.

Several of our neighbors support the **Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation**, including two who serve on its Board of Directors. Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH), the largest medical facility between Charleston and Savannah, is an independent (not part of a large corporate hospital chain), not-for-profit hospital with specializations in emergency care, cancer care, heart and vascular treatment, orthopedics, primary care, and women’s care. Cathy Crocker, a foundation Board member and Dataw resident, tells

us that it takes a lot of money to run a 197-bed acute care hospital and the sole mission of the Foundation is to raise funds to support the hospital’s functions and growth. For example, she is excited about meeting a new challenge from the BMH Director to raise 5 million dollars for refurbishing the operating rooms and attracting new surgeons.



Ms. Crocker spends 4-5 hours a month on her volunteer work and says its great fun working with the dynamic hospital director and his new vice president for development. She also has invited many new Dataw residents to briefings made by the hospital director on his vision and plans for the growth of Beaufort Memorial. She and Dan Barton, Dataw's other member of the Foundation Board, also arrange for tours of the emergency room, and seek volunteers for Dataw's Valentine's Ball and its annual health fair.

She concluded by saying that it is very satisfying to her that Dataw has supported the Foundation Board for over 30 years and that Dataw Island is a very important part of the critical contribution base of Beaufort Memorial.

Dataw also has several volunteers helping out at the **Friends of Caroline Hospice (FOCH)** organization. This is one of many smaller organizations that Dataw neighbors support that produce outsized and important results.

Nine people responded to the survey saying they support the hospice program and our own George Beck, the President of the Board of Directors, says that five Dataw residents are ac-

tive, weekly volunteers and many more help three times a year with the Friends three fundraisers. Our volunteers not only provide patient and student bereavement counsel, but also work in the office and at the thrift store, and help with mailings. Some volunteers even help with maintenance of the grounds and the thrift store.

Mr. Beck, who has served on the FOCH Board for nine years, describes the mission of the organizations as providing hospice, palliative, and bereavement care to patients and children in the Low Country regardless of their ability to pay for services. The Friends has provided such care for 38 years and has earned the highest accreditation for patient-centered care. Mr. Beck says he puts in about 20 hours a month on board work, but observes that he gains so much more in satisfaction observing the success of the "total commitment of the marvelously caring staff." The average volunteer, he says, spends about four hours a week supporting the Friends. He added that Dataw volunteers are critically important because they are reliable and have a great work ethic. He also cited the terrific work of Dataw volunteer Jayne Krebs, who has won special recognition for organizing the Festival of Trees fundraiser.



Volunteers are still needed at the Friends of Caroline Hospice, especially patient care volunteers who are willing to be trained, and thrift store volunteers.

Our Dataw volunteers are not always devoting time or donating money. Many donate blood, supporting the **One Blood** organization of Beaufort. Our own Sue Cheatham works with One Blood to organize four blood drives a year at our Community Center. Between 150 and 200 Dataw members take the time each year to donate blood to save lives—many of them donate every quarter.

### 3) SUPPORTING LOCAL EDUCATION



It is obvious that our island residents care deeply about education and learning, especially--but not exclusively--for our local youth. One of our most impressive volunteer efforts supports the **Adopt-A-School Program** for St. Helena's Elementary School. Nine of you answered our survey about your volunteering at the school, and we know from the Dataw Program Coordinator, Ms.

Alison Barton, that there are some 65 volunteers involved in supporting the school from

Fripp Island, Lady's Island, and Dataw. Forty of those are from our home island, and of the six members of the Adopt-A-School Board of Directors, five are from Dataw.

Before the school year, Ms. Barton notes, program officials speak with all the teachers and review their needs for the year, and then match volunteers with the teachers. She emphasizes though that volunteers can start helping at anytime during the year. Most volunteers work hand-in-hand with the teachers in the classrooms, reading one-on-one with students, tutoring in math, visual arts, key boarding, or other subjects, preparing class materials, or proctoring tests. Some other volunteers chaperone school field trips and dances and other events. Still others, observed Ms. Barton, support the book distribution program, work on obtaining grant money to purchase books, help organize the twice a year book fairs where each of the school's 460 students get to choose a book to bring home---sometimes their first book.

Ms. Barton was effusive about how generous Dataw residents are, providing donations during the once a year fundraising drive for the program and for the Angel Tree at Christmas. She reports that the funds are used for field trips, important equipment and student aids like headphones and a bookbinding machine.

Despite the large number of volunteers supporting Adopt-A-School, Ms. Barton says they are not able to fill all the teachers' requests for help. While they always need math tutors, she says all you really need is to enjoy kids and want to make a difference. She says it's an amazing experience to watch the kids grow from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond, and a wonderful feeling when they thank you years later for your earlier help.

Another organization aimed at helping at-risk kids is **Thumbs Up**. Five residents reported in the survey that they volunteer for Thumbs Up, which is a Beaufort based program focusing on working with parents to support the academic and character



development of their children, helping them become more successful in school and in life. Dataw resident Woody Rutter is Chairman of the Board of Thumbs Up.

Our residents are not only helping our local kids, but Dataw volunteers are also enriching the lives of local seniors by volunteering for the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** at the University of South Carolina –Beaufort. OLLI is devoted to providing intellectually stimulating, not for credit, educational opportunities and experiences for adults age 50 or older. Six respondents to our survey reported that they volunteered at OLLI, including Barbara Krakehl who sits on OLLI's Curriculum Board and has been a volunteer at OLLI since 2010. We reached out to Ms. Krakehl who told us that our Dataw volunteers mostly develop and teach courses on which they have special expertise and interest. She said that in recent months 10 residents taught classes. The subjects taught vary from semester to semester, but range from the arts to gardening, international studies, history, legal issues, literature, computers, health, medicine and more.

Ms. Krakehl added that she and another Dataw resident on the Curriculum Board are always on the look-out at Dataw for people who could offer an interesting course with broad appeal. She says Dataw residents have been very generous with their knowledge and their time and that all she has to do "is ask." She spends about six hours a month on her OLLI volunteering but says it is great fun because she meets local artists and gallery owners and people in every walk of life as she pursues instructors for such a broad range of classes.

There are many volunteer groups from Dataw that have only a few members but have an outsized impact because of the personal one-on-one mentoring. Rich Dutcher told us that six of our residents volunteer with the Beaufort Academy Robotics team. The Academy team is a member of First Robotics, a nationwide organization of 500,000 students in grades 7-12. Four of our volunteers are engineers working directly with the students, putting in about eight hours a month doing so. Other

volunteers are doing critical work raising money for the student's projects—apparently robotics isn't cheap.

Another small but impactful effort by Dataw neighbors is the support provided to S.C.O.R.E—the **Service Corps of Retired Executives**. Four respondents to our survey noted that they volunteer for S.C.O.R.E., mentoring new business owners and entrepreneurs on many aspects of business—marketing, human relations, hiring, etc.—as they start up or expand small businesses.

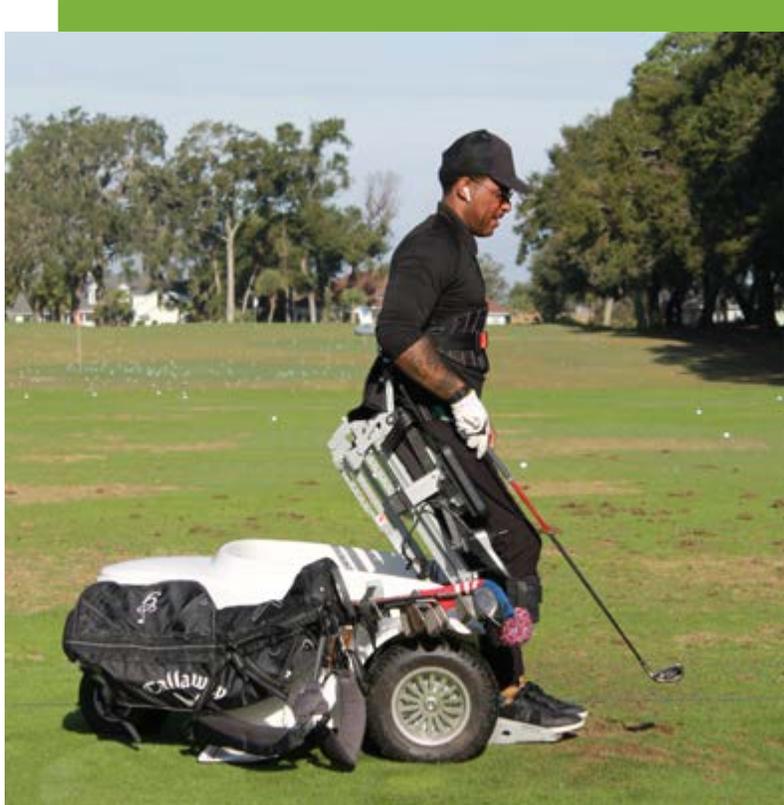
#### 4) HONORING OUR VETERANS

As so many veterans live on our island, perhaps it's not surprising that Dataw islanders pay frequent homage to our nation's service men and women and to our veterans. What may be surprising is the huge contribution we make.



Supporting **Tee It Up for the Troops** is Dataw's major effort during the year with volunteers organizing a weeklong series of Veteran's Day events, including hosting veterans overcoming disabilities in a golf tournament and related events. The primary objectives of the events are to raise funds for the organization and to recognize the achievements and commitment to service of the visiting veterans, but we also take time to honor our own resident veterans during the week.

Retired Army Colonel Glenn Blackburn, who has been supporting Tee It Up for the Troops for 11 years now, explained that the organization provides outreach and therapy to veterans using golf programs. Blackburn is an Ambassador for the organization, serves on their Advisory Board, and also coaches adaptive golf at Parris Island. He says it is very rewarding seeing the growth and progress by vets dealing with disabilities ranging from PTSD to amputation. He added there are countless success stories like one veteran—an amputee— who



told him that the program moved him from “can’t to a golf cart”, saving his marriage and family in the process.

Colonel (ret.) Blackburn helps organize

the volunteer effort on the island for Tee It Up for the Troops and says a dozen or so volunteers are actively engaged in the program, including two others who help him with the adaptive golf training. He notes that volunteers also provide occupational therapy, physical therapy, golf prostheses, and social psychologist interventions. Of course, he said, almost the entire island supports Veteran’s Week with contributions

and volunteer hours.

While many volunteers are supporting veterans all year long, Veteran’s Week at Dataw is a special event. From volunteer bartending at Sweetgrass to Club Assistant Pro Chris Fearn’s marathon, golf day with the vets, our veteran’s parade and breakfast, the week of events paying tribute to our veterans is supported by hundreds of islander volunteers. The combined efforts raised over sixty five thousand dollars this year for Tee It Up for the Troops to distribute to many organizations helping veterans recover and thrive.

When asked what kind of volunteers are in short supply, Blackburn said that the individuals spending one-on-one time need to be well screened and vetted, so those people are always in demand. When asked about whom we should also talk to about Dataw’s support to veterans, he readily named another dozen folks who pour time and effort year after year into helping our vets.

## 5) SUSTAINING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Our survey and interviews made it very apparent that many of our residents care deeply about the special environment and ecosystem that we enjoy here in the Low Country. Twenty-eight Dataw volunteers replied to the survey observing that they actively support the **Friends of Hunting Island (FOHI)**, doing such volunteer work as clearing trails and sweeping sand to ready the Park for its reopening after Hurricane Matthew to regularly getting up early for turtle patrol duties to protect nests and eggs.

A committee member recently spoke with Dr. Chris Crosley, the new President of the FOHI, about the role and accomplishments of the Friends of Hunting Island. Ms. Crosley, who has volunteered for FOHI for over ten years and was the director of the Sea Turtle Conservation Project since 2010, told us that FOHI works closely with the Park’s management on two major cleanups of the island every year and on the sea turtle

program, counting eggs and helping new-borns every day. She said it feels good to be helping to save the planet and to be involved with an organization that makes a difference. She noted that loggerhead turtles are endangered and that FOHI recently won an award for its superior efforts to protecting sea turtles.

Dr. Crosley said the contribution of Dataw volunteers was invaluable. Over 40 Dataw residents are active in FOHI, providing tremendous support to the cleanups and the turtle program. When asked if any volunteers brought special expertise to the effort, she highlighted the efforts of one Dataw volunteer who expertly worked the numbers on egg and turtle counts, migration patterns, survival rate and other critical data. She surmised that statistics and numbers are his thing.

When asked if she needed more volunteers, Crosley exclaimed that they could always use more people who care about our environment, but that she didn't need to recruit at Dataw because she observed that Dataw has a tremendous word of mouth network and seems to organize itself.

Thirty-one members of Dataw's **Adopt-A-Highway** volunteer program answered the survey, and we know that scores more of them hit the highway every month to clean it up—over 60

resident volunteers in all. Many of them told us that they volunteer simply because they got tired of seeing the trash on the way to Dataw Island and our doorstep. Eleven teams,



each led by a team leader, go out each month to ensure that our part of Beaufort County is clean and beautiful, and that the bags and bags of plastic and other debris they collect do not get into our waterways.

The volunteer team—which has had well over 100 members over the years—recently received an award from the South Carolina Litter Association, presented by Beaufort County Council President Paul Sommerville, for their longstanding efforts to keep our part of Beaufort County clean. The plaque presented to the team cites the Dataw volunteer effort as one of the best in the lower and coastal counties of the state—15 counties in all.

We asked one of the program's organizers, Melanie Gentile, what the Adopt-a-Highway program needed in terms of volunteers. She noted that some of our long-standing trash pickers are "aging out" and that, without an inflow of new volunteers, they may need to restrict how much territory they



can cover. She also noted that summer volunteers are always needed as their members take vacations just when the beach traffic and litter deposits hit their peak.

Concerning the local environment, we also have a considerable number—six answered the survey-- of Dataw volunteers working with the Coastal Conservation League and with the Beaufort County's Open Land Trust.

## 6) BOLSTERING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

If literacy is the underpinning of democracy, then our Dataw community is doing its part to strengthen both. Sixteen people who volunteer for the **Friends of the Beaufort County Library** system responded to our survey. We tracked down Lee



Martin to ask her about the organization and how Dataw supports it. Mrs. Martin served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library for six years before relinquishing her Board position last April to her computer and internet savvy daughter, Alysa. Lee said she spent some or all of about 5-6 days a month on her Board work supporting the library system. She told us that the Friends of the Library does fundraising through book sales and direct mail solicitations, staffs the in-library bookstore, and sponsors and organizes the "Books Sandwiched In" book review series.

Mrs. Martin, who was responsible for membership of the organization, explained that the Friends were an all-volunteer force of some 390 "Beaufortonians". She noted that Dataw residents have a long history of holding leadership positions in the Friends, and many more from Dataw help out with the annual book sale, which is the most important fund-raising activity each year.

Seeing the concrete results and improvements from the fund-raising has been very satisfying to Mrs. Martin, citing the refurbishment of the downtown Beaufort library, new furniture for children's sections, new computers, and the new county-wide Bookmobile which checked out more than 5,000 books last year. She said that despite the successes, more volunteers are always needed to support our public libraries.

Dataw members contribute to local government and good governance in many other ways. Four people noted in the survey that they volunteer for the **League of Women Voters**, which works to enroll voters, improve elections, and educate the voting public. We have volunteers supporting the local Election Board, and others who help out at the polls with election day organization. Other Dataw volunteers can be found at Beaufort County's Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Solid Waste and Recycling Board, and Storm Water Utility Board, on the Citizen Advisory Board for the Savannah River Site, and on the Immigration Council of the Low Country.

## 7) SAVING ABANDONED AND INJURED ANIMALS

Many Dataw individuals are dedicated to caring for the too many dogs, cats, birds, and other animals that need our help. You will find Dataw volunteers at the Beaufort County Animal Shelter and Tabby House, at the Palmetto Animal League, at the Avian Conservation Center, and at the Port Royal Maritime Foundation. Our members are constantly providing these organizations with material gifts and pet foods needed by these organizations.

## 8) KEEPING OUR HISTORY AND CULTURE ALIVE AND WELL

Twenty-one respondents to our survey reported that they are volunteering for local organizations dedicated to preserving and educating citizens on the history and culture of our low country home. Nine people, including a Board member, said they volunteer for the Beaufort Historic Foundation, which works to support the preservation, protection and presentation of sites and artifacts of historic, architectural and cultural



interest throughout the county. Five others volunteer at the Penn Center, and others are docents or do other work for the Santa Elena Foundation, the Historic St. Peters Church, the Museum of the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup>, the Marine Corps Museum at Parris Island, the Beaufort National Cemetery, and for the Friends of Fort Fremont.

Others of you are working to ensure that we have wonderful cultural experiences here in Beaufort by volunteering for the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra, the annual Beaufort Film Festival, and the Center for the Performing Arts at USCB.

## KEEPING DATAW VIBRANT (ON-ISLAND VOLUNTEERING)

Many Dataw residents told us that they also provide many volunteer hours here on the island to help make Dataw look and work the exceptional way it does. In fact, the amount of love and labor that our residents put into the island is so voluminous that we could not even begin to document it in this report. Our “clubs within the club” and our members work incessantly on the beauty, history, ecology, culture and arts, and governance of our island. Along with our superb staff and workforce, these volunteers make Dataw what it is—a close community and a wonderful place to live.

### HOW DO WE HELP AND WHAT HELP DO THEY NEED?

In a word, our volunteers do everything. Non-profit and charitable organizations are under great pressure to keep their expenses—and payrolls-- down so that as much donated money goes to the intended recipients as possible. As a result, while some organizations need specialized and professional assistance, almost all of them can benefit from volunteers doing general labor, administrative tasks, and work that does not require specific expertise. When we asked in the survey “what our volunteers do for the organizations they work for,” the answers indicated a very broad range of activities.

When volunteering, which of the following kinds of tasks best describes work you have been asked to perform? (Select all that apply.)

General help or labor	63.31%	195
Management/Administration	48.05%	148
Customer Relations	19.16%	59
Marketing/Communication	28.90%	89
Research	7.14%	22
Consulting	11.69%	36
Professional Services (legal, accounting)	11.36%	35
Transportation	10.06%	31
Manufacturing/Assembly	4.87%	15
Event planning & management	32.79%	101
Fund-Raising	34.74%	107
Teaching or tutoring	25.65%	79
Training	13.96%	43
Board member	42.53%	131
Other (please specify)	8.44%	26
	Answered	308

## SUMMING IT UP

The volunteer work of our residents is important, extensive, and extraordinary. We have been able to only highlight some of the larger contributions to our Beaufort Community made by our island citizen volunteers. We are aware that there are many other ongoing efforts. Our neighbors leave the island every day to sing at nursing homes and hospitals, dance at eldercare centers, to clean up beaches, to help train kids for Special Olympics, to give a talk at the library. On and on it goes. The Committee would like to thank those who have provided us with insight into the Dataw Island volunteer effort and we thank you for your service.

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## Appendix: Volunteer Organizations

Dataw residents indicated in a March 2018 survey that they do volunteer work at the following charitable, volunteer, and governmental organizations in northern Beaufort County.

- ABLE Foundation
- Adopt a Highway
- Adopt a School
- Alzheimers Family Services
- AmiKids of Beaufort
- American Association of University Women
- American Legion
- American Red Cross
- Beaufort Academy Robotics Club
- Beaufort Art Association
- Beaufort Elementary School
- Beaufort Belles
- Beaufort County
  - Board of Elections
  - Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs
  - Senior Leadership Program
  - Solid Waste and Recycling Board
  - Savannah River Site, Citizen Advisory Board
  - Storm Water Utility Board
  - Tabby House
- Beaufort County Open Land Trust
- Beaufort Federation of Republican Men
- Beaufort Harbormasters

- Beaufort History Museum
- Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron
- Beaufort Symphony Orchestra
- Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club
- Big Sister Program
- Boys and Girls Club
- C.A.P.A.
- Church Programs
  - Carteret Street United Methodist Church
  - Parish Church of Beaufort
  - Parish Church of St. Helena
  - St. Johns Lutheran Church
  - St. Peters Church
  - St. Helena Church
  - Sea Island Presbyterian Church
  - Tidal Creek Fellowship
- Coastal Community Foundation (League?)
- First Books
- Franciscan Center
- Friends of the Beaufort Library
- Friends of Caroline Hospice
- Friends of Fort Fremont
- Friends of Hunting Island
- Friends of the Missions
- Goodwill Foundation
- Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic
- Habitat for Humanity
- Historic Beaufort Foundation
- Hopeful Horizons (CODA)
- Keyserling Cancer Center
- Lady's Island Middle School
- Lions Club
- Low Country Hope House
- Meals on Wheels
- Military Order of the Purple Heart, Beaufort
- National Museum: Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force
- One Blood
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
- Palmetto Animal League
- Penn Center
- Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)
- Relay for Life
- Salt Shakers/SIPC
- Santa Elena Foundation
- S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps of Retired Executives)
- Sea Island Corridor Coalition
- Second Harvest
- Second Helpings
- South Carolina Golf Association
- Special Friends
- Special Olympics
- Stand Alone Marines
- St. Helena Elementary School
- St. Helena Island Library
- Thumbs Up for Children
- Under One Roof
- United Way
- USCB Center for the Arts
- USO
- Volunteers in Medicine (H.H.I.)
- YMCA
- Young Life

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