

2016 Grants awarded by Zonta Foundation of SWFL, Inc./ Sanibel-Captiva

What happens to the money donated during the Peek? Each January, the previous year's proceeds are awarded in grants, through the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc./Sanibel-Captiva—a 501(c)(3)—to organizations that share Zonta's mission of empowering women.

This year, Zonta expanded the grants process to attract new applications—a total of 31 were received—and 15 organizations qualified through a rigorous selection process. Total requests were \$129,998 and final awards totaled \$87,600. Also, \$29,190 was pledged to Zonta International. For more information, visit www.zontasancap and choose Foundation Grants.

Local grants awarded this year are:

Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT): *Partial salary of a bilingual counselor*

*Children's Service Network: *Outreach program for teen mothers*

Community Housing & Resources (CHR): *Down payment on an LEO home and educational fund*

*Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers: *Partial training for one female disabled vet*

*Dress for Success/Fort Myers: *Equip a new career center*

*FGCU GEMS Project: *Introduce STEM subjects to middle-school girls*

FISH of Sanibel-Captiva: *Mammography and medical costs*

Guatemalan Adult & Children's education (GRACE): *Sewing classes for immigrant women*

*Habitat for Humanity Lee County: *Women Build 2016*

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP): *ArtReach, awareness for middle-school students*

PACE Center for Girls Lee County: *Partial salary of a volunteer coordinator*

Parent University at Head Start: *Literacy classes for immigrant women*

*Partners for Breast Cancer Care: *Mammograms in at-risk communities*

SalusCare: *Ongoing education for women in recovery*

*Sanibel Shell Museum: *Attendance of one female staff member at a national conference*

*New applicant for 2015-2016

You can see from this list that Zonta works hard to ensure that your donations do the greatest possible good on the islands and throughout Lee County. But a shortfall of \$41,400 presented a huge challenge this year! Please consider an additional donation, through our web site, www.zontasancap.com, or by purchasing more raffle tickets, to help shrink shortfalls in the future and do even more to help women succeed.

Thank you!