

## 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](http://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](http://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!