

# Annual Report

2022



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

1,227



FAMILIES SERVED  
with a total impact of

\$4,225,885

**305** high school seniors attended Adulting Day on April 26, 2022. Students navigated through different sessions that provided students with practical knowledge and skills to confidently step into adulthood upon graduation



**47** homes rehabilitated  
\$408,235

**126** families housed or provided housing stabilization  
\$182,380



**47** families provided emergency shelter  
\$29,410



**12** Veterans employed in the lower 6 counties



**3** survivors of domestic violence housed and working towards self-sufficiency  
\$13,710



**205** foreclosures prevented statewide  
\$31,534,171



**234** children received gifts through holiday assistance programs  
\$31,772



**10** families were reunified through the Navigator Program



Total impact of foreclosures prevented in Hancock County  
\$3,476,508



**39** students participated in the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy



**59** Veterans housed  
\$115,642



## About HRC

*Hancock Resource Center works to stabilize families and strengthen the community. Our mission is accomplished by addressing obstacles and barriers to housing and coordinating services for families in need.*

In 2022, operations and events affected by the COVID-19 pandemic began reverting back to pre-pandemic standards. Even during the pandemic, the Hancock Resource Center never lost traction and continued to go above and beyond, assisting those in need across the state.

HRC hosted a special youth event called 'Adulging Day' and two fundraising events to further the mission of the Resource Center by providing critical services to the community.

HRC staff at a quarterly team building exercise: Axe Throwing in Diamondhead. HRC believes teambuilding is critical to the long-term goals and success of the Resource Center.

Over 1400 families requested assistance and HRC assisted 84% of these families. The Resource Center manages programs addressing homelessness, Veteran homelessness, Veteran unemployment, rental assistance, a family reunification program, and various youth programs.

While 2022 did not bring any major hurricanes to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Resource Center, in partnership with Hancock County Emergency Management, remains prepared to address the immediate needs of the community. HRC programs continued to provide funds for Hurricane Zeta (2020) critical home repair projects.

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# 2022 PROGRAM LISTINGS

Hancock Resource Center manages several programs offering housing solutions for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, veteran housing and employment services, transitional housing for domestic violence survivors, home rehabilitation and repair assistance, mortgage delinquency and foreclosure assistance, advocacy services for parents whose children are in Child Protective Services custody, disaster relief services, and holiday assistance.

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

is for low-income eligible Veteran families who are in or transitioning to permanent housing. They can receive a host of supportive services, including temporary financial assistance, to promote long-term housing stability.

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## HOMELESS VETERAN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (HVRP)

is for eligible Homeless Veterans to receive assistance reintegrating into the labor force by providing job placement services, training, career counseling, resume preparation as well as providing critical linkages to supportive services in the community to retain that employment.

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## HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

are for those who are homeless or about to become homeless. If participants qualify, HRC can provide short-term rental assistance and other supportive services to help them regain stability and move towards permanent housing.

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## TRADITIONAL HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS PROGRAM

offers survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault a temporary safe haven, childcare, and transportation assistance while counselors assist with securing long-term housing; while also addressing, through supportive case management, the many issues surrounding independence and family stability.

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## NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

is for parents whose children have been placed in state custody. HRC Navigators assist in efforts to reunify their families by offering guidance throughout the court processes.

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## MORTGAGE DELINQUENCY AND FORECLOSURE PROGRAM

is for those who are unable to make their mortgage payments. A HUD-certified counselor works with these clients and their lenders to develop a solution that will help them keep their home and get back on track.

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## HANCOCK YOUTH READY FOR EMPLOYMENT (HYRE)

empowers youth in Hancock County by connecting them with the tools, resources, support, and knowledge to become successful, independent, and productive members of society.



## HOME REHABILITATION AND REPAIR PROGRAM

provides grants and low-interest loans and construction management to complete exterior and interior repairs such as roofing, siding, painting, plumbing, electrical, and heating systems for elderly, disabled, or low income homeowners. HRC oversees the selection and completion of home repair projects, coordinating the construction team, and managing costs.

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## HANCOCK YOUTH FOR POSITIVE EFFORTS (HYPE)

is an adult-guided, youth-led initiative that strongly believes in the power young people have to impact real change. The programming and activities are designed to help Hancock County youth live a healthy, safe, and fun lifestyle by teaching leadership, communication skills, and peer intervention.

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## HANCOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (HYLA)

offers two programs: one for eighth graders (HYLA Junior High) and one for eleventh graders (HYLA High School). Students participate in a rigorous year-long program based on building college readiness, appreciation of community assets, and developing leadership potential according to the track they have been accepted to and their grade level.

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

First-Time Homebuyers, Maintaining Your Home, Getting Ready for Kindergarten, The Real World, Super Savvy Renter, and more.

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## DISASTER RELIEF

After a disaster HRC works closely with the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center to provide damage assessment, emergency supplies, and volunteer coordination.

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## HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Salvation Army Angel Tree® and Toys for Tots® programs, Teen Angels, and Santa's Families.

# BY THE NUMBERS

*Hancock Resource Center served*

**1,227**

*families in 2022,*

*with a total economic impact of*

**\$4,225,885**

*in the community.*

HRC provided Homebuyer Education, Home Maintenance Education, Budget Counseling, Credit Counseling, Basic Computer, Resume Writing and Basic Employment Skills classes to 44 residents in Hancock County, affording them the opportunity to improve their financial standing.

The **Supportive Services for Veteran Families** program allowed HRC to provide housing stabilization and supportive services to 59 Veterans and their families totaling \$115,642 in services.

HRC funds made critical, **Hurricane Zeta related** repairs to 10 homes in Hancock County, with an economic impact of \$127,306.

*In 2022, Hancock Resource Center employed 23 people; 17 of whom live in Hancock County.*

In partnership with Hope Haven, HRC provided coordination of **The Salvation Army Angel Tree®**, **Teen Angels**, and **Toys for Tots®** programs, serving 234 children with an economic impact of \$25,248. Community support for 6 **Santa's Families** totaled \$6,524, with a complete economic impact of \$31,772 during the 2022 holiday season.

The **Transitional Housing Program** for women affected by domestic violence assisted 3 families with relocation/rental assistance, employment training, transportation and childcare assistance, allowing survivors to move toward self-sufficiency. This program totaled \$13,710 in services to Hancock County women.

The **Navigator Program** provided critical case management to 20 families whose children were in Child Protective Services custody. The Family Advocate Case Manager assisted in preventing removal in 19 cases and facilitated reunification for 10 families by guiding parents through their service plans.

Through the **Emergency Solutions Grant**, HRC was able to provide emergency shelter to 29 families, place 20 families in permanent housing, and prevent homelessness for 52 families of Hancock County, with direct services totaling \$153,197.

Through the **Emergency Food & Shelter Program**, HRC was able to provide emergency shelter to 30 families and rental assistance to 80 families in Hancock County. In conjunction with the Hancock County Food Pantry, HRC provided \$22,625 of food assistance to these families as well.





# STABLE HOUSING STRONG FAMILIES BETTER COMMUNITY

The Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program provided critical employment services to 12 homeless Veterans in the lower six counties.

Three hundred five seniors from all four high schools in Hancock County participated in **Adulthood Day**, where they learned critical life skills, like how to change a tire, write a check, and cook a microwave meal.

**Foreclosure prevention counseling** was provided for 205 families statewide through the Homesaver program. The value of the preserved homes is \$31,534,171. In Hancock County the value of preserved homes is \$3,476,508.

Seventeen Hancock County eighth graders graduated from the **eighth junior high class** of the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy in 2022.

Through partnerships with Federal Home Loan Bank, The First, A National Banking Association, Hancock Whitney Bank and Renaissance Community Loan Fund, HRC provided **home rehab and accessibility** features for 47 low-income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners with an economic impact of \$408,235.

**HYPE Hangout I** was held on February 26th, 2022. HYPE members spent their time with elderly community members, learning about self awareness and perseverance. HYPE members also spent time, outside of regular meetings, to design and build Mardi Gras Wreaths, which they gave out during HYPE Hangout.

Twenty-two students graduated from the eleventh high school class of the **Hancock Youth Leadership Academy**, a year-long program that promotes the development of leadership by teaching character, courage, and service.



## 2022 ASSISTANCE BREAKDOWN

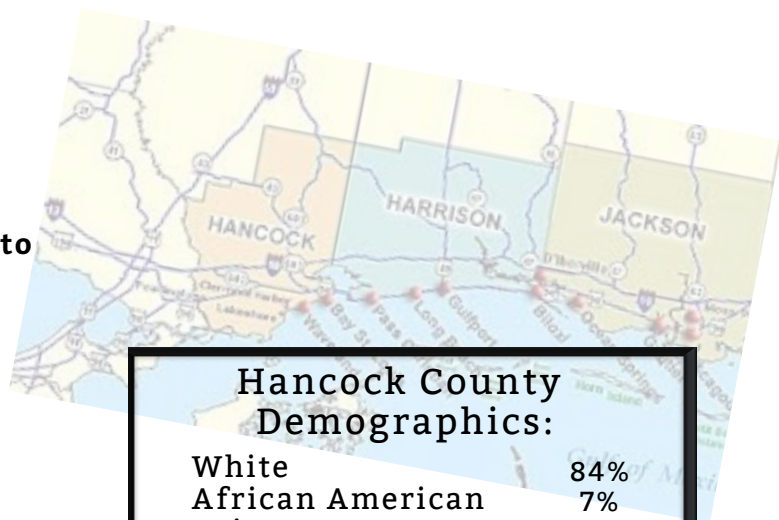


**1,227**  
received assistance

**63** were ineligible and referred to other social services

### Demographics of those served

- 52.7%** White
- 44.4%** African American
- 0.95%** Other/Mixed Race
- 0.76%** Asian



Hancock County Demographics:	
White	84%
African American	7%
Asian	0.7%
Other/Mixed Race	2.4%

**According to the 2021 U.S. Census**

## VETERANS SERVICES



Floyd Dunson, a 59 year-old Veteran served in the US Army for three years from 1979-1982; he was a part of the US Army Special Forces. Originally from Florida, Dunson found his way to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and met his sweetheart Lori Morgan in 2015. Morgan is also a Veteran who served in the US Army for two years, from 1981-1983. During the couple's time in the US Army, they were both stationed in Germany. Although the couple may have been in Germany around the same time, they would not cross paths until many years later when Dunson came to the Gulf Coast.

Dunson was referred to Hancock Resource Center's (HRC) Veteran Services Program by a close friend. When he came to us, he was living in a structure with no running water. HRC's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Housing Counselor immediately helped him find temporary housing while working to regain his driver's license and other documents he needed for housing.

Once getting the couple into temporary housing HRC's SSVF Housing Counselor was able to find an apartment for the couple with their dog, POW. Housing was not the only obstacle that the couple received help with from HRC's SSVF Program. Mr. Dunson was also the first Veteran to be served by SSVF's Healthcare Navigator, which helps address healthcare needs and navigate the healthcare system. Mr. Dunson is very appreciative of all the help and support he has received from HRC.

## CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS

**Before**



**After**



**This is a client who needed critical repairs completed on her home. Through our SNAP Program this client was able to get a brand new porch built onto her home.**



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## HANCOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



**HYLA High School Class of 2022 consisted of 22 11th grade students from Hancock High School, Bay High School, Our Lady Academy, and Saint Stanislaus.**

**HYLA Junior High Class of 2022 consisted of 17 8th grade students from Hancock Middle School, Bay-Waveland Middle School, Our Lady Academy, and Saint Stanislaus.**



## HRC STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

