Group builds new partnership for people in need

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A nonprofit that helps local residents in need has a new partner as it enters its third decade of service.

Good Friends of Georgetown County is teaming up with Helping Hands of Georgetown County starting in January.

“I think it’s going to be really exciting,” said Anne Mountford, chairman of the Good Friends board. “I think it’s going to be an easy transition because Helping Hands is so organized.”

Good Friends helps county residents struggling to keep up with expenses related to things like shelter, utilities, medical expenses and transportation. Helping Hands assists residents with utility support and dental care, while also offering job training and youth empowerment programs.

Good Friends used to get its referrals from the Department of Social Services, but DSS ended the partnership earlier this year.

“Perhaps we’ll come up with something different,” Mountford said. Since its inception in 2001, Good Friends has raised more than $1 million, including $213,000 last year, to help thousands of county residents.

To make a donation visit goodfriendsofgeorgetowncounty.org or send a check to Good Friends of Georgetown County, P.O. Box 667, Pawleys Island SC 29585.

Music history | Lloyd Kaplan, a music professor, author, and jazz musician, will discuss the ways music influenced major social changes occurring during the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s in the Waccamaw Library next month.

A Short Social History of U.S. 1920-1960
As Told Through Popular Songs will take place on Tuesdays in January at 10 a.m.

The lectures are free and hosted by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

Speaker series | The Friends of the Waccamaw Library’s First Thursday series returns on Jan. 6.

• Jan. 6, “Global Guilt: South Carolina to Sierra Leone” with Demmion Wrentz

• Feb. 3, “All About Alice: Writing the Book on Alice” hosted by Doug McNeill and Amanda Tinkler

• March 5, “Coral Tour: Earth and Coastal Floods” with Phillip Douto (streamed online)

• April 7, “A Pole and the Pill of Hindman” with Anna Childress Hampton

• May 9, “Romancing the Book: The Images of Gullah Life in Popular Culture”

with Kendra Hamilton

June 2, "New Political Theologies and the Church" with Franklin Tumpah Carps

All events start at 10 a.m. and are free and open to the public.

Classic films | Fridays affordrons at the movies return to the Waccamaw Library in January. They will be introduced by Bill Harvey, a local film buff.

The schedule for the Classic Film Series is:

• Jan. 7, "The Big Sleep" (1946)

• Jan. 14, “Duck Soup” (1933)

• Jan. 21, "The Magnificent Seven" (1960)

• Jan. 28, "The Philadelphia Story" (1940)

• Feb. 4, “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” (1967)

• Feb. 11, "Blade Runner" (1982)

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