

Section 1. Organizational Information

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Authorized Officer for this Grant

Individual's Email Address

Individual's Title

Individual's Phone Number

Have the grant funds been fully expended?

Yes

No

If "No," stop here and contact The Joanna Foundation for consultation.

Section 2. Grant Summary

Start Date (date on p.1 - mm/dd/yyyy)

Grant Amount

Project Title

Overall Purpose (select one)

Operating support

Matching funds

Administrative/technical support

Capital campaign

Seed money/startup funds

Facilities/equipment

Specific project/program

(insert title or one sentence summary below)

Were major changes made to the project after the grant was received?

Yes

No

If "Yes," please explain why and summarize the changes as part of your Summary of Impact.

Section 3. Summary of Impact

Separately, using software of your choice, write a concise summary of how the grant helped achieve the objective of the request. For example, you may mention activities to date, progress toward milestones, participation by volunteers, partners or audience members, and/or significant achievements. You may use metrics to show change or anecdotal examples to illustrate impact. You may use bullets or lists. Describe the difference that The Joanna Foundation grant made to your organization in this time frame. We recommend one page of text or less. You may add items that showcase your work, such as a photo, graphic, chart, media article, testimonial, or link to a short video.

When you are satisfied with your draft, save your Summary of Impact in pdf format, attach any additions, insert your material after this page, and submit the combined file (consisting of this 2-pg form + your materials) as a single pdf file.

Summary of Impact

The Joanna Foundation Grant – Closet of Hope

The Joanna Foundation grant significantly strengthened Closet of Hope's ability to meet urgent needs for children entering foster care across Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties. This support directly improved our capacity to respond to emergency placements, increase access to essential supplies, and preserve sibling connections during foster care transitions.

Grant Impact on Services and Operations

Funding was used to purchase and maintain critical supplies including clothing, shoes, diapers, wipes, formula, undergarments, and comfort items for children entering care with little or no personal belongings. These resources ensured immediate, dignified support at the time of placement.

As a direct result of this funding, Closet of Hope was able to:

- Serve an **additional 50 children** through emergency foster placements
- Support approximately **100 total children** with essential placement items during the grant period
- Improve emergency response capacity, reducing delays in meeting urgent placement needs
- Provide **5 bunk beds**, helping keep **4 sibling groups together** in foster placements

Progress Toward Mission and Milestones

This grant supported Closet of Hope's continued progress toward connecting with **500 foster parents in Region 3**, strengthening the network of families able to accept placements. Increased inventory availability allowed more foster and kinship families to confidently accept children, especially during same-day or emergency placements.

Community Partnerships and Collaboration

Closet of Hope continued to expand collaboration with community partners including local churches, businesses, and agencies such as Volvo, Palmetto Elite, Jeff Cook Real Estate, Fit Moms Charleston, and local sheriff's offices. These partnerships helped supplement grant-funded resources and increase community awareness of foster care needs.

We also strengthened coordination with Department of Social Services offices, including the expansion of an **on-site satellite support location at Orangeburg DSS**, ensuring children receive immediate access to essential items at the point of placement.

Volunteer Engagement and Operations

Volunteers supported all phases of service delivery, including organizing inventory, preparing emergency placement kits, and assisting foster and kinship families during intake. Their involvement ensured consistent operational availability and rapid response capability.

Measured Outcomes and Difference Made

The Joanna Foundation grant made a direct and measurable difference in Closet of Hope's impact by:

- Increasing the number of children served in emergency situations
- Improving response time for urgent placements
- Reducing financial barriers for kinship families
- Keeping sibling groups together through furniture support
- Enhancing dignity and stability for children entering foster care

Conclusion

This grant strengthened Closet of Hope's ability to respond quickly and compassionately during one of the most vulnerable moments in a child's life. By expanding emergency capacity and supporting sibling preservation, The Joanna Foundation directly contributed to restoring stability, dignity, and hope for children entering foster care in our community.