

Pee Dee Coalition receives donation from HTC employees to assist continued mission of prevention and protection

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HTC, the area's largest fiber internet provider, announced that the Cooperative's employees recently donated \$1,500 to the Pee Dee Coalition.

Founded in 1986, the Pee Dee Coalition is determined to address the critical issues of family violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Since its development, the Coalition has become a leading force in community victim services across the state of South Carolina. The organization operates a multidisciplinary child advocacy center and a comprehensive child abuse prevention program.

Initially serving three counties, the Coalition has expanded its reach to eight counties, including: Florence; Darlington; Marion; Dillon; Chesterfield; Marlboro; Williamsburg; and Sumter. For 37 years, they have delivered vital services to thousands of victims and survivors throughout the region.

"We are incredibly proud of our employees for their generous contribution to the Pee Dee Coalition," said Robin Ard, HTC Director of Human Resources. "Their commitment to making a difference in the communities we serve reflects our core values and reinforces the impact we can have when we come together to assist our neighbors."

HTC employee donations are a direct reflection of the Cooperative's commitment to community support and helping those in need. The funds provided will help Pee Dee Coalition continue its efforts in creating safe environments, empowering survivors and educating the community on the prevention of violence. The amount raised helps ensure that those experiencing crisis have access to the help they deserve.

"We are deeply grateful for this donation from HTC and their employees," said Joshua Williamson, Pee Dee Coalition Marion County Services Coordinator. "This contribution will help us continue our vital work of providing support and resources to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. At Pee Dee Coalition, we are proud to stand by those in need and work toward a safer, more supportive community. Every dollar allows us to extend our reach, offering critical services that empower individuals and families to heal and to thrive."

The Pee Dee Coalition is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the reduction of sexual assault, family violence, child abuse and the needs of victims. The Coalition's 24-hour crisis line, community victim services and other programs provide critical services to victims/survivors and community education throughout eight counties in the Pee Dee region.

In 1991, it expanded services to Marion County, establishing a satellite center in 2023 to better service the Marion County residents. As a nonprofit volunteer organization, the Pee Dee Coalition continues to foster a safer, more compassionate community. There is a free and confidential crisis line available for those in need at 843-669-4600 or 1-800-273-1820. To learn more visit www.peedeecoalition.org.

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HGTC nursing programs exceed national pass rates in 2024 NCLEX Licensure Exams

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Horry-Georgetown Technical College announced the exceptional NCLEX licensure pass rates achieved by its nursing students for 2024 to date, once again surpassing national averages. HGTC's nursing programs, including both the Associate Degree in Nursing and Practical Nursing, have achieved outstanding results, affirming HGTC's commitment to excellence in healthcare education and solidifying the college's position as a leader in nursing education across the region and state.

The 2024 NCLEX results for HGTC nursing students reflect the strong commitment to excellence:

- ADN Program: National Average: 92.10%
HGTC: 93.14%
- PN Program: National Average: 89.91%
HGTC: 93.75%

These impressive outcomes distinguish HGTC as a leading institution in nursing education, especially given the number of nursing students relative to other technical colleges in South Carolina. HGTC's commitment to academic excellence and hands-on training continues to produce well-prepared graduates who contribute significantly to healthcare in our communities.

Dr. Marilyn Fore, president of HGTC, expressed her pride in the achievement, "Our nursing students have consistently

demonstrated their dedication to excellence, and these results are a testament to their hard work and the unwavering support of our faculty, staff, and leadership. We are fortunate to have outstanding facilities and equipment, which, combined with exceptional instruction, allow our students to excel on the national stage. We thank the community for its ongoing confidence in our programs and congratulate our students for their remarkable success."

HGTC's performance reflects its strong leadership in nursing education, providing high-quality, highly trained nurses who are making a positive impact on healthcare in the region. The college remains steadfast in its mission to provide students with the education, training and resources necessary to meet the growing demands of the healthcare industry.

With the expansion of the new Nursing & Health Sciences Institute on the Grand Strand Campus, a new location with Tidelands Health in Murrells Inlet, and the potential acquisition of existing buildings along Highway 501 for the Conway Campus, HGTC is poised to significantly enhance its capacity for nursing education, with plans to increase enrollment to 600 students by 2030.

South Carolina is among the top states for NCLEX pass rates, ranking third nationally for registered nurses and eighth for licensed practical nurses. HGTC's nursing students are proud to represent such excellence within the state and beyond.



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