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After realizing there was a lack of education about the diabetes epidemic in Jasper County, Celia Beauchamp decided to take action. In 2009, Celia pulled together a group of community health providers and organized the first Diabetes University for Jasper County. Each of the half-day programs featured physician speakers, nutritionists/dietitians, certified diabetes educators, exercise physiologists and others who shared helpful information with diabetics and caregivers to diabetics. In addition to this community program, Celia organized a Diabetes Education Program at Coastal Carolina Hospital. This program for members of the community provides a four-week series of classes targeted at newly diagnosed diabetics. She is now spearheading a Diabetes Work Group at the hospital to make sure it is providing quality care, services and education to diabetic patients and their families.