

# building Foundations

## Our Mission

The Rock Hill Parks Foundation will enhance the quality of life through parks, recreation, and tourism above and beyond its normal operating budget.

## Invest Today... Benefit Tomorrow

The Rock Hill Parks Foundation is a nonprofit fund administered by the York County Foundation, an affiliate of the Foundation for the Carolinas. Its vision is to raise enough capital for the endowment fund which will support the annual operating expenses for the Rock Hill parks system.

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## 3rd Annual Frog Float ...

Don't miss your chance to win a **\$1,000 Rock Hill Galleria Shopping Spree** while helping two wonderful organizations, Dalton Help Foundation and the Rock Hill Parks Foundation. The "3rd Annual Frog Float," an activity during the Come-See-Me festival, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Pavilion at Manchester Meadows Soccer Complex. Coordinated by the Rock Hill Galleria, the event will be assisted by the Rock Hill Fire Department. Get in on the excitement as hundreds of rubber frogs float/race toward the finish line in Manchester Lake. Participants can win one of many amazing prizes if the frog with their number is a winner. Grand Prize is a \$1,000 Rock Hill Galleria Shopping Spree. To participate, individuals may adopt a frog at one of several locations.



**2008 Frog Float Committee** - bottom row left to right - Merritt Croom, Allison Cleveland, Katie Hunter, Kay Mason, Brigette Herron, Holly Blackwell, Gretchen Love, Tara Clark, Karen Spencer, and Ashley Bader  
top row left to right - Strait Herron, Julie Kanes, Jeff Kirby

## Frog adoption prices are:

- Individual Frog (1 frog) **\$5**
- Frog Bog (6 frogs) **\$25**
- Army of Frogs (12 frogs) **\$50**

You do not have to be present to win. Frogs may be adopted during regular business hours at the collections counter at City Hall, the Rock Hill Galleria Mall office, & the Manchester Meadows Soccer Complex.

Frogs will be available for adoption beginning March 1, 2008 until 10:15am Saturday, April 26, the morning of the event.

All proceeds from this unique event will benefit Dalton Help Foundation and the Rock Hill Parks Foundation. Dalton Help Foundation is a local non-profit organization that promotes autism awareness and provides financial support to the York County autism community. This is done through donations to local resources and directly to families to assist with autism-related expenses. Funds raised for the Rock Hill Parks Foundation will be used to enhance the programs, activities and facilities supported by Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

So race on down to Manchester Meadows Lake Pavilion for a great day filled with live entertainment by Ocean Breeze and fun for the whole family, including face painting, inflatables and a petting zoo! Get hopping for a great cause!

For more information, contact **Merritt Burger Croom** at **803/326-3787** or via email at [mcroom@ci.rock-hill.sc.us](mailto:mcroom@ci.rock-hill.sc.us). You may also visit us online at [www.rockhillrocks.com](http://www.rockhillrocks.com) or [www.daltonhelpfoundation.org](http://www.daltonhelpfoundation.org).



## The Cherry Park Tower Celebration in honor of former Mayor Betty Jo Rhea

The City of Rock Hill will recognize the long time achievements of our distinguished former mayor, Elizabeth Dunlap "Betty Jo" Rhea by renaming the Tower at Cherry Park in her honor.

We will celebrate her commitment to the citizens of Rock Hill with an event to be held at the Tower on the morning of Friday, May 9, 2008. Time to be announced. Check [www.cityofrockhill.com](http://www.cityofrockhill.com) or call **803/329-5620** for more information.



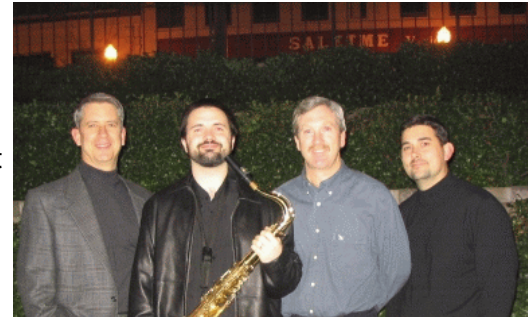
**GLENCAIRN**  
GARDEN

### Sunday at Glencairn Garden

Sunday, March 30th, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

An afternoon concert featuring the Blue Chip will be held at Glencairn Garden on March 30th. The group will perform on the new Vernon Grant Performance Stage and will play a variety of jazz, pop and standards.

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair and relax and enjoy the music. The concert will be cancelled in the event of rain. Mark your calendars! For more information contact: (803) 329-5620



### The Festival of Flowers in Greenwood, SC - Saturday, June 21st

Flower Day at Park Seed Company, the heart of the South Carolina Festival of Flowers. It is the one day each year that Park Seed Company's professional horticulturists provide guided tours of their famous 9-acre Trial Gardens. Experience first-hand more than 2,000 varieties of gorgeous plants at their peak.

Park Seed is also home and headquarters to Wayside Gardens, America's premier source for the newest, most unusual, and hardest-to-find plants from around the world. Both companies are located in Greenwood, South Carolina, and are leaders in the mail-order gardening business.

**Glencairn Garden Members have the first opportunity to sign up for our first trip! Registration will be open to the public May 1st. Members - \$35 and Nonmember \$45 (Space limited to 28) To make reservations please contact Gina Huckabee at 803-417-9988**

We will leave at 8am from the Glencairn Garden Learning Center parking lot located at 825 Edgemont. We will stop for a rest-room break on the way up and a light snack will be provided. Vendors will be available to purchase lunch.



## Welcome Glencairn Garden New Members ...

### Individuals

James C. Hardin  
David & Tweedie White  
Dorothy McElveen  
Catherine Sullivan  
Suzy & Carey Redd  
Charlie & Gay Redfern  
Gary & Peggy Williams  
Robert & Elizabeth Edgerton  
Pat & John Lowry  
Angie & Jim Perry  
Geraldine & Walter Sherman

### Garden Club

Accolade Garden Club  
Fleur-De-Lis Garden Club  
Trillium Garden Club  
  
**Business**  
Stephen Cooley Realty  
Homes of the Piedmont  
Elaine Davis & Jolene Stepp

### Corporate

Rock Hill Coca Cola  
Bottling Company

### Thank You Sponsors

John A. Hardin  
Greeting Circles  
C.H. "Icky" &  
Sophie M. Albright Garden  
Overlook  
Inis Gillis & A.W. Huckle Tree  
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Veterans Foreign Wars 2889

*Glencairn Garden membership brochures can be downloaded at [www.rockhillrocks.com](http://www.rockhillrocks.com)*

*For additional information about the garden and the Rock Hill Parks Foundation, please call (803)329-5620*

## Thank You Partners! *of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation*



(Front row lt.- rt.) Harriet Bucy, Toy Rhea, Chandra West, Ann Terry, Merritt Croom, Elaine Guyton. (Back row lt.- rt.) Matt Watson, Dick Sanford, Wardell Rouse, Jon Beckham, David Williams, Derrick Lindsey and Warren Norman.

Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Northside Recreation Center the Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill presented the "Help Them Play" playground project with a \$15,000 check. The gift was the first installment of the club's commitment to raise \$25,000 to build a new playground at the neighborhood center. This gift will benefit both the Rock Hill Parks Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of York County.

The Kiwanis Club moved their general luncheon meeting to the Northside Center in order for the membership to witness firsthand the impact that the "Help Them Play" playground initiative will have for the community.

The Kiwanis Board presented the check to Toy Rhea, Parks & Recreation Commissioner who accepted on behalf of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation and Wardell Rouse who accepted for the Boys and Girls Club of York County.

The Rock Hill Parks Foundation is especially grateful to Kiwanis Board member Harriet Bucy. She was also a mentor and tutor for the children of the Boys and Girls Club at the Northside facility, a Parks & Recreation Commissioner and avid supporter of the Foundation. She

chaired the Rock Hill Parks Foundation's first fundraiser, the "Champions of Youth" campaign, which raised \$10,000 for the Youth Council's youth impact fund. Harriet was instrumental in partnership between Kiwanis and the Foundation. She touched the lives of so many and will certainly be missed. We will remember Harriet's zest for life, her passion, creativity and unwavering support for the children of our community.

## Celebrate the Kentucky Derby

*Special Derby Day Event Will Raise Funds for York County Nonprofits*

The York County Community Foundation will host a Kentucky Derby Party May 3, 2008 at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Dairy Barn in Fort Mill, SC. The event will be held at 4:00 p.m. Food, beverages, a hat contest, stick horse races and other events will precede the actual Kentucky Derby race which will be shown on big-screen televisions. Tickets are \$100 each or \$150 for two and are available from the community foundation by contacting Susan Stewart at (800) 973-7244 or [sstewart@ffc.org](mailto:sstewart@ffc.org). Funds raised from the event go to the York County Community Foundation's community fund, from which grants are awarded to York County non-profit agencies. **Last year's Kentucky Derby Party raised more than \$40,000.**



*Melanie Rowe, Pat Shapiro, Teri Ackerman and Donna King enjoy a carriage ride at Derby Day 2008*



York County Community Foundation

### About the York County Community Foundation

Established in 1989 as a permanent endowment, the York County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of the Foundation For The Carolinas, the York County Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information visit [www.ffc.org/affiliates/community/sc/york/](http://www.ffc.org/affiliates/community/sc/york/).

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### Spring has Sprung Volunteers into action!

**Congratulations to the 2008 Come-See-Me Community Service Merit Award Winners!** The recipients amazing contributions to our community are individually highlighted on the Come See Me Website [www.comeseeme.rockhill.net](http://www.comeseeme.rockhill.net). A special thank you to Glencairn Garden Development Subcommittee members Betty Powell and Totty Wilkerson for all of their support and hard work on behalf of the Garden. Kathy Patrick Wilson, York County Community Foundation Board member has also been a supporter of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation. (photograph left to right) Maggie Szeman, Bill Teadale, Kathy Patrick Wilson, Betty Powell & Totty Wilkerson

**Congratulations to you all on an award well deserved!**

# Upcoming Special Events! *of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation*



## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

Make a donation to the Rock Hill Park's Foundation in someone else's honor or memory. The Gift Recipient will receive a personal acknowledgement from the Foundation advising them of your gift and outlining the wonderful facilities and programs that will be supported in their honor or memory of a loved one.

## INVEST TODAYAY BENEFIT TOMORROW

### DONATE NOW!

Invest in the future and make an immediate impact on Rock Hill's recreational programs and facilities by supporting the Rock Hill Parks Foundation.

### Mail Checks to:

Rock Hill Parks Foundation  
PO Box 11706  
Rock Hill, SC 29731

### Donate Online:

[www.fftc.org/donate](http://www.fftc.org/donate)

Gifts and donations to the Foundation can be designated. For more information, call (803) 329-5620.



## Volunteer Gardening Days

Saturday, March 29th & Wednesday, April 9th (8am – 11am)

Gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts are invited to spend a few hours performing basic garden tasks. Projects include bed and trail preparation, weeding and cleanup. Individuals and small groups are encouraged to bring trowels, shovels, and other garden implements along with work gloves and a hat. A brief orientation will be provided. In the event of rain, the Volunteer Gardening Days will be cancelled.

Contact Matt Clinton at (803) 326-3826 in advance with questions and to provide your phone number or email for contact regarding changes/rain cancellations. **See You There!**

## Youth Service Day \* Saturday, March 29th 12pm - 4pm

Locally, the **Rock Hill Youth Council** is looking for groups who want to give an afternoon of service. Nationally, millions of youth will participate in the 19th Annual National Youth Service Day. All volunteer teams will gather at **Cherry Park's Enclosed Shelter** at 12:00 noon to be sent out to their volunteer site. For more information please call Patti Panetti at 803/329-5625.



## Area Eleven Special Olympics Spring Games

Fri. April 4, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm \* Contact: (803) 329-5620

### Volunteers Needed; Volunteer Registration at 9:00am

More than 1,000 Special Olympics athletes from York, Chester and Lancaster counties will compete in track and field events. 900 volunteers are needed to make the day a success. Volunteers do not need to call in advance. They should arrive at the main entrance of Cherry Park on the day of the event at 9:00am and go to the registration table for your assignment.



## Carta Blanca - Performance by the Merry Pranksters Theatrical Troupe

### May 2 & 3; evening performances at Johnson Hall at Winthrop University (Tickets: \$10)

The nationally award winning Merry Pranksters, a theatrical troupe for the mentally disabled. Watch the residents of the fictitious Rocking Hill retirement home as they prepare to put on the play "Carta Blanca". It's a play within a play! Many laughs are sure to be in store! Written and directed by Candy Clapp Randall. Tickets will be available mid-April at the PRT office at City Hall and at Boyd Hill Recreation Center. Call Wendy Waddle (803) 329-5659 for information and to verify ticket availability.

## Honorariums and Memorials

### ROCK HILL PARKS FOUNDATION

IN MEMORY OF MARVIN LEO SHORT

Gerry & Barbara Schapiro  
Ed & Becky Thompson  
Harold & Jane Peeples

IN HONOR OF BETTY JO RHEA

Ed & Becky Thompson

IN HONOR OF CRAIGEN ROBINSON

Ed & Becky Thompson

### HUCKLE TREE FOUNDATION

IN MEMORY OF SAM N. PRATT, SR.

Fleur - de - Lis Garden Club

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM C. RUTLEDGE

Fleur - de - Lis Garden Club

### "HELP THEM PLAY " *playground project*

IN MEMORY OF HARRIT BUCY

The Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill

Chandra & Kelly West

Ann & Vernon Terry

Merritt & James Croom

Kathy Covington

