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"State of Man" Brings Carnival of Caring to Babcock



On June 20, 2009, "State of Man", an inspirational rock group based in Atlanta, GA joined with the United Way and volunteers from various community groups to host a luau carnival for residents of the Babcock Center at Pitts Apartments. The band is touring the Southeast and hosting a community service project at each stop as part of their Service2Humanity tour. Thomas Panza, the group's guitar player explained that they had heard that their positive lyrics were inspiring listeners and they wanted to take that influence a step further. "There's two sides to it", said Panza, "it's great that we're doing this, but for ourselves it feels great... Doing these things, you really see how many groups have come together and concentrated their efforts and really, really help people".



The band was on hand during the carnival to sign autographs and gave away free posters and CD's. There were games, music, dancing and even a hula-hoop contest! Even though the day was hot, no one seemed to mind and made the best of it by eating lots of sno-cones to stay cool. Over 100 people attended the event and enjoyed the fellowship of visiting with old friends and even making some new ones.

The Babcock Center would like to thank "State of Man", United Way and all of the volunteers who worked extremely hard to make the day special for people with lifelong disabilities. It means so much to the Babcock Center family when we are embraced by the warmth and caring of our community.



Fort Jackson Rolls Out the Red Carpet for Special Olympians



The South Carolina Special Olympics games were held at Fort Jackson on May 2 and 3rd. This year marks the 41st year that the Fort has hosted the games and in true Army form, the soldiers did their part to make all of the Olympians feel special. The soldiers were enthusiastic and welcomed the athletes with high fives and a standing ovation. The motto of the Fort is, "Victory Starts Here", and they truly made the games victorious for all of the athletes.

Since the first touch relay in 1936, thousands of people across the globe have come together to be a part of this spectacular Olympic tradition. Passing from hand-to-hand, the Olympic torch represents what the games are all about; teamwork, goodwill and determination. Our athletes learned that by working together with fortitude we achieve great success.



Approximately thirty athletes from Babcock Center participated in the games competing in various events. There were many memorable moments such as when Babcock Center's own, Cindy Henson, led the Athletes Oath at the opening ceremonies, or when Tim Anderson ran the fifty meter dash in 7.12 seconds. WOW, that's fast! One of the most poignant moments came when Thomas Cannon moved over on the awards

platform to allow the fourth place athlete to stand with him. Terra Parker, a staff member at Friarsgate CTH II summed it up when she said, "The crowd's clapping sounded like thunder, my heart dropped to my knees as the crowd started cheering and whistling. I started crying because it was one of the most beautiful, adventurous and breathtaking moments of my life."

Many thanks to all of the staff and volunteers that made the event so special and congratulations to all of the athletes for a job well done!



Dr. Judy Johnson Named Rotarian of the Year



Dr. Judy Johnson, President/CEO of the Babcock Center has been named Rotarian of the Year by the Lake Murray-Irmo Rotary Club. Mr. Eddie Robinson, the club's President chose Dr. Johnson to receive this prestigious award due to her, "quiet leadership", and because she has been invaluable to him in her role as Vice-President. Mr. Robinson said, "Judy is always there to pick up the ball when it has been dropped by someone else. She is a detail person and that has kept me focused".

Dr. Johnson received the award at the July 1, 2009 Rotary Club meeting. She said, "I was totally shocked, I was not expecting to receive this award. It was a wonderful surprise". Dr. Johnson has been a member of the Lake Murray-Irmo Rotary Club since 2003 and has served on the Board of Directors for two years. She has held the offices of Secretary, Vice-President and is now President-Elect. Congratulations to Dr. Johnson on receiving this honor.



Babcock Center is the largest private, nonprofit agency which serves people with lifelong disabilities in South Carolina.

More than 900 people receive services from Babcock Center. These services include vocational supports, residential supports and transportation.

Our agency serves residents of Richland and Lexington counties, but also responds to needs outside of this primary area.

Babcock Center and Foundation Boards Elect New Officers

The Babcock Center and Foundation Boards recently elected new officers for the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year. We are confident that all of the officers and board members will continue to work diligently to accomplish our mission to empower and support each individual to fulfill his or her potential.

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Babcock Center Foundation was formed in 1988 to support the activities and purposes of Babcock Center.

The primary mission of the foundation is to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities when no other source of funding is available.

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President's Column

by Judy E. Johnson, Ed.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Babcock Center is blessed with many wonderful volunteers who give freely of their time to enhance the lives of the people we support. This is especially true of the members of the Board of Directors of the Babcock Center and the Babcock Center Foundation.

Being an effective board member for any organization is time consuming and at times, difficult. Board members are charged with making decisions that impact the organization, staff and most importantly our consumers and their families. It is an awesome responsibility, which our board members accept with tenacity and compassion. Their dedication ensures that Babcock Center continues to be a leader among service providers.

I am exceedingly grateful for the support and guidance of all of our board members, but would especially like to offer my sincere thanks to two long-term board members who will be leaving the board due to the expiration of their terms.

Elizabeth Tuck has been a devoted volunteer with the Babcock Center for over thirty years. She has served on both the Babcock Center and Babcock Center Foundation Boards, she acts as our liaison with the City of Columbia Mayor's Office and is a constant presence at all events and fundraisers. She has added immeasurable value to our organization through her service.

Abigail Rogers has also been a long-standing member of the Babcock Center Board, serving for over twenty years. Ms. Rogers has held every office on the board and has devoted countless hours and effort to advocating for a better life for people with disabilities. Her knowledge and experience has provided the board with valuable insight and focus to ensure the agency's continued success.

While we will miss both Mrs. Tuck and Ms. Rogers on the Babcock Center Board, I am delighted to know that they will continue to carry out our mission with great energy and spirit through their continued service on the Babcock Center Foundation's Board of Directors.

Babcock Seniors Make a Difference



Babcock seniors decided that they wanted to give back to their community by helping others. They found their niche at the Free

Medical Clinic in downtown Columbia. The seniors are very excited about going to the clinic once a month to help with much needed filing and other office duties. The clinic staff are thrilled to see them come and have said that without the help of the Babcock Center seniors they would not be able to help as many people as they do on a daily basis. This is a wonderful partnership and the seniors are ecstatic to have a chance to give back!

BETA Group Forms to Empower Self-Advocates



Members of the Babcock Center Consumer Advisory Board wanted to do more to empower their peers to exercise their rights. They decided to form their own self-

advocacy group, the BETA Group (Becoming Empowered Through Advocacy). The group has elected officers and held their first official meeting at the Mary L. Duffie Building on July 23, 2009. The group will have speakers each month and will do lots of fun activities. If you or some one you know is interested in becoming involved with the BETA Group, please call Dave Kammerer at 799-1970, ext. 144.

Leaving a Legacy



Want to leave a legacy in your community? There is no better way to do so than through a charitable bequest. Charitable bequests are a popular way for people to support the charitable organizations that have been important in their lives.

There are many reasons that charitable bequests have become such an attractive estate planning tool. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will perpetuate the efforts of your favorite charity for future generations, it provides you with the ability to continue to use your assets during your lifetime, while still leaving a legacy upon your death.

Tax planning is also an important factor when considering a charitable bequest. Since charitable gifts are generally 100% deductible from federal estate taxes, they can help you maximize the value of your estate while minimizing your estate tax liability. Since the laws are complicated and mistakes can be costly be sure to contact a reputable estate planning attorney to guide you through the process.

If you are contemplating a charitable bequest, please consider supporting the Babcock Center Foundation and our efforts to enrich the lives of people with lifelong disabilities in our community.

Spotlight on Disability “In Full Bloom”



John Evans lives at Quail Creek CTH II. Through a lot of hard work and effort, John has created a beautiful container garden in his backyard. John’s love of gardening began many years ago at Shop Road Work Activity Center when he worked in the greenhouse. While there is no longer a greenhouse there, John’s love of gardening remains. The space that John has created is colorful and inviting and the staff and other men who live at Quail Creek enjoy spending time in John’s garden. John is very proud of what he has accomplished and is always happy to show off his garden to visitors.

Not only does John have a green thumb, he is also a good golfer. He enjoys playing golf with his brother, Mike, and has played in the National Special Olympics Tournament four times!

John loves to be outdoors and also enjoys horseback riding, swimming or just rocking on the front porch. John is a caring and generous person and we are blessed to call him part of our Babcock Center family.



Babcock Center Welcomes New Board Members

Babcock Center is honored to announce the appointment of three new members to the Board of Directors. It is evident that these individuals will work tirelessly along side their fellow board members to help our organization achieve its mission.

Robert A. Keisler



Robert Keisler is a graduate of Erskine College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is a self-employed Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, SC Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Francis S. McMeekin

Francis McMeekin is a graduate of Stephens College in Missouri and the University of South Carolina. During her professional career, she served as Founder and Director of the Communities in Schools Program and held positions at the Richland County Solicitor’s Office and Family Court. She has served with numerous community organizations. She was a founding member of the Guardian Ad Litem Program, the Alliance for South Carolina Children Board and the founder of the Youth Incentives Program at the Columbia YMCA.



Harrison Reardon



Harrison Reardon is a graduate of South Carolina State University. He is retired and now spends much of his time serving on committees for a plethora of community organizations. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the Columbia Metropolitan Airport Commission and has served as the past Chairman for this Commission. He is also a Deacon at First Nazareth Baptist Church.

Babcock Center Foundation Names 2009 Collins & Lacy Hole-in-One Champion



The 2009 Collins & Lacy Million Dollar Hole-in-One Shootout was held April 30 through May 3 at Northwoods Golf Club. After four days of grueling competition a champion was named. Harold Crawford, who took the charity shot for the Babcock Center Foundation landed his ball closest to the million dollar hole and now holds bragging rights as the Hole-in-One Champion!

This year’s event was again a success thanks to the generous support of all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers. Many thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the event and helped the Foundation raise over \$13,000 for the people we support. The event is always great fun and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Thank You!

Many thanks to the Columbia Blowfish baseball team for donating fifty tickets to the people supported by the Babcock Center. They were able to attend the game on July 24, 2009 and had a great time!



Coming Soon to a WAC Near You

Babcock Center is in the process of applying for a grant through the USDA which will provide free hot lunches to the people we support at the Work Activity Centers. We are anticipating that this program will begin within the next several months.



Ink Cartridge and Cell Phone Recycling

Babcock Center continues its ink cartridge and cell phone recycling program. Please collect these items and bring them to any Babcock Center facility for recycling. This program is an easy way for the Foundation to raise extra cash.



Save the Date

Babcock Center Foundation’s Inaugural Bar Stool Classic will take place in 5 Points on September 26, 2009. More info to come on this exciting new event. We are also gearing up for the 21st Annual Golf Classic scheduled for October 26, 2009 at Woodcreek Farms. Please contact Carrie Deaton at 799-1970, ext. 167 for more information.

Aloha From Hawaii



The seniors at the Mary L. Duffie Seniors Program toured Hawaii for a week from May 25th through June 4th. The seniors learned about

Hawaiian culture by exploring topics such as ethnic foods, lifestyles, cultural clothing and traditions.

During the week the seniors engaged in a variety of activities to enhance their understanding of the topics. They tossed up a refreshing Hawaiian salad, made flip-flops and listened to different types of Hawaiian music. They even learned to do the hula!

The seniors ended their tour with a traditional Hawaiian luau. Everyone enjoyed the week and learned a lot of interesting things about the magical and beautiful place that is Hawaii.



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Sizzling Weather Means Taking Precautions



Heat related injuries are not only dangerous, but can make you more susceptible to suffering from one again in the future. Take some basic precautions to avoid suffering from dehydration, heat exhaustion, or possibly a deadly heat stroke. Here are some simple precautions that you can take to minimize your risk as the mercury rises:

- Wear light, loose clothing (cotton materials are best).
- Plan outside activities for early in the morning or late in the evening and take frequent breaks when working outside.
- Use sunscreen.
- Wear a wide brim hat and sunglasses.
- Watch your diet. Eat smaller meals and drink plenty of water.
- Remember seniors, children and people with asthma are more susceptible to the heat.

GET IMMEDIATE HELP IF SOMEONE GETS OVERHEATED!

Hampton Inn-Harbison Offers Discount Rates to Babcock Center Family



Hampton Inn Harbison and Babcock Center are teaming up to bring discounted rates at this exceptional hotel to the Babcock Center Family. Babcock Center employees, family members, donors and volunteers can take advantage of these great deals.

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