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Come-See-Me 2009 Community Service Merit Award Recipients Announced at Annual Unveiling

Rock Hill, South Carolina –Five outstanding community volunteers have been selected from public nominations received for the annual Community Service Merit Awards created by the Come-See-Me Festival. Criteria for consideration includes area and length of service, exceptional contributions to the community, activities and affiliations, mentoring others, and examples of how his/her service has had a lasting impact to the organization or group served.

The winners were announced at the Unveiling Ceremony on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at The Rock Hill Country Club. Recipients of the award will be recognized throughout the ten-day Festival from April 16-25, 2009.

Recipients for the 2009 Come-See-Me Service Merit Awards are:

The Palmetto Volunteers in Medicine Clinic

The Palmetto Volunteers in Medicine Clinic founders have worked tirelessly for over two years to establish the one and only free medical clinic for uninsured, low-income residents of York County. This clinic serves patients who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance. The clinic opened its doors in October 2008. It provides primary office medical care, pharmacy service and referral service to specialized providers. Over 25% of our county's residents do not have health insurance.

While on vacation, Pat and Bill Wolfe, retired educators, heard Dr. Jack McConnell, founder of The Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Hilton Head. They immediately sought the help of Dr. Hartwell Hildebrand, who brought together medical professionals with Oakland Baptist Church membership. This group expanded to include community leaders, business leaders, government representatives and other medical professionals. They have worked full time seeking funding, training volunteers, promoting the clinic and establishing the medical protocol. They have recruited and trained hundreds of volunteers as greeters, office workers, computer workers, eligibility screeners, community speakers and medical volunteers such as doctors, nurses, lab technicians and others.

Retirement has been short lived for Pat and Bill Wolfe and Hartwell Hildebrand whose generous gifts of time and talents have launched York County's first free medical clinic. They have embarked on a new and time-consuming venture that will impact the lives of so many men, women and children in York County. They continue to make a difference!

Allan Miller

Allan Miller is someone who has truly made a difference in his community; there is hardly an organization in this county that he has not touched. His business, WRHI, may be one reason, but Allan always goes the extra mile and his love for Rock Hill, his leadership skills, his fund raising successes, his contagious enthusiasm and dedication have brought stability and insight to every organization he has served.

One of the relationships that Allan established that has had tremendous impact on Come-See-Me and the Cultural and Heritage Museums was his personal friendship with Vernon Grant and his family. While serving on the Come-See-Me Board he negotiated an agreement whereby the Vernon Grant Family officially donated the Glen the Frog character to Come-See-Me, Inc. He has helped each and every Chairperson since to create their own "Glen" festival logo.

He and Wayne Patrick rewrote Come-See-Me Bylaws and established their first standard operations policy. He served as Chairman of the Come-See-Me Festival in 1997 and created the Beach Bash and the Festival Kick-Off Party. He has also served as President of the Come-See-Me Board of Governors.

Allan has also served as the Cultural and Heritage Museum Commissioner for seven years and helped to establish their foundation. He served as Gala Chair, raising the bar for fund raising events in York County. In addition, he served as Chair of the CHM Commissioners.

He has worked to establish a Veterans Memorial in Glencairn Garden as well as a Vernon Grant Stage. He has served his profession as president of the South Carolina Broadcasters and was recently inducted into their Hall of Fame.

Beverly Carroll

Beverly Carroll is a founding board member of the Haven Men's Shelter, a Rock Hill non-profit that provides both emergency and transitional shelter to York County men while attempting to restore lives and self esteem.

Beverly is also one of the founders of the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, which has been providing hot lunches six days a week for 23 years. She serves as Volunteer Coordinator and can be found there several times a week not only preparing meals but providing and locating services to improve the lives of those who served, whether that need is clothes, eyeglasses, dental or medical care, transportation, employment, Bev quietly gets the job done.

She has been involved with the Catawba Area Coalition Against Homelessness, the Children's Attention Home, Pilgrim's Inn, The Girls Home, St. Anne's School to name a few. She has taught unemployed women in Charlotte to sew at the request of a friend. She has made window treatments for most of the agencies she has served. Whatever Bev does, she does humbly, with compassion, and confidentiality, seeking no recognition.

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