

## Taste of Fort Mill & golf tournaments all set to raise funds to support our students and teachers

### Taste of Fort Mill

by *Cindy Kelly, ToFM committee chair*

Preparations are well underway for *The Taste of Fort Mill 2014* and we are honored again to be raising funds and awareness for The Palmetto School. This year's event will be held once again at the scenic Springfield Golf Course Pavilion the evening of Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The inaugural Taste of Fort Mill charity event in April 2013 was a big success. Our fundraising goal for our first year was \$50,000. Proudly, The Taste of Fort Mill surpassed its goal raising \$61,181. After minimal expenses, \$54,135 was presented to The Palmetto School! Funds raised at the first event made it possible for The Palmetto School to hire a much needed middle school teacher. Our new fundraising goal is \$75,000 and we are up for the challenge. If you would like to help us meet our goal, please consider becoming a sponsor.

The all-volunteer committee is dedicating to creating an exciting event complete with tantalizing food, fun prizes, exciting auction items, and dancing under the stars. This year, several new restaurants and caterers have joined in the fun. They are all preparing a sample of their signature dish for guests to enjoy!

Whether you come for the food, fellowship, prizes, dancing or to support a very worthy cause, we look forward to showing each guest a fabulously good time.

Thank you to all of our 2013 sponsors and to those who have signed up to support us in 2014. We invite addition sponsors to help us meet our \$75,000 goal. Please visit our website at [TasteOfFortMill.com](http://TasteOfFortMill.com) for more information. Sponsorship information can also be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Here's to another successful year for the kids and for the amazing faculty and staff that care for them.



### Festival Golf Classic

The annual **Festival Golf Classic**, benefitting the Palmetto School at CAH and the Children's Attention Home, will be held on **Tuesday, April 8 at Pinetuck Golf Club**. Lunch will be served at 11:45 am and the Shotgun start is at 12:45 pm.

**Cost to play is \$60 per person** – includes mulligan for women players, men get one tee shot from red tees, on course beverages and box lunch serves at 11:30 am.

**Hole sponsorships are available for \$50 each.**

For tournament information, to register to play or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Jerry Couch (803-329-1734) or Lewis Murray (803-327-1141).



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Family Trust Golf Tournament

By Kendra Collins, Family Trust



Lucky players at Family Trust’s sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 20, could win a new Ford car with a hole-in-one.

The tournament, which again will benefit the Children’s Attention Home, the Palmetto School at the Children’s Attention Home, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County, will begin at 9 a.m. at Rock Hill Country Golf Club.

Generous sponsors who make the event possible include J.M. Cope Construction, Williams & Fudge, South Carolina Bank and Trust, and many more.

Sponsor levels range from hole sponsorships for \$100 to a diamond level \$5,000 sponsorship which includes two teams, exclusive hole sponsorships and more. Businesses may also reserve a booth on the course and hole sponsorship for \$300.

Entry fee is \$400 per team and includes carts, green fees, beverages on the course and lunch. The deadline to be a sponsor and/or to register to play is May 2.

To register, contact Doug Cole at dcole@familytrust.org or 803-367-4123.

Piedmont Regional Association of Realtors Golf Tournament

This annual charity event to raise funds for both the Palmetto School and the Children’s Attention Home will be held on June 5at the Rock Hill Country Club.

Sponsorships are available from \$75 to \$5,000. For complete information on sponsorships and participating in this tournament, contact Donovan Steltzner (803-371-2950) or donovan@steltznerlaw.com.

We hope that you will consider supporting as many of these events as you can – either as a sponsor, player or party participant. The Palmetto School is so appreciative of these organizations that have chosen our School as a recipient of their fundraising activities.

Taste of Fort Mill Sponsorship Information

As a Sponsor of this event, you will be directly supporting the needs of area children desperately in need of a safe place to learn. Thank you in advance for thoughtfully considering your level of sponsorship.

To be included in promotional material, please complete the information below and return with your tax-deductible check as soon as possible or by March 7, 2014. Make checks payable to: The Palmetto School.

- Presenting Sponsor \$10,000 + (Includes 10 Event Tickets)
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I cannot attend the event but wish to donate in support of The Palmetto School children.



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## From Dr. Wilson

Children have hearts and feelings that are strong and fragile.

This year The Palmetto School at the Children's Attention Home has seen some amazing children. We have children who are making so much academic progress because of the influence and impact that the teachers at the School have made. This year teachers have been able to introduce state of the art technology to their students. We were very fortunate this year to receive two literacy grants from Dollar General and Target which allowed the school to purchase more eBooks and iPad apps for the classroom iPads. These devices have motivated nonreaders to begin reading simple stories.



They have also helped motivate the students to read on a daily basis and have a passion for reading.

The School has also been given a great opportunity to integrate music, visual arts, drama, creative writing, and dance into the classrooms through a grant from the SC Department of Education.

We are also very excited that the school was able to partner with the Republican and Democratic parties this year. The two political parties worked together in providing our students in grade 3-8 with a field trip to the State Capitol Building and Governor's Mansion. The School had a visit from the State Treasurer, Curtis Loftis. He spoke to the students about the value of saving money and how money is spent in SC. Treasurer Loftis also gave the school 5 new iPads and iTunes gift cards. It is awesome to see that there can be non-partisan support when it comes to our students and their needs.

I am not sure if you are aware but not all of our students come from the Children's Attention Home. We have students who come from foster care in York County, Pilgrims Inn, and Safe Passage. This year we have served over 16 children from outside of the Children's Attention Home. We are very happy to work these children and their parents.

## Students recognized with Terrific Kids Program



The Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill has been a long-time supporter of both the School and The Home. Past support includes funds for playground development and annual sponsorship of the *Run for Attention*.

This year we are happy to announce that the Kiwanis Club has adopted the Palmetto School for one of its popular and well-known Terrific Kids program.

Each month, a student from each of our classrooms is chosen by his or her teacher as a Terrific Kid. The selection may be based on improved study skills, classroom behavior, interaction with other students and faculty, or other reasons.

In a school assembly with students, faculty and Home staff, the children are recognized for their achievements with a special certificate and bag of "goodies" from the Kiwanis Club. Area businesses provide the various items in the bags – hamburger or milk shake coupons, ruler, stickers and other fun materials.

Special thanks to these community partners for including our students in this unique program.

## Ways you can help the School

- ❖ Our school SUV provides transportation for students we serve from Pilgrims' Inn and for school errands and trips. We request **gift cards for** gas and donations to assist with having our vehicle serviced.
- ❖ Please **like our Facebook page** – our goal is 2,000 Friends by June.
- ❖ **Honor friends or family** with a tax-deductible donation to the School – a letter will be sent to the person(s) you choose to honor.
- ❖ **Save Boxtops for Education, and Labels for Education** – they are worth 10 cents!

### Special Request:

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