

Runners and walkers of all ages wanted on October 11



It's not too late to sign up to walk or run or volunteer at the *Run for Attention* to benefit The Palmetto School. Race day is Saturday, October 11. This year's race is in a new location – Baxter Village – and begins at the Baxter Village YMCA, 857 Promenade Walk, Fort Mill.

Now in its 5th year, the *Run for Attention 5k* is a fun, family friendly event created to bring awareness to The Palmetto School at the Children's Attention Home. This newly developed USTAF sanctioned 5k loop course will provide maximum visibility so everyone can join the excitement. And the free Fun Run for those 8 and under will allow the little ones to be involved as well.

Tentative Schedule:

Registration/Packet Pick Up	7:00am
USTAF Certified 5k	8:00am
Fun Run (8 & Under)	8:45am
Awards & Raffle	9:00am

Registration on race day is \$30 for ages 10 and under and \$35 for adults and ages 11 and up. Lower prices if registered by October 10. Go to www.runforattention to register or get more information.

Circle of Caring Breakfast in NEW LOCATION – but still same great event for the kids!



The School's seventh annual *Circle of Caring Breakfast* will be held on **Saturday, November 1, from 9-10:30 a.m., at a new location - St. John's Methodist Church**, 321 S. Oakland Avenue.

All proceeds from this event go to the School's efforts to make a difference in the everyday lives of the children in our School and to assist the wonderful faculty and staff already in place at the School.

We need your help as members of our Palmetto School family to support this fund raising effort. Tickets are on sale now, at the School or from Board or Breakfast Committee members, for only \$8 each; children 6 and under are free.

Dress casually and drop in anytime between **9-10:30 am** for a quick breakfast before you head out of town for the day, or stay around to visit with friends over another cup of coffee! The children of The Palmetto School will be entertaining us at 9:45 am.

There will also be art items created by the students of the School for sale that morning – so start your holiday shopping early! You can also take a chance on winning a quilted item or a watercolor created by our art teacher Wendy Hope.

As of press time, these wonderful companies and individuals have pledged to be sponsors for the event:

Harry & Becca Dalton, Family Trust, Rock Hill Coca-Cola, Springs Creative Products, Williams & Fudge, Inc., Williams & Fudge Employee Fund, Chris and Jennifer Ruh, Clay and Christina Goodyear, and WRHI-Interstate107-104.1 The Bridge, Bernie and Terri Ackerman, Ronnie and Jessica Collins, Merle Norman Cosmetics-Rock Hill, South State Bank.

There are still sponsorship opportunities if you or your company would like to be a part of the School's support team – either give the School a call at 803-328-6555 or use the form on **page 3**. You can also order tickets for the Breakfast with the form on page 3.

When we all work together to support these wonderful children, much can be accomplished!

From the Desk of Dr. Wilson



It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun and helping children who need it the most.

This year marks our School's 10th year in operation and we are excited that we can continue to provide the best education for children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned, or homeless.

Ten years ago, the Children's Attention Home decided to open a public charter school that would meet the learning and emotional needs of the children living at the Home. Leaders at that time saw the importance of establishing a school where students would feel safe and be nurtured in a learning environment they had never experienced before.

We will be celebrating the School's anniversary at the *Circle of Caring Breakfast* and we hope that former Board members and faculty members and staff will join us for this exciting celebration.

Since its inception, the school has made major progress in the services that it provides and the educational curriculum that takes place on a daily basis in the classroom. It is our goal to provide the best education that a child can receive while they are in care of the Home.

This year we have a lot of new people, programs, and initiatives taking place.

I am not sure if you are aware that our Olympian and K-2 Teacher, **Matt Elliott**, has moved to Tennessee to train for the 2016 Summer Olympics. We are very proud of him and wish him well on his journey.

Shirley Roseborough, also known as Ms. Rose, is teaching the K-2 class this year which is her official first year of teaching. We are so happy she is there to make a major impact on our students.

Bonnie Wood is our new teacher for grades 3rd – 5th. We are so happy to have her teaching our students. You will see more about her below.

Gary Baggett has taken on the middle school classroom, grades 6-8.

We have such wonderful teachers and staff that know what our children need the most and that is **love**.

This year teachers are using a new **Math Assessment** that will help teachers plan their lessons based what our students need in Math. We have also been able to implement a new math intervention program for those students who are struggling in math.

We also are implementing a new reading intervention program for the upper grades that will help struggling readers improve and become more competent and efficient readers.

We are also focusing our attention on Health and Wellness thanks to the **Rite Aid Foundation**. Their funding will help our school participate in the *Girls on the Run*, *Healthy Snacks*, and *Running Works*.

It is going to be a great year of learning and healing and we could not do it without your support. Thanks for a great ten years!!



A new face on our School Team



Bonnie Woods, Faculty, Grades 3-5

My name is Bonnie Wood. I am originally from Manchester MD (a suburb of Baltimore MD). I moved to Rock Hill in 1995. For the last 14 years I have lived in Clover with my husband and children.

My husband Billy and I have four children; Damien 21, Kendall 19, Reagan 11, and Tyler 9. Our two youngest children attend Clover Middle and Kinard Elementary. We have an 18 month old Great Dane name Jax, who we love dearly!

My love of teaching stems from my love of children. I enjoy watching them "get" a concept especially when they have struggled to get it. The joy of a child is priceless!! I love the Palmetto School because everyone here has the children's best interests as priority #1. Meeting each child where they are and helping them get to where they need to be is the goal I set for myself and can see as the goal of each of us here at school.

In my spare time I enjoy playing taxi driver for my kids' various activities. I also enjoy reading, cooking, cross stitch, and music.

What does our School mean to these wonderful kids?

Tyesha, age 11, speaks about what the School means to her.
It all started when I first came to the Palmetto School and that's when I met Mr. B he was nice. He let me get on the computer with everyone else and he put me on educational games where you can learn more like teams, cool math. I also made the AB honor roll and I got to go to Charleston.

*Ms. Rose is fun and nice she also is kind. WE do a lot of fun things. We play on the iPads. We talk about biographies and then write by ourselves. Ms. Rose really fun teacher when I first came to the charter school I didn't know I could have this much fun. I thought it was going to be boring. We get to play basket ball, we have parties. WE even got to go to the Zoo. We get to do a lot of fun things. They help us with problems with math and when things get bad or when we get upset. They make us Happy. Ms. Hopper is our music teacher. She tells us when we're going to have a concert and sing at the nursing homes to people who can't get out of their beds. We Sing Christmas Songs. Our favorite things to do are to sing songs and sing to people who can't get out of bed. We have a really fun time. We really love to sing Mrs. Hopper is the best music teacher that I ever had. We watch educational videos and have fun Fridays. The Palmetto School is really fun I think this is the best school I have ever been to in my whole entire life. I think everybody loves this school because I know I do I rather go to this school instead of my school. **The Palmetto School is the best.***

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.
- ❖ **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:

Request to get your **newsletter via email** instead of snail mail – contact cmiller@thepalmettoschool.org

Students' artwork on sale for holiday gifts

Our wonderful students have created some ornaments and art work that would make terrific holiday gifts. The handmade ornaments, artwork, pottery, and pins will be on sale. The school will also have Christmas cards to sell for \$5.00 for each package of 12 – six different designs per pack.

Many of these items will be for sale at the *Circle of Caring* Breakfast, so bring your cash or check books and get some gift-buying done.

These items may also be picked up at the School or for an additional charge of \$3.50 to cover postage and mailing supply costs they will be mailed to you directly.all the School at 803-328-6555 for orders or more information. You can also contact Dr. Wilson at hwilson@thepalmettoschool.org.



Circle of Caring Breakfast Sponsorship Opportunities

In order to be included in all future mailings and promotions, please mail form and check payable to *The Palmetto School at CAH*. **Please respond by October 22.**

- _____ **Gold Circle of Caring** (\$2,500 and 12 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Silver Circle of Caring** (\$1,000 and 10 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Bronze Circle of Caring** (\$500 and 8 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Table Sponsor** (\$250 and 8 tickets)
- _____ I cannot attend but wish to **sponsor a table** in appreciation of the School and Staff (\$250)
- _____ I cannot attend but wish to **donate** to the School to support the students and honor children in my life.
- _____ I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$8 each [children 6 and under are free].

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

\$ _____ Amount enclosed _____ # of tickets needed _____ Mail tickets _____ Will pick up at event

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As you and your family consider year-end gifts to charitable organizations, please consider a donation to the Palmetto School at CAH.

All donations are tax-deductible.

You might want to honor a friend or family member with your gift and we are happy to help that happen. Not only will you receive recognition for your gift but the person you choose to honor will receive notification of your gracious gift. Just be sure to send in your donations in time for us to acknowledge before the School closes for the holiday.



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