

Let's Connect!

Do you have news, events, trainings, etc. that you would like posted in the 2-1-1 Network News?

Please send your information to Tricia by the first Friday of the month.

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THE BENEFIT BANK[®]
of South Carolina
A Program of the SC Office of Rural Health

The Benefit Bank of South Carolina is a free service available at local sites, such as faith-based organizations, food banks, free medical clinics and other not-for-profit community-based entities.

- Completes applications online for several public programs simultaneously (ex. Medicaid, SNAP, FAFSA).
- Is a user-friendly program that is available in English and Spanish.
- Allows counselors to complete tax returns and benefit applications based on answers given by clients.
- Provides a Quick Check which can be performed online to screen for potential program eligibility.

For more information, contact John Boyle at TheBenefitBank@tuw.org



Count Down to Kindergarten
Kindergarten is right around the corner and we want to help get your child get ready

for success! During Countdown to Kindergarten registration events there will be information and activities to help parents prepare their children for the exciting milestone of entering kindergarten.

Age Requirements for Kindergarten – 5 yrs. old on or before September 1, 2012

Parents registering a child for school must bring all of the following:

- ◇ Child's Legal Birth Certificate
- ◇ SC Certificate of Immunization (prior to the beginning of school)
- ◇ Proof of Parent's Residence* (current utility bill that includes a service address in parent/guardian's name)

Students should register at the school where other neighborhood children attend.



Charity Tracker Training

When: April 3, 2012 9:00am-10:30am

Who: This training is for new volunteers or staff at agencies and programs. If you are already trained but would like a refresher you are welcome to attend as well.

Where: Trident United Way office, Rivers Ave. N. Charleston

Information and to RSVP: contact Cathy Morton at cmorton@tuw.org

NEWS & INFORMATION



Facebook Provides First-of-a-Kind Service to Help Prevent Suicides



SAMHSA and the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** are collaborating with **Facebook** to help those in crisis.

In partnership with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, Facebook is announcing a new service that harnesses the power of social networking and crisis support to help prevent suicides across the Nation and Canada. The new service enables Facebook users to report a suicidal comment they see posted by a friend to Facebook using either the Report Suicidal Content link or the report links found throughout the site.

The person who posted the suicidal comment will then immediately receive an email from Facebook encouraging them to call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)** or to click on a link to begin a confidential chat session with a crisis worker. Locally the **Trident United Way 2-1-1 Hotline** answers these calls. Please feel free to forward callers to us or call us directly for more information about suicide prevention.



TTC Continuing Education received a grant from the Department of Labor for persons whom are unemployed or working part-time to be eligible for a tuition waiver for Nursing Assistant program through Continuing Education. The grant provides training and assistance with job placement, and workshops upon completion of the training.

This is a great opportunity for someone whom would like to be involved in a Medical field, gain self-sufficiency and work hard!
Please contact: Noel Nadolny at 843.574.6881 or Noel.Nadolny@tridenttech.edu

Hot Tip

Publix has a long list of antibiotics that they provide FREE, with a prescription. Also with prescription for generic oral medicine for diabetes, Publix also provides this FREE, in one month amounts. Call or visit your local Publix for more information.



BEGIN WITH BOOKS

Program for Charleston County zip codes 29426, 29429, 29438, 29449, 29455, 29457, 29458, 29470, 29487 only.

Enrollment is open for children aged birth-4 in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library free books by mail program. Children receive a free, age appropriate book every month up until age 5.

Registration forms are available at www.beginwithbooks.org ("Register Your Child"). For additional information, contact beginwithbooks@gmail.com.

Valid only for the zip codes specified above.

Please get the word out!



Alzheimer's Support Group

Caring for someone who has Alzheimer's can be both challenging and rewarding. By learning appropriate care giving skills and being aware of resources that are available you can make sure your loved one feels supported and is living a full life.

Trident Senior Health Center has partnered with Agape Hospice and will be providing an ongoing Alzheimer's support group.

4th Wednesday of each month 6 - 8pm

Trident Medical Center, Café B
(refreshments will be served)

While every effort is made to hold the support group sessions as listed, sometimes there are scheduling conflicts. Please call 843-797-FIND (3463) to register and ensure the support group will be meeting as scheduled.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES



Annual Convention on April 20th!

Tricounty Counseling Association is offering a quality program at a bargain price! Please consider attending and check out our website at www.tricountycounselors.com -- you will want to join this organization to take advantage of discounts for trainings, as well as getting into the Tricounty Counseling Association Resource Directory (FREE with membership).



Join Increasing H.O.P.E. for the Lowcountry's largest "Money Fair". Money Fair 2012 is an entire day of free financial training classes plus banks, insurance companies, tax specialists and more will be there to help you get prepared for your freedom.

And there will be a Kids Zone for your children, so the entire family can come and learn! Make 2012 the year you finally get free. Get started at Money Fair 2012. The time is always NOW!

Food, prizes and more! Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mt Moriah Family Life Center (7396 Rivers Ave North Charleston, SC 29406)

Register at:

<http://tinyurl.com/moneyfair2012>

to be eligible for additional prizes and giveaways.

For more information call 843-225-4343 or visit our website at www.increasinghope.org.



Finding REST in STRESS

An Educational Course Designed to Help Teens Cope with Stress.

When: Every Tuesday in April from 6-8 pm
Where: First Baptist School, Charleston
Cost: All inclusive, \$200 per teen
Facilitators: Christy Siegling, MSW and Dan Miller, LMSW, HS-BCP, have designed a fun, interactive, and educational experience that gives teens (13-17) the opportunity to identify triggers, explore stressors, and practice coping skills.

For registration & information contact them at: (843) 475-5410 or dancharlesmiller@yahoo.com

SARA SCHUH CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE April 19-20, 2012



This 4th annual conference will focus on a theme of resiliency for children, families, and professionals. Speakers include Dr. Cindy Christian, Dr. Libby Ralston & Olga Trujillo, JD. Registration & the full conference brochure are available at www.dnlcc.org

Location: Seacoast Church Mt. Pleasant .

Times: Thursday 8am-5pm & 10am -4pm on Friday.

The cost for both days is \$35. After April 11, the registration fee will be \$50.

grant Writing Work- shop



Grant Writing USA in partnership with North Charleston Police Department will offer a two day workshop on April 26-27, 2012.

In this workshop they will cover how to write grant proposals, start to finish, and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities.

They would like to extend a special class discount to area nonprofits. Please contact Janet Darling for more information or any questions please call 888-290-6237

SPECIAL EVENTS



Limited Number of Advance HOME TOUR Tickets on Sale Now!

The 5th Annual Old Village Home, Garden & Art Tour will be held Sunday afternoon, April 22nd from 1pm-5pm. Located in the Old Village of Mt. Pleasant, the tour includes 10 homes, 2 gardens, 2 historical sites, an art show featuring nearly 20 artists and samplings from area chefs in the homes & patios.



Tour proceeds & a percent of the benefit the American Red Cross. A limited number of advance \$35 tickets are available, visit www.LowcountryRedCross.org.

Dorchester Habitat for Humanity Upcoming Events

Stacks Nursery Golf Tournament

Friday, April 6th 10 am – 3 pm
Summerville Country Club (Miler), 400 Country Club Rd., Summerville
Support Dorchester Habitat for Humanity while enjoying golf, lunch, & some incredible bonuses (including a car for a hole-in-one!) to be announced in the near future.

Habitat 101

Friday, April 6th 8 – 9 am
Dorchester Habitat for Humanity's Office Boardroom, 101 Greyback Road
Learn anything and everything about Habitat for Humanity International & the Dorchester Habitat for Humanity affiliate; this informational session will include a tour of the current construction site!

Lowe's Construction Clinics

In conjunction with Women Build, the Dorchester Road Lowe's will provide the following free construction clinics at their store location at 9600 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29483

Saturday, April 7th 8 – 9 am

The topics addressed will be "How to Install Exterior Siding" and "How to Install Roofing Shingles." The objective is to help women gain construction knowledge & skills, to apply to both the worksite and their own lives.

Saturday, April 21st 8 – 9 am

The topics addressed will be "How to Install Insulation and Drywall" and "Interior Finish: Painting and Trim." The objective is to help women gain construction knowledge and skills, to apply to both the worksite and their own lives. Registration is required; call Volunteer Coordinator Lindsey Stewart at 851-1414 to reserve a spot today!



4 hours only!
Saturday,
April 21, 2012
6 AM—10 AM



Shop at any Belk store!
Get your \$ back!
When you present your ticket at check out, \$5 will be taken off of your transaction! (Limited Exclusions)
Buy multiple tickets for multiple transactions! Use each ticket in a new department.

Pre Sale!
Leave your merchandise and sale ticket with a Belk sales associate up to the day before the event and pick it up Saturday afternoon or later.

Gift Cards!
Each Belk store will receive at least 100 gift cards varying in value and will be handing them out to the first customers of the day.

100% of the proceeds from PAR's ticket sales will stay with PAR!
EVERYTHING GOES ON SALE!
20% - 70% off storewide
- Clothing
- Shoes
- Cosmetics & Fragrances
- Home
Rarely Discounted Brands

Contact Melonea Locklair Marek at People Against Rape for more details!
843-745-0144, mlocklair@peopleagainstrape.org

Summerville-Flowertown Festival

Friday, March 30 through Saturday, March 31

This family-oriented 3-day event is a fundraising event for the Summerville Family YMCA and is held in Azalea Park. More than 200 craft artisans and vendors will display their creative wares throughout Azalea Park. Food vendors, live entertainment and a children's carnival will ensure that everyone has something to do, see, or eat -- all weekend long!

Where: Azalea Park Downtown Summerville

When: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Who: All ages Cost: Free!

For more info: call 843-871-9622 (NO PETS are allowed at the Festival.)

2-1-1 VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

I am pleased to announce Krystle Hunt, who has worked with 2-1-1 Hotline and Teenline for over 10 years, has joined 2-1-1 Give Help as the Community Volunteer Program Assistant for the 2-1-1 Volunteer Connection.

Krystle brings to the position not only a full understanding of 2-1-1 and Trident United Way's mission, a passion for service and a positive "can do" attitude, but also an amazing skill set – all of which will be valuable assets as we build and strengthen the community integrated volunteer system.

So, please join me in welcoming Krystle in her new position at Trident United Way!

Sally

Sally Burnett, CVA, CIRS
Community Volunteer Coordinator
2-1-1 Give Help/Trident United Way

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center

Volunteers are needed at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's center to interact with children in the center's lobby reading stories, making crafts, and playing games. Please contact Caroline Smith at 843-723-3600 or at csmith@dnlcc.org for more information.

Keep North Charleston Beautiful

Keeps North Charleston Beautiful is in need of volunteers and interns to assist with beautification efforts, including office duties, events, landscaping, marketing and more. For details, call 843-745-1073, visit www.keeppnorthcharlestonbeautiful.org or e-mail chanlon@northcharleston.org.



2-1-1 Volunteer Connection

Here to help you succeed in your work in Volunteer Resource Management.

Contact Sally at 211volunteer@tuw.org or 843.566.7185 for assistance.

Go Volunteer!

Trident United Way's **Go Volunteer!**, directory of Volunteer Opportunities for 2012-2013 are in! Individuals or Agencies can download the PDF for it [HERE](#).

Agencies interested in listing their volunteer opportunities can do so by registering [HERE](#) as well.



Parents



Anonymous

Parents Anonymous is seeking parent leaders to join Parent Leadership Network, which is an online community where parents and professionals share ideas and information. For more information, visit www.paofsc.org

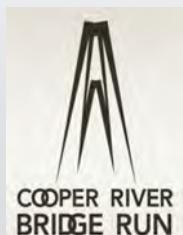
Cooper River Bridge Run

March 29, 30 and 31

Twelve area non-profit agencies have been chosen as beneficiaries of the 35th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run.

In order to qualify to receive the funds, each organization must recruit many volunteers to work the run -- some as many as 100 or more. The 2012 recipients are

- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- Camp Happy Days
- Charleston Miracle League
- Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
- Exchange Club-Prevention of Child Abuse
- Louie's Kids & Run Buddies
- MUSC Children's Hospital
- Semper Fi Fund
- Susan G. Komen Low-country
- Water Missions International



[Click here](#) to learn more about how to participate in a Low-country tradition AND support one of your favorite community agencies.

Lowcountry Orphan Relief

Lowcountry Orphan Relief provides services and aid to abandoned, abused and neglected children in the Lowcountry. Volunteers are needed to mentor children, organize drives for supplies and help in packing orders and sorting items for the children. To volunteer, call 843-747-4099 or visit www.lowcountryorphanrelief.org.



Newborns in Need

This charity meets at 9:30am-noon on the second Saturday of each month at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Park Circle. Newborns in Need is looking for volunteers to sew, knit, crochet and work on other projects for babies in need. Donations of new and gently used baby clothes, accessories, and maternity clothes are welcome. Call 843-971-6979 for more information.

Lowcountry Food Bank Orientation

In order to volunteer at the Lowcountry Food Bank you need to attend a New Volunteer Orientation. At the orientation we go over how we work and what we do in the community as well as the different volunteer opportunities available. It also includes a tour of our facility. It takes 1 hour to complete. [Click Here](#) to find out more information about upcoming dates.

Madagascar Project

The South Carolina Aquarium is looking for volunteers to help with construction of our new exhibit, Madagascar.



Orientation is required after interview. Call Shirley Coggin at 843-579-8560 or [Click Here](#) for more information.

Next LASCVA Meeting

Thursday, May 10

8:30-10:30am

Goodwill Industries Administrative Headquarters



LASCAVA & the PGA



The Lowcountry Affiliate of the SC Association for Volunteer Administration, or LASCAVA, has teamed up with the PGA to bring a great opportunity to LASCAVA members and other volunteer organizations!

The PGA Championship is the largest sporting event to come to our area – it is projected to draw 210,000 spectators during its seven-day run. During the Tournament at Kiawah, August 6-12, 2012, the PGA needs 220 volunteers to serve as Merchandise Cashiers. In return, the PGA Championship organization will donate **\$15,000**. Seeing this as an opportunity for member agencies, Michael Simpson, LASCAVA board president, ran the idea by LASCAVA members at the January meeting. Consensus was that this was a good idea and a great way for LASCAVA members to work together, to give their volunteers a fun opportunity to support an important event AND to raise money for their organization.

Here's how it works:

1. LASCAVA member agencies figure out how many volunteers they can guarantee to provide per the “Volunteer RESPONSIBILITIES” below.
2. Agencies make sure potential volunteers are aware of their Benefits and Responsibilities.
3. Agencies contact Michael Simpson, Volunteer Administrator at Water Missions International and LASCAVA President, at msimpson@watermissions.org or 843.769.7395 x209 to let him know the specifics or if there are questions. Deadline to have all volunteers registered is May 1.
4. For every volunteer that is recruited/provided through a specific agency, that agency will receive \$50. For example, if 10 people volunteer at the PGA Championship on behalf of your agency, your agency will receive \$500.
5. Not yet a member of LASCAVA? No worries. Membership is free. If you're a volunteer agency, just contact Rachel Vane, Volunteer Coordinator at East Cooper Community Outreach and LASCAVA Secretary, at (843) 416-7111 or rvane@eccocharleston.org and she'll help you register as a member.

BENEFITS for Volunteers Working at the PGA Championship

- PGA Championship Ticket for each day of work.
- Each Volunteer will be able to enjoy the event and the grounds of the PGA Championship during the hours before or after his/her assigned shift.
- Complimentary volunteer shirt, parking and shuttle service to/from the event
- Complimentary meal and water voucher for each day of work

Volunteer RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each volunteer will be asked to complete a Volunteer Application, provided by The PGA of America, and to attend a 90-minute training session the week before the Tournament.
- Each volunteer will be asked to work three shifts, approximately 5 hours long during Championship Week.
- Each volunteer will be asked to wear their own Black pants, shorts, skirt or capris with the uniform shirt provided.
- Each volunteer must be 22 years of age or older by August 6, 2012.

QUESTIONS? Contact Michael, msimpson@watermissions.org or 843.769.7395 x209

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 2012



1st Annual

Walk for Rides

benefiting **ITN Charleston Trident**
Dignified transportation for seniors

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9am
WALK STARTS AT 10am

HAMPTON PARK

TO REGISTER, GO ONLINE TO

www.WalkForRides.org

Pet Friendly, Vendors, Food, Family Fun, Live Music

BAND: THE FOLLY DOGS

\$10 minimum donation to walk, \$15 minimum donation for T-shirt
children 11 and under participate for free, optional children's shirt \$5

For more information call 843.225.2715

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13TH ANNUAL CHARLESTON COUNTY
EARTH DAY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.



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NEW
LOCATION

**RIVERFRONT PARK,
NORTH CHARLESTON**
{FORMER CHARLESTON NAVAL BASE}

FAMILY FUN & EDUCATIONAL EVENT

**LIVE MUSIC,
SPEAKERS &
ENTERTAINMENT:**

THE 3 DUDES · SHRIMP CITY SLIM
YEEHAW JUNCTION BLUEGRASS BAND
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**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
CARPOOL OR RIDE CARTA!
ALL ACTIVITIES FREE**

DROP OFF YOUR E-WASTE!

OVER 50 EXHIBITORS & LOCAL FOOD VENDORS
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LIVE REPTILES, MARINE ANIMALS & EXOTIC BIRDS