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New Members



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Member News

Ruiz Foods, Salvation Army team up to help 40 'Angels' at Christmas

Article obtained from the Morning News.

Ruiz Foods Products in Florence and The Salvation Army teamed up Friday to make Christmas a bit merrier for 40 children who were selected from the Angel Tree.

Employees stepped up throughout December and purchased toys, bicycles and other items for the children, who varied in age from newborn to 12.



“We are very grateful that our team members continue to support our partnership with The Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program,” said Peter Mayadag, director of operations, Ruiz Foods Florence. “They work very hard to give back to the Florence community in a number of ways. During the holidays when many families are facing a bit of a tough time, team members came through to help put a smile on a child’s face.”

Representatives of The Salvation Army arrived at 7:45 a.m. Friday to take the truckload of toys to be sorted and prepared for distribution.

This is the fourth year that Ruiz Foods has partnered with The Salvation Army, and they have helped 195 children receive gifts since then.

All Saints’ honors teachers with wall of fame

All Saints’ Episcopal Day School has honored six teachers as the inaugural members of the school’s Wall of Fame: Ann Mullins, Blair Cooper, Carol Allen, Claire Copeland, Faith McMillan and Nancy Moore. The Wall of Fame, located in the school’s administrative hallway, recognizes these teachers for their dedication to the school and love of teaching.

“We believe that our teachers are our most important asset,” said Headmaster Joan Pennstrom. “Their service to our school community year after year allows continuity for our children, parents, and fellow faculty members.” All Saints’ maintains a 98 percent faculty retention rate annually. One hundred percent of the faculty are certified, with 60 percent holding post-graduate degrees.

With a collective 176 years of teaching experience at All Saints’ these six women served as mainstays of the school family. Claire Copeland, PE and Athletic Director for 41 years, says that the school was “a part of my extended family.” During her tenure, she also taught her own two daughters and four of her grandchildren. Family played a large role in Carol Allen’s choice to teach at All Saints’ as well. “All Saints’ provided a strong academic and



spiritual education for my own children,” she said.

Ann Mullins retired after 40 years, much of which she spent teaching first grade. Mrs. Mullins chose to teach at All Saints’ because of its reputation in the community and the Christian environment that the school provides. “I value the friendships I made with the faculty, staff, students and parents. I’m thankful to

be a part of the All Saints' family," she said.

Members of this distinguished group helped develop many opportunities for children to grow academically, spiritually and physically. Ms. Copeland played a major role in the development of athletics during her tenure. Today the school has four soccer teams, two basketball teams, a volleyball team, two cheer squads and two tennis teams. Faith McMillan helped create the school's chapter of Beta Club and sponsored the annual Science Fair, taking many students to the regional and state South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) finals.

Mrs. Mullins, as well as current fifth grade teacher Beth Lewallen, were honored as SCISA Teachers of the Year. The annual Teacher of the Year award at All Saints' is named in honor of Mrs. Mullins.

The Wall of Fame was made possible through a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Hood Temple and was produced by Steve Roark of Stripe It Designs, a locally owned sign business.

Lighthouse Ministries: Angel Award recipients

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced November 20 the Angels of 2019. Lighthouse Ministries was recognized, along with the other Angel Award Recipients, at a press conference and honored with a reception in the Secretary of State's Office following the announcement. "This award highlights the commitment of our volunteers who serve the community, and it shows responsible stewardship of the resources for which we were entrusted", said Cecilia Meggs, executive director of Lighthouse Ministries.

The Angels honored represent organizations that exemplify charitable giving in South Carolina. Representatives from Lighthouse Ministries were in attendance to receive a plaque and recognition from Secretary Hammond.

Lighthouse Ministries was recognized to have 84.2% of its expenditures going toward program services.

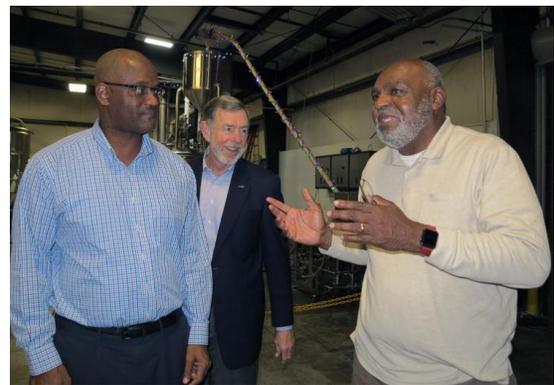
The Angels were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State's office, as well as by nominations from the public. To be selected as an Angel, the charity must have devoted 80 percent or more of its total expenditures to charitable programs; the charity must have been in existence for three or more years; the charity must make good use of volunteer services; the charity must receive minimal funding from grants; and the charity must be in compliance with the S.C.



Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. Each year the Secretary of State's office attempts to showcase Angels with diverse missions from several areas around the state.

Being a volunteer-based organization, Lighthouse Ministries has more than 40 active volunteers who gave 8,500 hours of their time in 2018 serving more than 3,000 families.

Holiday Networking Event at a glance



Upcoming Events

Florence County Progress Annual Membership Luncheon

Tuesday, January 28

SiMT

11:30 AM – 1 PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bruce Yandle



Dr. Bruce Yandle writes and speaks on the economy and economic issues. Dean Emeritus of Clemson University's College of Business & Behavioral Science where he taught economics for 31 years, he is now distinguished adjunct fellow with George Mason University's Mercatus Center. While serving as Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics at Clemson, he taught in graduate programs in France, Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic. He is author/editor of 17 books, including *Bootleggers and Baptists: How Economic Forces and Moral Persuasion Interact to Shape Regulatory Politics*, is a contributor to *The Hill*, *USA Today*, *Investors' Business Daily* and the *Washington Examiner* and is author of *The Economic Situation*, a quarterly newsletter distributed by George Mason University. He has been recognized for his leadership in promoting the free market system by Washington's Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

Dr. Yandle served in Washington on two occasions, first as a senior economist on the White House staff during the Ford and Carter Administrations and later as Executive Director of the Federal Trade Commission in the Reagan Administration. Prior to entering a career in university teaching, he was in the industrial machinery business for 15 years. Bruce and his wife, Dot, live in Clemson, just across from the train station.

Florence County Progress Florence County Legislative Day

Wednesday, February 26

Luncheon: Palmetto Club (Pacesetters only); 1 – 2:30 PM

Social: Mellow Mushroom (hosted by Young Professionals of Florence); 4 – 6 PM

Reception: Columbia Museum of Art; 6 – 8 PM



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