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2013 "Official City Ornament"



The 2013 "Official City Ornament" as proclaimed by Mayor Steve Benjamin, depicts the Columbia Museum of Art. The Museum celebrates outstanding artistic creativity through its collection, exhibitions and programs, interacting in ways that engage the mind and enrich the spirit.

The museum opened to the public on March 23, 1950 at its original site on Bull and Senate Streets in the historic Taylor House. An art, natural history and science museum, it was Columbia's premier cultural institution throughout the 50's and 60's. During the 70's and 80's, the museum pared down its role as a general museum with the deaccession of its natural history collection. In 1988, the museum moved to its current site on Main Street in the former Macy's Department Store. The museum transformed the urban department store into a sleek and airy light-filled space with 25 galleries.

The museum offers a "window to the world" to its visitors, not only through the display of its collection, but through its public programs. From art classes for teens and adults, to programs specifically designed for pre-school children, people of all ages can find programs and workshops that inspire and enrich.

Ornaments are available for purchase at the Foundation Office, the Columbia Visitor's Center, the Columbia Museum of Art Gift Shop and online at www.babcockcenter.org. Or simply complete the order form below and mail to the Foundation at the address noted on the form.

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President's Column

By Judy E. Johnson, Ed.D.
President and CEO

On August 26th and 27th, a few staff and I had the distinct privilege to attend a workshop with Dr. Tom Pomeranz, President & CEO of Universal Lifestyles, and a nationally recognized authority, trainer, clinician and consultant in the field of supports for people with lifelong disabilities. Wow! Was this ever an eye opener! Dr. Pomeranz believes that our current models of support focus on weaknesses and inabilities and that we should be focusing on assisting people to lead a “life of purpose”. To achieve this we should focus on the concept that work is the greatest equalizer and “nothing about me without me”.

Dr. Pomeranz believes “meaningful work” whether paid or volunteer is essential to an individual leading a purposeful life. Not only does work provide purpose, but it also leads to great self-esteem, the development of real-world relationships and to skill acquisition. Additionally, work is what most adults do with their days and provides a normal rhythm to one’s life. His views go beyond simply what is taking place in relation to work and the day programs, but to all aspects of a person’s life. We have to move from learned helplessness, which is the result of staff doing *for* people to *assisting* people to do for themselves and assist only when necessary. This is known as “hands in pockets training”. The concept of, “Nothing about me without me”, is central to this philosophy and is one of the hardest concepts for staff to embrace.

So, what does this all mean for Babcock Center and the people we support? It means that change is coming and we will be embracing a complete cultural shift within our organization. We will work to assist the people we support to have a “life of purpose” and the only way to do so is to change the way we go about supporting people with lifelong disabilities both in our vocational and day programs as well as in our residential programs.

In the day programs, we will be working with individuals to find work and/or volunteer opportunities that they choose. We will be hosting a provider fair at the Mary L. Duffie Administration Building in December, so that people we support can talk with area non-profit providers to educate themselves about their missions and decide if they would like to volunteer. Each Work Activity Center will also be offering an array of volunteer opportunities both in-house and in the community. From making Veteran’s Day cards for the USO, to delivering hot meals through the Meals on Wheels Program, to making crafts for children at shelters, to visiting the elderly at local nursing homes, we are committed to assisting the people we support to have a meaningful life.

In the homes, staff will be providing “hands in pockets” training. This technique means staff will be assisting individuals only to the extent necessary to complete a task, so the person can acquire the skills necessary to do the task independently.

We are very excited about the changes that are coming and are even more excited that Dr. Pomeranz is coming to Babcock Center December 16 –20 to provide training and consultation to help in our journey to fulfill our mission to support people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

New Members Joins Babcock Center Board



Kristine L. Cato

Kristine Cato is an attorney at Rogers Townsend Thomas in Columbia. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina. She has served on the boards at the Palmetto Center for Women and the Family Service Center



Karen R. Salmon

Karen Salmon is a Litigation Specialist with MagMutual Insurance Company. She completed her undergraduate studies at Indiana University where she earned a B.A. in Philosophy and a Certificate of History and Philosophy Science. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law.

We are happy to have both of them as part of our board and feel confident that they will help us achieve our mission to empower people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

What's Happening

The BETA Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mary L. Duffie Administration Building. Call Dave Kammerer at 799-1970, ext. 144 for more information.

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Babcock Center & Town Theater will partner at the dress rehearsal for Shrek on May 1, 2013 to raise funds for the Foundation. More info to come soon about ticket sales and ways you can help make this new and exciting fundraiser a success!

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To volunteer at the Babcock Center contact Kristy Schopf at 799-1970, ext. 124.

Babcock Names Employer of the Quarter



The ICARE Employer of the Quarter Award was awarded to Dee Von Der Hellen, owner of Ava's Copper Pot Bistro, at the August 2013 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Von Der Hellen began her partnership with the Babcock Center in the late 1990's as owner of Ava D's Restaurant, where she employed people supported by our Supported Employment Department. She continued this relationship as the Head Chef at the Columbia Conference Center and now at Ava's Copper Pot Bistro.

Ms. Von Der Hellen has a long history of commitment to employment of people with lifelong disabilities and has been a strong advocate and supporter. She embodies the mission of the Babcock Center to empower people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

The ICARE Employer of the Quarter Award is presented each quarter to a local employer who recognizes the skills and contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workforce. Nominations are continuously being sought to acknowledge local businesses that value able workers with disabilities in the workplace. Nomination forms are available on the web at www.babcockcenter.org, at all Work Activity Centers and through the Human Resources Department located at the Mary L. Duffie Administration Building. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Leslie Adkins, Director of Vocational Supports at 799-1970, ext. 188.

Annual Block Party

The Annual Block Party was held on September 13, 2013. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers from Midtown Fellowship, it was a night of fun, fellowship and dancing!



Phoenix Center Renews Think First Grant



Members of the Think First Columbia Chapter.

The Phoenix Center which supports individuals with traumatic brain injury recently renewed its grant to continue their Think First Columbia Chapter. Think First is a national injury prevention program that seeks to prevent people from sustaining traumatic brain injuries. This highly acclaimed and effective program provides a curriculum and training so that individuals with traumatic brain injury can share their stories with youth in the community with the hope that it will change and save lives. This incredible program not only works to prevent injuries, but provides an opportunity for people with traumatic brain injuries to give

back to the community. If you would like us to come and speak to your youth group, please contact Quashekia Birchmore at 803-540-1915.

Creativity Abounds at Babcock Center



Catherine Miles' afghan won first place in the crafts.

Babcock Center held its annual arts and crafts contest on July 11th. Over 100 people we support submitted items to the contest. The winner in each category received a trophy and a \$30 gift card provided by the Babcock Center Foundation. Cleo Gay won first place in the art category and Catherine Miles won first place in crafts.

Everyone did a tremendous job on their projects and

we are proud of everyone who took the time and effort to complete a project to submit for the contest. Many thanks to Dave Kammerer for organizing this fun event!



Cleo Gay's painting won first place in the arts category.

Walking the Walk

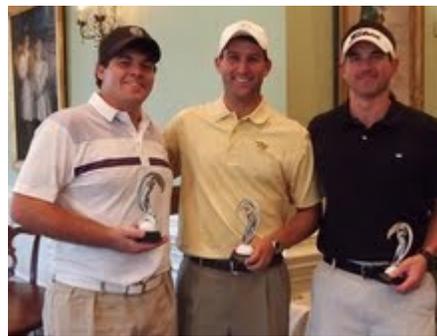


Margo at Viva La Vista.

Margo McKay has done many good things, but one of her favorite things to do is to walk to help others. She has participated in the National Breast Cancer and Heart Association walks for the past seven years. This year,

Margo walked in the Heart Walk on March 30th, then on October 5th she participated in the Breast Cancer Walk. Margo also volunteered at the Viva La Vista event with a group from SCANA who encourage her to be involved in the community. We are so proud of Margo and her efforts to give back to the community.

25th Annual Golf Classic



BB&T Team from left to right: Eric Hilliard, Peyton Bryant & Chris Brownlee. Not pictured: Bland Wilkerson.

On October 15, 2013, Babcock Center Foundation hosted its 25th Annual Golf Classic. The tournament sponsored by Long's Drugs was held at The Members Club at Woodcreek Farms. Babcock Center would like to

thank all the sponsors, donors, players and volunteers for another successful tournament. The Foundation raised over \$25,000 to support Babcock Center in its mission to empower people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

Congratulations to this year's winners from the BB&T team!

A Mother's Story

Submitted By: Michelle Armstrong

Have you ever read the essay, *Welcome to Holland*, by Emily Pearl Kingsley? Kingsley uses an analogy to describe raising a child with special needs. This essay is often referenced at conferences, trainings and social events that focus on children with special needs. *Welcome to Holland* is a great essay; it gives parents hope and a new perspective on disabilities and or developmental delays.

Like most parents of a child with special needs, I don't have a problem with arriving in Holland. I can learn the language, the culture and I can learn to crave the local cuisine. The problem that I have with arriving in Holland is that I can never return home or to my perception of normal. There is no choice, no take it or leave it, no time frame and definitely no escape from this foreign land.

At first, family, friends and people generally empathize with you because they've witnessed or heard of another traveler who also arrived in Holland. But no two travelers are the same and Holland is never the same place for any two travelers. As I travel in this foreign land, the land of disabilities, I have my faith, sound mind, body and spirit.

My soul, my dreams and my sense of normalcy feel as if they have been kidnapped, holding me in an emotional bondage. Kidnapped by a disability and taken to a place my emotions will never return from. My emotions focus on I. Yes, I. At one time I focused on my son's disability every hour, then it was daily, then monthly, special occasions, or in comparison with other children, whether they had a disability or not. Now and then I have to remind myself that my son is who he is, from his beginning to his end. He was made by his Creator.

My dreams for my son were based on my perceptions of who he would be before he was born. Now I have learned to perceive him for who he is, every day of his life. I have also learned to be comfortable with who he is in my life. The reality is that, I never arrived in a strange place or arrived unprepared because I never knew where I was going before he was born. I just thought I did.

Babcock Center's Got Talent



The TAP II Trio on stage during the finals.

On August 6th, the TAP II Trio became the winners of the 3rd Babcock Center's Got Talent Contest. In all, 129 people participated during the course of the contest. Everyone worked hard on their routines and had a great time.

Many thanks to Glenforest school for the use of their wonderful auditorium. Many staff and family members were on hand to cheer on their favorite acts.



All the finalists did a great job!

WOW ! Babcock Center does indeed have amazing talent!

Sam's Club Hosts Disability Mentoring Day



Babcock visits Sam's Club for Disability Mentoring Day.

On October 23, 2013 Sam's Club of Harbison hosted Disability Mentoring Day. Disability Mentoring Day began in 1999 and is a broad-based nationwide effort to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities through job shadowing, hands-on career exploration, internships and development of employer relationships. It also seeks to promote disability as a central component of diversity recruitment to foster a more inclusive workforce and dispel employer's trepidations about hiring people with disabilities.

This year's event featured a light continental breakfast, networking, participation in team building exercises with Sam's Club employees and hands-on tours. Babcock Center would like to thank Tena Hammons, Store Club Manager, April Nauceder, Front End Manager, and the entire Sam's family for making this day possible.

First Place at the Fair



Catherine shows off her winning afghan.

Congratulations to Catherine Miles, who won first place in the Premium Home and Craft category at the SC State Fair!

Catherine has been crocheting since she was ten years old. She enjoys making baby blankets and throws. She is very creative in her art

and creates beautiful flowery patterns using pastel colors like pink, green and yellow. Catherine donates two baby blankets a month to the Children's Hospital to help children born with special needs. We are so proud of Catherine and her accomplishments.

Eve Drive Takes Florida

The men who live at Eve Drive took a vacation to Orlando, Florida during September. During their stay they visited Disney World and Sea World. It was a trip to remember and everyone had a great time!



Great fun was had by all at Disney!

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what we give.”***

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