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CSB News

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Camp Victory 2016: Success!

This year's Camp Victory was our biggest and best yet! Twenty-one superheroes and their siblings came to Optimist Acres for fishing, arts & crafts, fire safety lessons, wood crafting activity, and pony rides...just to name a few of the fun activities.

Special thanks to our volunteers from Greer Middle College Charter High School Fishing Team, Spartanburg First Baptist Church, Dr. Doug and Nancy Rayner, Clarka Wickliffe, the Pauline Fire Department, the Spartanburg Breakfast Optimist Club, ACME Exterminating, Hope Remains Youth Ranch, Office Depot and Home Depot for helping us with making these activities happen!

Thank you to Abstract Design for designing our awesome t-shirts, and Larry's Trophies for creating our trophies, Trinity United Methodist Church for providing transportation to and from Optimist Acres, and Upstate Printing & Publishing for printing programs for our special Friday celebration,.

Thank you to Palmetto Palate for providing nutritious meals during camp days, and Audrey and Tommy Lancaster for a delicious barbecue dinner on Friday night.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Tom Russell and Vickie and Steve Holt, the creative masterminds behind Camp Victory! They worked tirelessly for months getting everything together, and we sincerely appreciate all of the hard work they put into making this year's camp the best ever!

Mark your calendars for next year! July 10, 11 and 12 at Optimist Acres. Next year's Friday celebration will be at Cleveland Park on July 14. Stay tuned for more information!

Upcoming Events

Swim Party..... 8/7
Family Night.....8/11

Welcome to Our Newest Superheroes

Jim —Chester
Devan —Spartanburg
Gabriella —York
Ally —Pickens
Jonathan —Spartanburg
Bella —Spartanburg
Jameson —Pickens
Peyton —Cherokee
Ciarra —Cherokee
Jaylon —Spartanburg

August CSB Birthdays

Patrick—8/3
Ximena—8/9
Daniel M. —8/15
Kaleb—8/27

September CSB Birthdays

Daniel E.—9/1
Ethan—9/9
Sadikiem —9/10
Juliana—9/15
Sydney—9/15
Payton—9/16
Sam—9/16
Ty'laisha—9/21
Alan—9/28

The Children's Security Blanket Opens Offices in Cherokee and Union and Expands Services to More Counties

The Children's Security Blanket is now serving children in Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster, Pickens, Union, and York counties, so we can serve more cancer children and families.

United Way of
the Piedmont
Partnership Centers

Cherokee County
405 Logan St.
Gaffney, SC 29341

Union County
115 Thomas St.
Union, SC 29379

We have partnered with the United Way of the Piedmont to acquire office space in Cherokee and Union Counties. Our new addresses in the Nonprofit Partnership Centers are to the left.

If you are in need of assistance in one of these counties or know a family who would benefit, please do not hesitate to contact Laura or Blake to set up an appointment. These offices will also house Gift-In-Kind.

Stay tuned for information about which days CSB staff will be in these offices during the week, which will begin the week of August 8.

Staff Spotlight: Carla Fowler, Case Manager

Our newest team member is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons to meet with our families one-on-one to insure we understand all the challenges and unique circumstances of each family. Carla has 23 years of case management experience. Carla will be contacting each of our families to set up an appointment and looks forward to meeting each of you.

Speaking of Gift-In-Kind...

If you are in need of any items, call or text Blake at (919) 638-0977, call the office at (864)582-0673, or email her at blake.csb@aol.com!

Swim Party

Sunday, August 7

Shipwreck Cove

119 S. Spencer St.

Duncan, SC 29334

4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Other Events

Thursday, August 11

Family Night

Trinity United Methodist
Church

626 Norwood St.

Spartanburg, SC 29302

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

Family Night

Trinity United Methodist
Church

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

Family Night

Trinity United Methodist
Church

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

Family Night

Trinity United Methodist
Church

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Christmas Party

The Hangar at First
Baptist Church

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events!

Back-To-School Swim Party

Ready to celebrate the last days of summer? Come to Shipwreck Cove in Duncan on **Sunday, August 7** and celebrate with The Children's Security Blanket staff and families. Pizza and cold beverages will be provided for dinner. Parents will be provided with a gift card for coming, and our superheroes and siblings will each receive a special back-to-school gift. **Text Blake at (919) 638-0977 or call the office at (864) 582-0673 and let us know who's coming by August 5.** We hope to see you there!

Family Night

Join The Children's Security Blanket staff and families at Trinity United Methodist Church on **Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m.** for fellowship and supervised fun for children! A nutritious dinner will be provided, along with a \$25 gift card and Gift-In-Kind. **Text Blake at (919) 638-0977 or call the office at (864) 582-0673 and let us know who's coming and Gift-In-Kind items you need!**

P.S. If you miss this one, you can come to the next Family Night on **September 8 at the same time and place!**

The Children's Security Blanket

The mission of The Children's Security Blanket is to provide comprehensive support and loving compassion to families whose children are battling cancer to improve their overall quality of life.

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Executive Director:

Laura Allen

Your Children's Security Blanket Staff



Laura Allen joined the CSB staff as Executive Director in November 2014. She has had extensive experience with nonprofits, including her role as the Director of Development for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She volunteers at Meeting Street Academy and is on the board of the Girl Scouts Mountains to Midlands and the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra. Laura is married to Roger Sullivan and has three grown children. **Email Laura: laura.csb@aol.com**



Kim Melick joined the team in July 2016 as Operations Manager. She brings 10+ years of bookkeeping and marketing experience. Her most recent position was with Spartanburg County School District 1 in a bookkeeping role, and she worked with MCI and Worldcom as a marketing and communications strategist before joining the school district. Kim lives in Inman and has two children. **Email Kim: kim.csb@aol.com**



Carla Fowler is the most recent addition, joined us as Case Manager in August 2016. She has served as Program Manager for the Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Program at the Spartanburg Housing Authority for the past 15 years and facilitates counseling sessions at The Forrester Center for Behavioral Health. Carla lives in Spartanburg and has two children. **Email Carla: carla.csb@aol.com**



Tom "Mr. Tom" Russell was born and raised in Spartanburg. Before co-founding The Children's Security Blanket in 2001, Mr. Tom served as South Carolina Governor for the Optimist Club and remains involved in the service club today. He and his wife Lucy reside in Spartanburg, and they are proud parents and grandparents. **Email Tom: tomsqb@aol.com**



Blake Stafford began her role as Program Coordinator in May 2016. She served as the Knowledge Network and Membership Associate for the South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations prior to joining the CSB team. Blake works part-time at DNA Creative Communications, a public relations firm in Greenville that provides consultations and education opportunities for nonprofits. **Email Blake: blake.csb@aol.com**



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