



# The SaltShaker

March 2014

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour, Wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5:15

## Connie Maxwell Children's Home

Children have a safe, secure, loving environment at Connie Maxwell. It is a home for some children who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected and some who have been placed by loving caregivers going through difficult situations. In addition to the main campus in Greenwood, Connie Maxwell Children's Home provides residential care and family support through satellite locations in Chesterfield, Mauldin, Orangeburg and Florence.

Each year more than 200 children of diverse needs and backgrounds call Connie Maxwell home. Some children stay as little as a few months, others for many years. Some arrive alone, others with siblings. Most are between the ages of six and eighteen. Children who remain through high school graduation receive financial support for college.

**History** - W.W. Keys formally stated the call for an orphanage to be operated by South Carolina Baptists in a Baptist Courier editorial in 1888. Three years later a site was secured for the new orphanage, now a children's home, and it would be located in Greenwood, primarily through the generosity of Dr. J.C. Maxwell and his wife, Sarah.

The Maxwell's had lost their seven-year-old daughter, Connie, to scarlet fever in 1883. To honor her memory, the Maxwell's gave South Carolina Baptists more than 480 acres and willed their estate to be used in starting this tender ministry for children. The first child was received into care on May 22, 1892. By year's end, 25 other boys and girls had joined the Connie Maxwell family.

## Needs for the Pee Dee Campus of CMCH

(Those with \* are needed right now)

**Cleaning Supplies:** \*dryer sheets, \*Clorox 2, \*Lysol wipes, \*dish detergent, Pledge wipes, \*Cascade, \*trash bags (33 gallon), \*409, \*Tilex, \*laundry detergent.

**Paper Products:** \*paper plates, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Ziploc bags (all sizes), paper cups, plastic wrap, aluminum foil

**Toiletry Items:** \*shaving cream, \*clinical strength deodorant, \*shower liners, \*dental floss, \*hand soap, \*feminine products (all kinds), lotion, facial cleaner, razors, perfume

**Food:** \*Individual snacks (fruit snacks, cookies, snack crackers), \*Juice (apple, grape, Capri Sun), honey mustard dressing, cooking oil, salsa, ranch dressing, tortilla chips, BBQ sauce, popcorn (Kettle or light butter, cereal (Frosted Flakes, Fruit Loops), brownie mix, spaghetti sauce, pickles, syrup, pancake mix, muffin mix.

**Gift Ideas:** socks, candy, hair accessories, stationary, stamps, gift certificates, markers, books, colored pens, craft kits

These items can be taken directly to the Pee Dee Girls Home.

### Also Needed:

- Several rooms need painting. The Pee Dee Girls Home will provide the paint but it would be nice to have free labor.
- Birthday Parties for the girls. Need a group or individual who likes to plan and implement parties.

If you have questions or are interested in doing either of these projects call Louanne 662-5921.

# LifeChangers 2014

June 15-20, 2014

Cost - \$100 per participate

**Registration deadline: April 15, 2014**

Participants – Completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Up

Chaperones must be 21 years old

Start planning now to attend this awesome week!

We MUST have ALL chaperones' names listed on the registration form in order for the registration to be complete. We reserve the right to refuse registrations that are incomplete. PLEASE get your chaperones **NOW** and save all of us a lot of headaches.

## **YOU can Help with LifeChangers:**

1. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!
2. We need churches that are willing to provide an evening meal for the whole group
3. We need churches or groups willing to feed a crew of 12-15 each day Monday – Friday.
4. Monetary donations for breakfast food or construction supplies are also welcomed.
5. Crew chiefs are also needed. This needs to be a person with some construction knowledge. The main qualification is to be able to work with students and be able to show them what to do at the work site.

If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Louanne 662.5921.

## **SCBC WMU Meeting**

March 21-22, 2014

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence

The state WMU meeting is in Florence this year, so this is a great opportunity for all of our WMU ladies to attend a state meeting – especially those of you who have never had that opportunity. They will be doing Mission Action and Mission Support Projects on Friday afternoon, March 21 from 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm. One of the mission support projects is to put together “care kits” for Whosoever Community Church which ministers to the homeless. Those attending the meeting will be bringing items for these bags, but we are

also asking our FBA churches to help provide some of the items that are needed. If you would like to help with this, items can be brought to the FBA office by Wednesday, March 19.

## **Items that are needed include:**

- USED book bags or totes (NO NEW bags, they get stolen)
- THIN wash cloths and towels so they will dry quickly
- Travel size shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Razors
- Travel size shaving cream
- Men's regular size deodorant
- Men's white socks
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter crackers (nothing sweet)
- Pop top cans of food (Vienna sausage, ravioli, etc.)

## **Baptist Global Response (BGR)**

### **Bucket Project:**

#### **Hospice Kits**

The BGR Hospice Kit is a five-gallon plastic bucket filled with medical and hygiene supplies that provide a touch of physical and spiritual healing to people in Africa who are dying from HIV/AIDS. Each kit cost about **\$100** to put together.

The FBA is going to serve as a collection point for this region. You are encouraged to put a bucket together as an individual, class, or group. Buckets are due at the FBA by June 1, 2014 so they can be transported to Virginia by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

All kits must include all of the requested items. Purchase new items and, when stated, use only the brands included on the shopping list. \*\*Please refrain from adding ANY other items that are not specifically identified in the instructions. This can cause delays with customs or compromise the safety of our partners living in the field. A detailed list was in the January Saltshaker which you can find at our web site, [www.florenceba.org](http://www.florenceba.org) under the event tab.

For more information on the Hospice Bucket project go to [www.gobgr.org/buckets](http://www.gobgr.org/buckets).

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