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Newsletter

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2017/2018 Annual Appeal Milestone Results

Join us in celebrating another important milestone for Falls/Springs Cliffs Residents Outreach! Your generous pledges of \$108k have allowed us to exceed the \$95k goal announced at the annual event in June!

The Advisory Council has budgeted \$106k for 2017/2018 in program support and is now focused on vetting a number of new programs which the incremental funding will enable us to include.

We plan to maintain funding to schools that CRO has traditionally supported, with a continued emphasis on priority funding gaps (such as augmenting each school's educational resources, augmenting selected technology-related budgets to provide gap funding of critical items; and providing emergency food and clothing for the most underserved children).

We will continue to invest in programs where our volunteers are active (described on pages 3-4).

We are in the process of exploring how we might partner with local economic development professionals to provide gap funding for selected vocational and technical training or certification, with a goal of helping students (who might otherwise fall through the cracks) achieve life-long success.

We will select programs that will also engage and leverage the tremendous expertise that resides within our resident base in selecting new programs.

***Thank you for allowing us to provide
stewardship of these resources on your behalf!***

*Judy Agerton, Cindy Bailey, Tony Colatrella, Colleen Delahunty, Ruth Gorman,
Mary Gum, Sam Head, Tom Henderson, Louise Hughes, Sue McCafferty,
Laurie Metzger, Gus Smith, Betty Vandeputte, Jim Zwahlen*

Falls/Springs CRO Advisory Council Members

Please let us know if you have an interest in serving on the Advisory Council.

The Council is comprised of 10-12 volunteers who meet 4-5 times each year to oversee program support (financial support by our donors or the volunteer efforts of residents). Each member also volunteers to lead a program or facet of the Council's operations. Non-profit, volunteering, or fundraising experience is not required, but is a plus.

For information, please contact Louise Hughes (Lshughes560@gmail.com)

Impact of CRO's "One for All" Program at TSES

At a recent CRO meeting with Michael Thorsland, Oconee County Superintendent of Schools, he discussed the placement of 3,200 Chromebooks in 3 high schools which has allowed each student to have their own tablet computer. He stated that the "One for All" program at TSES played a significant role in Oconee County's decision to give high school students their own tablet. Ginger Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, added that they viewed the program at TSES as a great success. She mentioned that TSES's test scores have gone up to be on par with the best schools in the county in spite of their high poverty level. As funds become available, the county plans to expand the program to the middle schools.

Bottom line: Through the generosity of Cliffs residents in support of the CRO "One for All" Program at TSES, all students at the school have been positively impacted.
Thank you for your support of this program!

Impact of CRO volunteers in 5th Grade Programs at TSES

While visiting the NEXT School, Judy Agerton mentioned the TSES 5th grade programs. A middle school student who happened to overhear her immediately chimed-in and provided a personal testimonial in support of how much she enjoyed the program. Positive feedback was also affirmed at the recent TSES meeting with parents when Principal Bobby Norizan introduced Theron Wiggins and told them about the 5th grade program for boys ("Chew the Fat Fridays"), and girls ("Stargirls") which will continue for the 7th consecutive year. Theron was delighted to report back to CRO that a number of parents made a special effort to seek him out following the meeting to thank him: Most had an older child in one of those programs who routinely reported back how much they looked forward to Fridays and the program. Numerous parents thanked him for the positive impact that meeting many Cliffs role models has had on their child.

Bottom line: The time each of you has taken to volunteer for these programs is appreciated by the children and parents of these students alike!

We have many volunteer opportunities available within the area school systems. Please scroll down to see where you'd like to participate. We welcome new faces and would love to talk with you!



Falls-Springs CRO Volunteer Opportunities 2017-2018 School Year

Programs at Tamassee Salem Elementary School (TSES)

Chew the Fat Fridays Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES

Cliffs men are invited to volunteer for Chew The Fat Friday, a program for 5th grade boys lead by a faculty of 11 diverse Cliffs men. Each volunteer is asked to participate once during the fall semester and again in the spring as a discussion leader and role model. In addition to volunteering their time and sharing their personal experience, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the boys. The volunteers' aim is to provide a consistent message to the students of how they can achieve success through education and work ethics. This is facilitated through reading and group discussion of a book called "SOUP." The objectives of the program are:

- Introduce the boys to successful male role models
- Discuss Life: Choices; Consequences; Peer Pressure; Guilt; Bullying; Cheating; Discrimination; Stealing
- Encourage the boys to become voracious readers

To volunteer, contact: Theron Wiggins (tcwiggins72@yahoo.com)

Stargirls Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES

Cliffs women are invited to volunteer for Stargirls, a weekly book reading and discussion program for fifth grade girls. Each volunteer is asked to sign up for one or more sessions in the fall and spring as the reading and discussion leader or assistant. In addition to volunteering their time, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the girls. The program started in 2012 and currently we have 13 volunteers. The book selected changes each year. The objectives of the program are:

- Discussion of topics like being new, acceptance, friendship and social dilemmas aimed at helping the girls as they move toward Middle School
- Encourage a life-long love of reading
- Promote value of education
- Promote joy of listening

To volunteer, contact: Cheryl Wiggins (tcwiggins72@yahoo.com)

Student Support Team Volunteers

Volunteers are needed every 3rd Thursday of the month throughout the school year from 1-2:00 pm to supervise a class while the teacher is in Student Support Team meetings. This coverage enables teachers to develop tailored plans for students with specific learning gaps or needs. Volunteers must apply for BIB approval before working with children without a staff member present.

To volunteer, contact: Melony Mack (melmack02@gmail.com)

Angel Tree

Donations are needed each Christmas for children of families in need. About 30 gifts are purchased each year for TSES. For information, contact: Cindy Lowery (cindylowery@charter.net) or Melissa Williams (williamsmj@comcast.net).

Classroom Tutors

Opportunities to do one-on-one tutoring or helping a small group of students are available. Volunteers can choose to do clerical work, so the teacher can spend more time with students. Volunteers must apply for BIB approval before working with children without a staff member present.

To volunteer, contact: Melony Mack (melmack02@gmail.com)

Used Books

Books, CDs, DVD's and audio books can be donated. These are collected monthly and consigned in Greenville and the proceeds are donated on CRO's behalf to TSES for book purchases.

For information, contact: Kathy Kaufman (kaufman.kathy@gmail.com)

Box Top Program

Collection boxes are located in the ladies locker room at the Falls and in the pro shop at the Springs for Box Tops from grocery items which the schools redeem for purchasing school supplies/items. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Volunteer provides a collection spot (done), email reminders with a special thanks to those participating, brings the BOX TOPS to Tamassee Salem Elementary School (TSES).

For information, contact: Kathy Kaufman (kaufman.kathy@gmail.com)

Programs at Tamassee Salem Elementary School (TSES) Cont...

School Supplies Purchases

One to two volunteers are needed in August each year to purchase school supplies during tax-free weekend (usually the 1st weekend in August) for which funds are allocated from the CRO budget. The school provides the list of supplies. You work with Walmart to purchase.

To volunteer, contact: Sue McCafferty (suelmccafferty@gmail.com)

Programs at Six-Mile Elementary

Tutoring: Spend one-on-one time weekly in individual or small group student settings to assist in math and/or reading. Most students fall below grade level achievement without additional help. Time commitment is minimal, usually one hour per week. Students typically are not receiving adequate help at home.

Mentoring: Spend one-on-one time weekly with a student identified by the Guidance Department. These students may need a positive adult role model to talk to, share common interests, and confide in. From throwing a ball to one another to having lunch together, this weekly commitment can be as modest as one half hour to one hour per week.

Used Books

Books and CD's can be donated at the Springs Porch. Collected monthly and consigned in Greenville - the proceeds are donated on CRO's behalf to SMES for Book purchases. **For information, contact: Julie Sherwood** (juliesherwood311@att.net)

Box Top Programs

Collection jar is located at the Springs Porch Coffee Counter for box tops from grocery items that the schools redeem for cash to support the school. Check on-line at BoxTops4Education for product information.

For information about volunteering at Six Mile Elementary, please contact Ruth Gorman (Ruth.Gorman3@gmail.com)

Program at Tamassee Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) School

DAR Thrift store is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Regular volunteers are needed to stock shelves and straighten items.

Students from the DAR School often work at the store in the afternoons. for an hour. These students need mentors and guidance in attire, professional manners, work force expectations, etc.

To volunteer, please contact: Nancy Nicholson, Manager, DAR Thrift Store

Programs at NEXT School Eagle Ridge MS/HS

Girl's Mentoring: Be the mentor that you wished you had in high school. You can be part of a mentoring circle or be a one-on-one mentor. We also need guest speakers to address the girls. Topics could include (but are not limited to) careers, post-secondary school experience, personal finance, resumes, interviewing skills, networking, etiquette, etc. Volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the girls.

Boy's Mentoring: We need someone to start and lead this initiative.

Angel Tree: Donations are needed each Christmas for children of families in need.

Hobbies/Skills: Teach interested students educational skills such as woodworking, carpentry, sewing, fly fishing, etc. It would be preferable if someone could teach for one hour, twice a week.

Classroom Assistance:

- Literacy Assistance - help struggling readers, specifically current 6th graders reading below grade level
- Math tutors
- Yoga teachers/leaders (during PE class time)

Grace's Closet - Closet on school premises that provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and food. Grace's closet is open on Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. We need volunteers in the Closet to assist the students in selecting items from the available inventory.

For information about volunteering at NEXT Eagle Ridge MS/HS please contact Judy Agerton (judyag@bellsouth.net)

A number of residents provide extensive support to a specific school or program, either through a **restricted gift** or by **volunteering extensively** in support of a particular group of students. Please keep in mind that the Falls & Springs CRO Advisory Council is happy to help you designate your support if you choose to do so. Whether it's your time, talent or treasure we look forward to helping focus your support where it matters most to you.

To learn more about volunteering, please contact any of the following:

General Volunteer Options: Louise Hughes (lshughes660@gmail.com)
Tamassee-Salem Elementary School Programs: Melony Mack (melmacko2@gmail.com)
Six Mile Elementary: Ruth Gorman (ruth.gorman3@gmail.com)
Tamassee DAR: Gus Smith (augustsmith@kpmg.com)
NEXT School at Eagle Ridge MS/HS: Judy Agerton (judyag@bellsouth.net)

If you have an idea or a photo for the website or for the newsletter, please contact:
Laurie Metzger (lauriekmetzger@aol.com) or
Sue McCafferty (suelmccafferty@gmail.com)

To make a financial contribution and receive a 501(c) (3) tax exemption, please send your contribution to:

Cliffs Residents Outreach
Attn: Tom Henderson, Treasurer
561 Big Creek Way
Salem, SC 29676

Donations will benefit local schools through technology purchases, reading programs, hygiene/drug prevention programs, grief and loss recovery, school supplies, emergency clothing needs and other programs.



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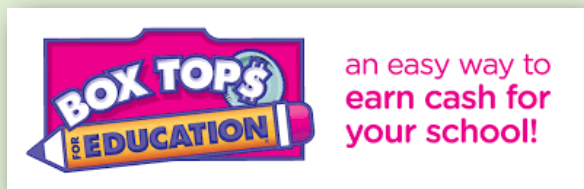


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Drop Off your Box Tops in the box in the Ladies Locker Room at the Falls Clubhouse. Check your Ziplock bags, Scott Tissue and Towels, Hefty, Nature Valley, Reynolds Wrap, Old El Paso, Cereal, Green Giant, Betty Crocker, etc.



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