

euphoria

a higher state of food, wine and music

All proceeds from Euphoria fund “Local Boys Do Good” (LBDG), the 501 (c)(3) started by restaurateur Carl Sobocinski and musician Edwin McCain. LBDG is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide sustenance and support, in various forms, to organizations in need, focusing primarily on charities in upstate South Carolina. As the founding members, Carl Sobocinski, Table 301 Dining Group owner and partner, and Edwin McCain, platinum selling songwriter and musician, are particularly interested in supporting causes related to sustenance (food, hunger, and health), education (music and otherwise), quality of life issues and children. Funds from LBDG are distributed annually, via a grant process, to several selected organizations meeting the criteria of LBDG and demonstrating adequate need.

2007 Recipients:

Diligent Hand Gracious Hearts has been taking care of elderly homeowners’ lawn maintenance since 1999. By providing these services free of charge, staff and volunteers for DHGH hope to release some of the stress and anxiety that elderly homeowners feel. Diligent Hand Gracious Hearts hopes to increase the number of citizens served with the money from Local Boys Do Good. For more information, visit www.dhgh.org.

The **Frazee Dream Center** is an after school and summer program for under-resourced children, aged 6-13, in the downtown Greenville area. In January 2007, Matt and Jenny Reeves, other couples, and donors founded the Frazee Dream Center with the belief that the center could provide the help and hope that the neighborhood needed. The Frazee Dream Center offers children assistance in academics, emotional wellness, character development, and sportsmanship. For more information, visit www.frazeecenter.com.

GOFO Health & Education, Greenville’s organization for Organic food, educates the public about the environmental benefits of sustainable agriculture. Through cooking classes, activities such as “Be an Organic Farmer for a Day,” and partnerships with the Upcountry History Museum and 4-H organization, GOFO is teaching the community how to lead healthier lifestyles. The particular program being funded is 4-H Grow Healthy Kids, a summer program in which Greenville public schools plant vegetable gardens and increase environmental education. For more information, visit www.gofhealthandeducation.org.

Greenville Family Partnership began in 1984 with a group of individuals determined to keep kids off drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Providing information, promoting awareness, organizing task forces, and hosting community events, such as Red Ribbon Week, are some of the strategies keeping children safer and healthier. The goal to be reached with this donation is an advance in peer health training, specifically training 20 peers and impacting 150 youths. For more information, visit www.gfpdrugfree.org.

Since 1994, **Hands on Greenville** has helped individuals, families, and groups find volunteer opportunities at over 100 service organizations since 1994. It encourages civic engagement by partnering with others to identify and respond to the changing needs in the community. By providing flexible scheduling and commitments and a variety of services, Hands on Greenville delivered close to 17,000 hours of service last year. This donation will help fund the youth component of “Hands on Greenville” day. For more information, visit www.handsongreenville.org.

Loaves & Fishes was founded in 1991 by Sam Hunt, a local banker, who was inspired by a similar program in New York City. This food rescue organization donates perishable food, which would otherwise be wasted, to approximately 100 human services agencies and programs. In its first year, Loaves & Fishes rescued and donated 25,000 pounds of food. Today, with a staff of four, and 60 regular volunteers, that number has grown to around 750,000 pounds of food each year. For more information, visit www.loavesandfishesgreenville.com.

The Meyer Center for Special Children was founded in 1954 by Dr. Leslie Meyer who strongly believed in the importance of education for every child. For over 50 years, the Meyer center has helped children reach their potential by offering high-quality, affordable developmental education, therapy, and family support services. Over 125 special needs pre-school children receive these services each year. The Meyer Center hopes to fund the music therapy program with this donation, which is an ongoing project that receives 100% attendance. For more information, visit www.meyercenter.org.

Pleasant Valley Connection is a multi-activity community center serving the youth and seniors in the surrounding areas. The After School program addresses the educational needs, life skills, and character development of young people in Greenville, while the programs for older members of the community offer health seminars focused on wellness and nutrition. The money from Local Boys Do Good will help fund the National Night Out, a nationwide crime and drug prevention evening that occurs in individual neighborhoods. For more information, call (864) 236-0151.

Project Host is a soup kitchen in downtown Greenville founded in 1981 as an outreach program of the local Episcopal Church. Since then, Project Host has expanded to accommodate the city's needs and currently operates a 185-seat dining area and a fully-equipped commercial kitchen. Open year-round from 11am to 12pm, Project Host offers a meal to anyone who needs it. They also operate a Community Culinary School, teaching participants the skills they need to acquire a position in the service industry. Last year alone, Project Host served over 71,000 meals to the needy. With this donation, Project Host is dedicated to providing lunch every day of the year and graduating 60 students from the culinary school. For more information, visit www.projecthost.com.

Special Olympics is an international organization helping individuals with intellectual disabilities become physically fit, respected members of society through sports training and competition. Offering year-round training and competition for 30 Olympic type sports for both adults and children, Special Olympics currently serves 2.5 million people in over 180 countries. Participants have shown improved motor skills and physical fitness, increased self confidence, and a more positive self-image. This donation will specifically help fund the fall games in Anderson. For more information, visit www.specialolympics.org.

Furman YMCA Interactive is a location for High School Students in downtown Greenville that was founded by Furman and the YMCA. The center is open three nights a week for students to enjoy activities, such as film or concert series', or hang out with friends. The students are encouraged to participate in service activities, for which they are rewarded with credit that can be exchanged for music lessons, Ipods, or rafting trips, just to name a few. For more information, visit www.ymcagreenville.org/teens.php.

The oldest and largest women's multicultural organization in the world, the **YWCA** strives to empower women and eliminate racism. The staff and volunteers offer career counseling, job training, childcare, and, most importantly, support for women in times of need. With over 25 million members in 122 different countries, the YWCA provides safe places for women and girls while advocating for women's rights. With this money, the YWCA will provide healthy foods for children in the Child Development program who typically do not have the opportunity to eat a well-balanced meal. For more information, visit www.ywca.org.

Zest Quest is a not-for-profit children's health initiative that promotes physical activity, healthy eating habits, and improved health literacy. In 2003, the Surgeon General of the United States, Richard Carmona, addressed obesity as the fastest-growing cause of death and disease in America. Zest Quest has helped over 6500 students

in the Upstate to become more aware of their lifestyle choices through curriculum-based educational and mentorship programs. Zest Quest hopes to fund parenting programs and educational events with this donation, as well as distribute newsletters to over 10,000 parents and raise awareness of children's health issues. For more information, visit www.zestquest.org.

**Euphoria 2008 will be held September 11 – 14, 2008.
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