

## GAIHN News for March 11, 2011



❖ The 2011 rendition of the “**Reedy River Duck Derby**” is set for Saturday, May 7 at Falls Park. GAIHN is one of the local beneficiaries of this wonderful event, sponsored by the [Greenville Evening Rotary Club](#). Last year about 7000 people witnessed the exciting duck race and raised lots of Duck-Bucks!

Want to get out the good word about your business or group? Become a **Sponsor** for the Reedy River Duck Derby! Several levels of [sponsorship](#) are available.

**Volunteers are vital to making the Duck Derby a success each year.** Help is needed on Derby Day (Saturday, May 7) for staffing booths, selling adoption papers for ducks, providing information, and giving directions to those attending the event. This is a great service opportunity for youth groups and high school students in need of service hours for National Honor Society and Beta Club membership. Contact [Linda Watson](#) for more information, or [Tony McDade](#) at GAIHN.

**Want to raise extra “Duck Bucks” for your group’s project?** Consider the “[Buck-a-Duck](#)” program. For all your Derby Duck sales, you’ll recoup 20%. This is a fun way to raise funds for mission projects and the like, and there’s no upfront cost to cover. Contact [Candy Surkin](#) for more info (313-1034) right away.

**Church groups are also invited to staff a concessions booth at the Duck Derby**, with all proceeds (after expenses) going to your group’s project.

Click [Greenville Evening Rotary Club](#) or [Reedy River Duck Derby](#) or click on the [Derby Ducks](#) logo above for photos from the 2010 Derby and info for 2011.

### **Spring Cleaning?**



Donations of clothing, furniture, household items, and bedding may be made to benefit GAIHN families through the [SOS Thrift Store](#). SOS will credit your donations to GAIHN families through a voucher system, thus allowing our families to shop for the things they need in an effective and timely manner. For example, many GAIHN families will shop for spring clothing for their children, thanks to your generosity.

The process is simple: take your donations to SOS Thrift Store (located at 1184 North Pleasantburg Drive, across from BJU in the old Ethan Allen store) and mention **GAIHN** as the beneficiary agency. SOS staff will take care of the rest. Or call 244-0911 to arrange a pick-up for larger items.

GAIHN also has a partnership with **Habitat for Humanity** to collect in-kind donations of furniture, beds, and household items. HFH has a donation collections schedule (Monday: Greer/Taylors; Tuesday and Friday: Greenville/TR; Wednesday: larger items; Thursday: Mauldin/Simpsonville): **call the [Habitat ReStore](#) at 298-0099**. Click [FAQs](#) about donations policies.



## **News on Current GAIHN Guests**

We have two families (11 individuals; 5 adults and 6 children) residing at Christ Church Episcopal:

☺ Gray (Joseph) **Scott** and Jennifer **Ryan**, with one son, Stephen (6), joined the GAIHN community on January 6. Gray started work FT recently! Stephen is a first-grader at East North Street Elementary. They report no allergies, and are working on replacing their car.

☺ The **Fullers** joined us on February 18. Timothy and Angela have four daughters and a son: girls are Rashel (age 12), twins Samantha and Belle (8), and Valdina (6); and the boy is Delliano (2, pushing 3). They also have a 26 year-old adopted daughter staying with them, Erin Arrowood. Rashel is at League Academy, and the other girls attend Mitchell Road Elementary. No allergies reported, and they do have a van.

Residing at John Knox Presbyterian Church are three families (11 individuals; 5 adults and 6 children):

☺ Jeff **Kaufman** and his two daughters, Alyssa (5) and Olivia (3), joined the GAIHN community on January 27. He is seeking work in the culinary field (once childcare for the girls is in place), and does have a car. They report no allergies and enjoy all foods.

☺ The **McKay** family joined the GAIHN community on March 1. Charles McKay and Katherine Heavlin are the parents of a 15-month old daughter, Neaveh. Charles has found a third-shift job (4pm-4am), and Katherine is caring for Neaveh. They report no food allergies and do have a car.

☺ Our newest guest family is the **Burns**, who entered the GAIHN fold on March 3. Kimberly and Frank are a married couple with three children: two sons: Frank, Jr. (15, attends Eastside High) and Rashad (10, attends Brushy Creek Elem); and one daughter: Chelsea (12, attends Greenville Middle). They report no allergies and do have a car. Kimberly is employed at a local hospital, while Frank is seeking a job.

🏠 **Transitional Housing Update:** we have 18 GAIHN families (21 adults and 54 children) living in transitional housing right now, including: the **Groves** (“Kay Melloms Hospitality House” at St. Michael Lutheran Church); the **Williams** (apartment at St. Michael Lutheran Church); the **Dinkins** (212 Gower Street, “The Promise House,” co-sponsored by Buncombe Street UMC, St. Matthew UMC, Covenant UMC, and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church); the **Bull and Flores** (the Rowland-McFerrin House, sponsored by Greenville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship); the **Taylor**s (JL Mann Hospitality House at 143 Scarlett); the **Alexanders** (“Aldersgate House,” sponsored by First UMC-Easley); the **Hellyers** (“Our Neighbors House,” sponsored by Easley Presbyterian Church); the **Andrews** (One Prayer House at 5 Gladys Street, sponsored by the Tierney family and Springwell Church); the **Neelys** (111 Jim Logan Court, sponsored by Fluor Corporation “Golf for Greenville” and furnished by the youth of Advent UMC); the **Tony and Audrey Williams** (8 Carter Street, co-sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church and First Baptist Church-Greenville); the **Hamptons** (1 Prescott Street, sponsored by Overbrook Baptist Church in partnership with St. Giles Presbyterian Church); the **Johnsons** (“Lola’s House” at 110 Douthit Street, sponsored by the Collins family and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church); and the **Finchum, Hutchinson, Pinson, Sullivan and Young** families at Greenline-Spartanburg (Graham, Hollingsworth, and Sisters of Charity Hospitality Houses).

🎂 **Happy Birthday** in March to Jimena Flores-Sanchez (4<sup>th</sup>); Karen Taylor (10<sup>th</sup>); GAIHN Board president, Ellis Beddingfield (11<sup>th</sup>); Darlene Hutchinson (15<sup>th</sup>); Tonyae Dinkins (16<sup>th</sup>); Anita Finchum (17<sup>th</sup>); Erin Arrowood (21<sup>st</sup>); Janayah Dinkins (28<sup>th</sup>); and GAIHN administrative assistant, Kathy Hughes (31<sup>st</sup>).

### 📖 **GAIHN Gratitude**

Recently our GAIHN guest families have been warmly welcomed at [Christ Church Episcopal](#) and [John Knox Presbyterian Church](#) (in partnership with [Aldersgate United Methodist Church](#) and [First Christian Church](#)). Special thanks go to CCE coordinators, Peggy Cox and Fran Spicer; to JKPC coordinator, Jennifer Campbell; to AUMC coordinator, Debra Funk; to FCC coordinator, Dave Strunk; to the wonderful JKPC, CCE, AUMC, and FCC volunteer crews; and to the JKPC and CCE church staffs, for sharing hospitality with our guest families so wonderfully.

Next week the GAIHN families will reside at Holland Park Church of Christ and Buncombe Street United Methodist Church.

