



MHCO Insider

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
Spring/Summer 2012

1st Annual MHCO

Great Landscape Event

Familiar Faces, New Friends Help Prepare Campus for Spring

Our Mission:
To assist families in need by providing a safe, homelike setting for children until they are reunited with family or achieve independence.

Inspired by the actions of Girl Scout Katherine Starnes, MHCO held its first one-day landscaping event to help prepare the grounds of the Home for spring. For the last two years Miss Starnes, who is the granddaughter of Eureka Lodge No. 283 member Don Lyerly, and her troop mates and family came to the Home to prepare flower beds, spread mulch, weed, plant, and provide beautiful additions to the campus for spring while she worked towards her Gold Star Award in Scouting. On March 10, Miss Starnes returned, with her award, and this time was joined by Masons from local Lodges, as well as employees of Direct Insurance and the Cub Scouts of local Oxford Pack 637. Master of Orphans Lodge 761, Tommy Mills, and members of his home Lodge, Orphans Lodge and other Lodges lead the groups on this chilly morning and by 1pm, had beautified the cottages of lower campus, as well as all playground and play areas, with mulching and weeding. This event brought together new friends under a common gift of charity – to landscape and enhance the Home of our children for spring. MHCO and its staff and children would like to recognize and honor the following for their participation and commitment to this inaugural event. Look for details this fall on next year’s event to help beautify the homes of our children at Oxford.

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- *Yvonne McCarthy and the employees of Direct Insurance of Raleigh, Wilson, Durham, Henderson, and Rocky Mount*
- *Members of Orphans 761, James B. Green 735, Creedmoor 499, William T. Bain 231, Selma 320*
- *Cub Scout Pack 637*
- *Mrs. Luisa Reynolds of OES 166*



The 2012 Masonic Homecoming Festival will take place on Friday October 12 and Saturday October 13. Join us for the Chipshots for Children Golf Tournament, the state’s biggest and best Shrine Parade, BBQ and all the fixings, and T. Graham Brown entertaining the crowd from the main stage!

Mark Your Calendars

2011 Holiday Helpers – Thanks for a Great Christmas!

The Masonic Home for Children was blessed to have the charity and joy of over seventy dedicated groups, organizations, individuals, Lodges, and families, providing Christmas for the children of our Home in December 2011. These gifts brought joy and fulfilled wishes at Christmas and will provide well into the New Year! To all who contributed—our thanks on behalf of every child's wish that was made possible this Christmas! Help us recognize our special holiday helpers!



- *Julie Best and Family/ Friends*
- *Orr Lodge No. 104*
- *Thomasville Lodge No. 214*
- *Buffalo Lodge No. 172*
- *Franklin High School Spanish Honor Society*
- *Olin Lodge No. 226*
- *Ft. Bragg - Operation Toy Drop*
- *Murphey's Scooter Shed*
- *Joe's Cheap Art Supplies*
- *Granville Health Systems Rehab*
- *Montessori Community School of Durham*
- *New River Lodge No. 736*
- *Sylvia Saenger*
- *Henderson Optimist Club*
- *Wakefield Ladies Golf Club*
- *NC Rate Bureau*
- *Ole Time BBQ*
- *EPA of RTP*
- *Newell Lodge No. 739*
- *NC Nursing Association*
- *Denver Lodge No. 757*
- *Ashe Lodge No. 594*
- *Belmont Masonic Lodge No. 627*
- *BMI Medical Company*
- *Abatement Restoration*
- *Bay Leaf Baptist Church*
- *Candace Midgett*
- *Vandora Lodge No. 745*
- *Martin & Jones, Attorneys at Law*
- *Triangle Italian American Heritage Association*
- *Oxford Orphanage Alumni Association*
- *Novella Clinical Inc.*
- *UNC Emergency Room Management & Staff*
- *4th Masonic District*
- *7th Masonic District*
- *Garner Lodge No. 701*
- *Randy Williams*
- *Arrow/McGregor Enterprise*
- *BCBS – Fed Employee Benefits Division*
- *Triangle ARMA*
- *South Gate OES No. 177*
- *Terry Gilliland & Bet Holleman*
- *Tabasco Lodge No. 271*
- *Vicious Hogs Motorcycle Club*
- *Alexis Wise*
- *Golden Corral Corporation*
- *The Newkirk Family*
- *Duke Respiratory Therapy*
- *Mr. Danny Page*
- *Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Lesley Gibbs*
- *Hooters of RDU/Ben Lippetz*
- *Granville Lodge No. 380/ Franklinton No. 123*
- *Easy Eddie's Cycle Shop*
- *Cary Lodge No. 198*
- *Hernandez Family*
- *Henderson Women's Club*
- *Tina Filler - GSK*

Why do we recycle?

By: Denise, Editor Campus Tracks

We recycle on campus because it helps the earth by saving resources and lowers the cost of future items. Recycling is taking materials that were manufactured for use, whether they were actually used or not, and reclaiming and repurposing them for another use. Some things that can be recycled are: cardboard, paper, any colored glass, aluminum, metal cans, and plastics.

The collection here at the Home takes about four hours a week to recycle all these reusable things.

There are many benefits for recycling. We could have more natural resources available, less pol-

lution and more money savings.

Mr. Frank was inspired to work with recycling and younger children because he loves working with younger children, and he loves nature, so he feels like it's a good opportunity to bring the two together.

There are five people on campus who work in the recycling program – Mr. Frank, Mr. Sneed, and students Will, Donovan, and David. They all see recycling increasing because it's a fairly new thing to our country, and new ways to use recycled products are being developed continuously in our ever-day lives. Mr. Frank



says he thinks it has impacted all the children on campus and it has made them all aware that there is recycling and they can play a part to improve the environment. He also thinks that not recycling harms and pollutes the earth because without recycling there is more trash going in our landfills and it causes us to use more natural resources. So please everybody, be willing to pitch in and help these little guys recycle. We would greatly appreciate it.



The North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign provides state employees and retirees an opportunity and choice in directing their contributions to charitable organizations through a uniform and systematic process. As an approved charity, the Masonic Home for Children received a combined total of \$8141.18 from the 2011 campaign. Thank you to those NC State Employees who chose to donate to our Home!



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Dear Masonic Home for Children,



Thank you for the extra
food, clothes, and providing a
roof over my head. I appreci-
ate what you do for me. I am
so thankful for the extra help
you give me.

Rhonda, Age 10
