

News and Events

1st Masonic Landscaping Day Scheduled for MHCO

Over the past several years our Lodges and many service groups have found unique ways to contribute to the care of our Home and, in turn, the living environment of our children. One of the most popular has been to beautify the grounds of the Home through various landscaping projects. For 2012 the Home would like to host those eager Masons and their families and friends or any service organization on one day to prepare the campus for spring.

On March 10, 2012 the Home will host its first ever “Great Landscape Event” designating one day of service for any registered group to come and help spruce up and prepare the Home for spring. To register or for information call the Home at 919-693-5111 or visit www.mhc-oxford.org.

MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN “GREAT LANDSCAPE EVENT”

When: Saturday, March 10, 2012 (Rain Date, March 17, 2012)

Where: Campus of The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Schedule: 8am – 9am - Continental Breakfast

9am – 12:30pm – Landscaping on Campus

12:30pm – Lunch and Conclusion of Event

To sign up or for more information contact MHCO and the Financial Development Department at

1- 888-505-4357/919-693-5111 or tgilreath@mhc-oxford.org

MHCO Prepares for Emergencies With Multi-Hazard Training, Drills, and New Safety Features

Beginning in the summer of 2010, the Masonic Home for Children began an initiative to prepare their campus and their staff and residents for emergencies with the Multi-Response System. With the dramatic increase of emergency situations and a need to update current emergency programs, the Home has worked for the last two years with FEMA, the State of North Carolina, and Granville County Emergency Management Services to create a multi-hazard emergency plan. Including “lockdown” and evacuation scenarios, the Home has updated its policies and included a number of new safety features on the campus, including external emergency notification systems (horns), text and email messaging, and the development of an Incident Command System for the campus staff and residents. Testing of the plan and its components continues through 2012 culminating in a full-scale drill later this year.



Doug Logan, (Center, standing) Director and EM Coordinator and Fire Marshal provides a table-top drill, giving a scenario on paper for the Home’s Emergency Plan to react to, finding those things that work and problems that may need correction. Drills will accompany future table-top exercises on a regular basis with the entire campus and including local law enforcement and emergency services.

OUR SUPPORTERS MAKE THE HOLIDAYS GREAT AT MHCO



As they have for more than 25 years, **Ashe Lodge No. 594**, led by Brother Mike Sawyer (left), again delivered live Christmas Trees and wreaths for the campus, courtesy of Huddler Tree Farms near West Jefferson, NC. The Lodge has provided these trees, driving them, fresh-cut from the mountains, each Christmas and for every cottage on campus, at no cost to MHCO for more than two decades. Our special thanks for this festive in-kind gift, that makes our Christmas possible.

John and Buffy Murphey, of Murphey's Scooter Shed and Fairview Masonic Lodge No. 339 held their 13th Annual Toy Run, with a portion of the proceeds and gift and need items donated to MHCO. The ride held each November near Kings Mountain, NC, welcomed over 275 bikers and included lunch, music, and a t-shirt. We thank all those that rode on a chilly morning for our kids Christmas.



Members of Granville Lodge No. 380 and Franklinton Lodge No. 123 helped MHCO ring in the New Year for a 2nd time. Donating time and travel that celebrated 2012 with a spaghetti lunch and dessert. Our thanks for helping us end 2011 the same way it started, with the support and commitment of our Masons.

The Katie Lee Currin Group of the First Baptist Church of Creedmoor returned in 2011 with their special lasagna dinner – a nice break from turkey and ham during the holidays! Organized by Mrs. Elizabeth Donahue the group provided the well-loved meal for a 2nd year courtesy of some wonderful cooking and thanks to the charitable work of their members and families.



Holiday Helpers – 2011 – 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	Denver Lodge No. 757	Triangle ARMA
Orr Lodge No. 104	Ashe Lodge No. 594	South Gate OES No. 177
Thomasville Lodge No. 214	Belmont Masonic Lodge No. 627	Terry Gilliland
Buffalo Lodge No. 172	BMI Medical Company	Tabasco Lodge No. 271
Franklin High School Spanish Honor Society	Abatement Restoration	Vicious Hogs Motorcycle Club
Olin Lodge No. 226	Bay Leaf Baptist	Alexis Wise
Ft. Bragg - Operation Toy Drop	Candace Midgett	Golden Corral Corporation
Murphey's Scooter Shed	Vandora Lodge No. 745	The Newkirk Family
Joe's Cheap Art Supplies	Martin & Jones, Attorneys at Law	Duke Respiratory Therapy
Granville Health Systems Rehab	Triangle Italian American Heritage Association	Mr. Danny Page
Montessori Community School of Durham	Oxford Orphanage Alumni Association	Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Lesley Gibbs
New River Lodge No. 736	Novella Clinical Inc.	Hooters of RDU/Ben Lippetz
Sylvia Saenger	UNC Emergency Room Management & Staff	Granville Lodge No. 380/Franklinton No. 123
Henderson Optimist Club	4th Masonic District	Easy Eddie's Cycle Shop
Wakefield Ladies Golf Club	7th Masonic District	Cary Lodge No. 198
NC Rate Bureau	Garner Lodge No. 701	Hernandez Family
Ole Time BBQ of Raleigh, NC	Randy Williams	Henderson Women's Club
EPA of RTP	Arrow/McGregor Enterprise	Tina Filler - GSK
Newell Lodge No. 739	BCBS – Fed Employee Benefits Division	
NC Nursing Association		

Special Thanks to these friends who helped provide for our children at Christmas!