

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Savannah State Students to Benefit from Endowed Scholarship



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kirbo of the Kirbo Charitable Trust are shown above giving Mr. and Mrs. Luther Conyers a \$100,000.00 commitment for scholarships at Savannah State University. This generous gift is given to honor the Conyers' 60th Class Reunion Celebration as graduates of Georgia State College. (Now Savannah State University) This is a grant TO BE MATCHED.

When matched by Alumni and others, this gift will create a \$200,000.00 Endowed Scholarship for students at Savannah State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Conyers have devoted more than 110 years to the education of youth in Decatur County. Mrs. Conyers retired after 39+ years of teaching but she remains very active in the community. She serves as GED Examiner, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary,

President of the Decatur County Retired Educators Association, and Coordinator of Alumni Affairs for Decatur County Chapter of SSU Alumni Association.

Mr. Conyers continues to serve in the Decatur County School System as Attendance Support Personnel. He is active in the Bainbridge Rotary Club, American Legion Post 502, Habitat for Humanity, Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce, Kettle Captain for the Salvation Army and a member of the Bainbridge City Council. Savannah State University honored him in 1978 as Alumnus of the Year. He was inducted into

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Park Place Receives Historic Savannah Foundation Preservation Award

Park Place Outreach, Inc. is proud to announce it has received a Historic Savannah Foundation Preservation Award. The non-profit was chosen because it's new \$1.7 million facility serves as a good example of adaptive reuse, as they found a building that was close to demolition status and transformed it into a fully functional LEED certified building.

Park Place officials accepted the "Preservation" award on October 30th at the Foundation's annual meeting at the SCAD Student Center in Savannah.

There are 25 other businesses, which have been chosen for this award, out of approximately 50 who sent in applications for consideration. The annual awards ceremony has been taking place since 1966.

The Historic Savannah Foundation is a non-profit,



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non-governmental preservation organization. It saves endangered buildings from demolition with a revolving fund; protects Savannah's historic city plan; educates the public in preservation principles and techniques, and enhances the livability of Savannah's historic dis-

tricts through these efforts.

Park Place provides emergency shelter and street outreach for adolescents ages 11 through 17 and their families. It is the only agency located within Chatham County that serves youth at no charge who are accepted without a referral to receive help. Park Place opened in 1984. There are approximately 15-30 youth residents served each month. For more information on Park Place, call (912) 234-4048 or visit www.park-placeyes.org

Park Place Outreach, Inc. has also announced it has a new board member, Melissa K. Bouchillon, a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch. Melissa has worked there for 4 @* years and is looking forward to serving Park Place Outreach.

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Children's Choir to hold innovative Song Dedication Auction on Ebay

Each year the Savannah Children's Choir has hosted a reception and silent auction to auction off the "naming rights" -- the opportunity to purchase a song dedication - for all the songs featured at the Annual Holiday Concert, held this year on December 7 at 3 p.m. at the Lucas Theater.

This year, using Ebay's technology, the Choir is opening up their Song Dedication Auction to the

world!

Starting on November 10th and ending on November 20th, the opportunity to purchase a dedication for each piece featured in the SCC Annual Holiday Concert will be up for auction at www.Ebay.com <<http://www.Ebay.com>> .

The winning dedications will be printed in the program, and announced during the concert. This is a fantastic gift for loved ones

or for the person that has everything.

"While our auctions have been very successful in the past, this year we're putting an additional load on our parents and volunteers due to the fundraising we're undertaking for our 2009 trips to England and Chattanooga," comments co-founder and managing director Cuffy Sullivan. "By using Ebay, we're keeping the sense of competitive fun in the auction, opening it up to a much larger community, and not overburdening our volunteers."

"Cuffy is very technologically creative, and as we were looking at a busy year of fundraising and events, she mentioned this idea," comments co-founder and artistic director Roger Moss. "I thought it was extremely innovative, easy to set up and manage, and a great way to expand the audience for the popular song dedication feature of our Annual Holiday Concert."

To bid on your song dedication and support the Savannah Children's Choir, go to Ebay <<http://www.ebay.com/>> November 10th to 20th and search "Savannah Children's Choir". Or, go to the SCC website, www.savannahchoir.org <<http://www.savannahchoir.org>> and click on the links.

EOA Accepting Applications

With the beginning of winter, the Department of Human Resources (DHR) began providing heating assistance for low-income Georgians through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

November 3 to November 30, 2008, the homebound and elderly (65+) may apply for assistance at BOA-Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah/Chatham Area,

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