



HHoC Insiders Newsletter

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25th Anniversary Celebration



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From the ED

Excitement is running wild here at the house. So many wonderful things are happening we can't keep up. We are in preparation for an amazing 25th Anniversary Celebration Event on April 16th, the landscape committee is hard at work in the yard, we are working on a 25th Anniversary Newsletter with lots of great pictures, history and more! Barbara Grant is organizing more and more groups to come and prepare dinner for our guests, and we are partnering with Johnson and Wales to work with their students.



With all these wonderful things happening, we are still focused on our main mission...sheltering our guests. As much as we have going on behind the scenes, the real work is done by YOU, our loyal, dedicated volunteers and staff "in the front" of the house. You are taking care of the woman who is here to support her brother, the young family whose baby is in the neonatal unit, the wife who is excited that her husband is off the respirator. That is the real reason why we are here.

On behalf of the staff, board, and especially our guests, thank you for all you do each day you walk through our front door. We cannot fulfill our mission without you!

Kimberly

Our Guests' Stories

Many of our guests come from the airport. Most people don't know that. Charlotte Douglas International Airport is 8th nationwide in operations and has an average of 2,895,000 passengers per month.

Sheila and her husband had just finished a wonderful vacation in the US and were on their way back to England. They arrived in Charlotte for their layover and Martin got a stomach ache. It was so bad they would not let him on the plane for their flight

home. He was taken to CMC and the diagnosis was a twisted intestine. While he was in the hospital, Sheila stayed at Hospitality House of Charlotte (HHOC).

Before leaving to go home Sheila said staying at HHoC felt like "home." She felt so fortunate to stay at such a wonderful place. Everyone was so nice and caring, helping her navigate the Charlotte area.

We are grateful to have been here for Sheila and the more than 35,000 guests we have sheltered since 1985. We appreciate your support in helping us to care for them.

Development Corner



Hey! Believe it or not, Spring is on the way and so is our 25th Anniversary Celebration "**Full House Casino Night**" at **Byron's South End** on **April 16th**. Have you marked your calendar? Invitations will be mailed out soon. You don't want to miss out on this one!

I once again ask for your help!

Last month an email was sent to all of our wonderful volunteers requesting your support in collecting items for prizes at the event. We still need help in getting donated items for the baskets. Can you help us by putting together a basket or collect items with a group of friends, bridge club or church group? Single items received that are not with a specific basket can be grouped with other items to create a package or basket.

The sky is the limit in the kind of baskets we need! Feel free to get creative! Some ideas are:

- Weekend Getaway Packages
- Themed baskets such as: Cooking, Tea, Wine, Books, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Memorial Day, For Her, For Him, Boys, Girls, Shopping, etc.

Deadline for all items to be collected is **April 1**.

Suggestions for places to ask are: restaurants you frequent, salons, spa's, jewelers, florist, wine shops, grocery stores, specialty stores etc. Donation forms are available by emailing [Susan](#). We will also display the donors business materials at the event in thanks for their donation.

Thanks to Patti Szabo and her daughter Sarah, who works with the Charlotte Knights, for their amazing gift basket with various team items and use of a 14 person suite for a game! [We have a lot more to collect!](#)

I also need help in stuffing our invitations. If you can give of your time to assist with either project, please call Susan Ross at 704-376-0060 x 2. The date for stuffing and adhering cards is March 3rd and 4th. We have different shifts so please sign up [here](#). This is all dependent on the printer, so I ask you to please call or email me so I can keep in touch!

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Susan

Upcoming Events

"Full House Casino Night "
Sheltering a Full House of Guests Every Day
Friday, April 16th 7:00 pm
Byron's South End



Mark your calendar now; this is an event you won't want to miss!

Get Ready To Roll at Byron's South End and celebrate our 25th Anniversary! Join us for Gaming Fun, Heavy Hors D' oeuvres, Music, Refreshments, Dancing and FUN!

If you wish to volunteer for this event, we are in the planning stages and need your help. Call Susan at 704.376.0060 ext. 2 or email [here](#).

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training

April 12th 6:30 - 8:00pm

April 14th 10:00 - 11:30 am

MMAE, Mecklenburg Medical Alliance and Auxiliary, has generously donated a AED device to HHoC in commemoration of our 25th Anniversary and to show their continued support of Hospitality House of Charlotte. Trainings can hold only 20 people per session and last about 1.5 hours. Sign up for this life-saving class [HERE Now!](#)

April 28th, 2010

25th Birthday Party and Open House

Help us celebrate our 25th Birthday at an Open House. We will announce details closer to the event.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, May 6th 11:30pm

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church

Fundraiser at the Pewter Rose Restaurant

Tuesday, May 11th

Enjoy a delicious meal and support Hospitality House at the same time. Come join us. We will announce details closer to the event.

Spotlight on a Special Partner

Calloway's Baskets & Blossoms Florist

We are so grateful to have many wonderful organizations and businesses supporting HHoC. Please visit our website and look at our list of Special Partners. Using our Special Partners is a wonderful way to give back to those who sponsor us.

This month's Special Partner Spotlight is Calloway's Baskets and Blossoms. They consistently provide us with beautiful flowers and goodies that help make our house a home.



You can reach them at 704.372.8892 or view their website at basketsandblossoms.com or stop by. They're located at 601 South Kings Drive (same shopping center as Mama Ricotta's). Let them know you heard about them through Hospitality House of Charlotte and thank them for sharing and caring.

Your Favorite

Donation of the Month

Keeping with an old HHoC tradition, we encourage you (while you're at a meeting or when you come to visit) to provide our guests extra support by bringing in a donation of your favorite brand of a selected item. The Donations of the Month are:
March: Granulated Sugar



April: Cereal
 May: Popcorn

Event Dates at HHoC

March

March 2	1:00 pm	Marketing, PR & Dev Committee
March 8	12:00 pm	Executive Meeting - Brown Bag Lunch
March 9	10:00 am	Auxiliary Meeting
	3:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
	6:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
March 11	7:30 am	Board Meeting
March 23	8:00 am	Operations Committee
	3:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
	6:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation

April

April 5	12:00 pm	Executive Meeting - Brown Bag Lunch
April 6	1:00 pm	Marketing, PR & Dev Committee
April 8	7:30 am	Board Meeting
April 12	6:00 pm	AED (automated external defibrillator) Training 1.5 hours
April 13	10:00 am	Auxiliary Meeting
	3:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
	6:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
April 14	10:00 am	AED (automated external defibrillator) Training 1.5 hours
April 16	7:00 pm	25th Anniversary Casino Night
April 27	8:00 am	Operations Committee
	3:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
	6:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation
April 28	TBD	Hospitality House of Charlotte 25th Birthday & Open House



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