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Generous Donations of Time and Resources Help Appleseed Efforts

Palmetto Paralegal Association Donates \$2500

We are pleased to announce the generous donation of \$2,500 by the Palmetto Paralegal Association (PPA). The Palmetto Paralegal Association (PPA), formerly known as the Columbia Legal Assistant Association, was established in 1988 to promote professional development through continuing legal education and to enhance the recognition of the paralegal profession within the legal community. Based in Columbia, South Carolina, PPA's membership is comprised of over 150 members. The donation was made to SC Appleseed at PPA's March meeting. Along with the donation to SC Appleseed, PPA made a similarly generous donation to SC Legal Services.

These hardworking professionals understand the intricacies of legal work. Many of this organization's members also stepped forward to volunteer with both organizations as additional help during these austere times. Having the reward and acknowledgement of our fellow legal professionals means a great deal to SC Appleseed and will be cherished. Their generosity in these difficult economic times warrants special praise. Gracious donations like PPA's allow SC Appleseed to continue to work for those who most often have no voice-the poor. Thank you, Palmetto Paralegal Association for helping us to continue our mission of ensuring justice for South Carolinians.



Sen. Thomas Alexander holds up the SCHIP flyer children will receive at school, which encourages parents with no insurance to inquire about SCHIP for their children.



Sen. Brad Hutto speaks on SCHIP's funding through federal and state support, making children's healthcare available to families who fit the criteria.

Legislators Volunteer to Distribute SCHIP Flyers

On Thursday, March 26th, state senators and representatives were recognized in a press conference at the State House for their volunteering efforts to deliver SCHIP (SC Children's Health Insurance Program) flyers to their home district's school system. This bi-partisan efforts by over 50 representatives reaches out to many South Carolinians who cannot afford healthcare for their children. Disbursing over 600,000 flyers was a massive task, with many people to thank.

Sen. Thomas Alexander, Sen. Brad Hutto, Rep. Vida Miller and Rep. David Mack spoke on behalf of those legislators participating, emphasizing the needs of children's healthcare for the most vulnerable in our society. Taking this hands-on, leadership role has been vital in spreading information that can help struggling families. We commend these leaders who so graciously helped to distribute flyers informing parents about the children's health insurance, which will benefit children across the state.

In the coming weeks, Appleseed will recognize these legislators and other individuals and groups who made giving flyers to every K-9th grader in the state possible. Readers will be able to thank them personally.

SC Appleseed Legal Justice, SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce, AARP and SC Fair Share, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education sponsored the SCHIP flyer.



Rep. David Mack stresses the importance of the SCHIP program and the services it provides.

Rep. Vida Miller addresses the voluntary distribution by legislators.



Sue Berkowitz thanks the 50 plus legislators who donated their time to distribute the SCHIP flyers.

About Us...

South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is dedicated to advocacy for low income people in South Carolina to effect systemic change by acting in and through the courts, legislature, administrative agencies, community and the media, and helping others do the same through education, training and co-counseling.

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