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“Local Boys Do Good” Grant Recipients Awarded

Upstate Organizations Received Over \$45,000 from
2007 Food, Wine, and Music Event

GREENVILLE, SC., July 16, 2008 – The second annual Southern Exposure event, held on September 14-16, 2007, raised over \$45,000 for local non-profit organizations, more than twice the amount from the previous year. The thirteen grant recipients received their checks on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at a presentation held in the O Lounge at Restaurant O.

“It was great to see such a huge increase in proceeds from the 2006 event,” said Carl Sobocinski, Owner of Table 301 Restaurant Group and co-founder of Southern Exposure and Local Boys Do Good with Edwin McCain. Sobocinski was extremely satisfied with the total amount raised from the 2007 event. “Thousands of people enjoyed the weekend while directly benefiting local organizations, and we are pleased to be able to help fund such important causes,” he added.

The grants will fund in full Pleasant Valley Connection’s “National Night Out,” which is a nationally celebrated crime and drug prevention awareness evening that takes place in August. They will also help cover expenses for the Special Olympics Fall Games held in Anderson, the youth component of “Hands on Greenville” day, and the ongoing music therapy program at the Meyer Center for Special Children.

Other beneficiaries include the Furman YMCA Initiative, which provides teens in the area with music lessons in exchange for community service; Project Host, a soup

kitchen that provides lunch every day along with hosting culinary classes; Zest Quest, a non-profit organization that encourages children to adopt healthy lifestyle choices; and the YWCA, which provides a healthy snack for over 70 children in the Child Development Program.

Local Boys Do Good also awarded grants to the Greenville Family Partnership, for their peer health training program to keep kids off tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, and Loaves & Fishes, an organization that feeds the hungry in Greenville through food donations.

The GOFO Health & Education partnership with 4-H received funding for their Grow Healthy Kids program, which provides environmental education and vegetable gardens at public schools. The Frazee Dream Center received a grant for its after-school and summer program for under-resourced children, and Diligent Hands Gracious Hearts was given funding to increase the number of citizens served through its lawn and home maintenance program.

Euphoria, a Southern Exposure experience, will take place on September 11-14 this year and will feature musical performances by artists including Edwin McCain and Chris Isaak. The weekend will also host renowned chefs such as Rick Tramonto, Anthony Amoroso, Scott Crawford, and Ken Vedrinski, and will expose guests to wines from all over the world. Tickets are currently on sale by phone (1-800-514-3849) or online at www.euphoriagreenville.com.

For more information on the Euphoria 2008 event or to see the 2006 grant recipients, visit www.euphoriagreenville.com.

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