Carolina Master Scholars Adventures Series | University of South Carolina

Carolina Gives Back

For the ninth year, Carolina Gives Back will be a part of the Carolina Master Scholars Adventures Series. You will be helping to give back to our community.

How does it work?

A charity or nonprofit has been designated for each week that an Adventure Series is held this summer. On Sunday at check-in, each student is asked to bring item(s) or cash to donate to the charity. Throughout the week, university faculty and staff will also contribute by dropping off donations. At the end of the week, we will collect all the donations and present them to the charity.

Giving Back One Week at a Time

Check out the charity assigned to your week and plan to bring an item or two. Don’t worry if you don’t have enough room in your luggage, we’ll also be collecting a monetary donation for the charity of the week.

June 4th - June 9th: Pets Inc.

PETSinc is a nonprofit, No-Kill pet rescue and adoption organization that has served Columbia, South Carolina for 25 years. With the help of generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and a loving community of families, PETSinc continues to grow.

Donations: Tennis balls, pet toys, pens, markers, staples, staplers, copy paper (white, yellow, or blue), liquid dish detergent, laundry detergent, bleach, pine cleansers, paper towels, rubber gloves, cotton swabs, baby oil, mineral oil, pill bottles, blankets, towels, wash cloths, collars, leashes.

June 11th – 16th: Sistercare, Inc.

Sistercare, Inc. is a program of services for battered women and their children residing in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland counties in South Carolina. Domestic violence is a far larger problem than most people realize; unfortunately, they see more and more women and children who need help. Their services include emergency shelters, children services, community counseling services, court advocacy, community education and awareness, a 24 hour service telephone line, shelter follow-up program, traditional housing, and Hispanic outreach services.
**Donations:** Non-perishable food, baby food, baby wipes, diapers, diaries, alarm clocks, book bags, calculators, car seats, coffee, coffee makers, cookware, cosmetics, hair care products, irons, ironing boards, laundry baskets, light bulbs, mops, DVDs, ethnic dolls, paper products (paper napkins, plastic knives, forks, and spoons, Styrofoam coffee cups, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), toiletries, office supplies (pens, paper, envelopes, etc.), cleaning supplies (mops, brooms, liquid cleaner, soap, etc.), deodorant, travel-sized bar soap, tooth brushes, back packs, bath towels, washcloths, pillows, pillowcases, school supplies, slippers, tablecloths, Toasters, trash bags, umbrellas, and Band aids.

**June 18th– 23rd: Harvest Hope Food Bank**
Harvest Hope provides over 200,000 families in central South Carolina with nutritious food and related products. Now serving 20 counties from their headquarters in Columbia and their branch warehouses in Lexington and Florence, they strive to meet the needs of friends and neighbors who are finding themselves at risk of hunger. Through a network of member agencies, dedicated volunteers and staff, they hope to combat hunger in our area.

**Donations:** Canned meat and fish, peanut butter in plastic jars, canned soups, plastic grocery bags, canned vegetables and fruits, breakfast cereal, personal care items like soap and shampoo and other non-perishable food items.

**June 25th – 30th: Carolina Wildlife**
Carolina Wildlife is devoted to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned animals and the preservation of wildlife through education. This organization was founded in 1989 and is now a non-profit organization. They provide increased education about the eco-community of South Carolina and how to care for and protect the wildlife in this state.

Donations: Cheerios, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent (no scent), laundry bleach, trash bags, facial tissues, paper towels, brooms and mops, hand soap, towels, blankets, scotch tape, post it notes, scissors, latex gloves, scrub brushes and feather dusters.

**July 9th – 14th: Ronald McDonald House**
The Ronald McDonald House provides a comfortable "home away from home" where families can rest, enjoy home-cooked meals, access laundry and shower facilities and most importantly, receive a network of support among other families struggling with similar worries and fears. This stability allows families to focus on being there for their child when it matters most, helping them heal better and faster.

**Donations:** Individual snacks (cookies, crackers, chips, etc.), pop tarts, regular coffee, disposable plates and bowls, Clorox wipes, laundry detergent, fabric softener, liquid dish detergent, Lysol spray, gallon and quart freezer bags, paper towels and dishwashing detergent.