

KEOWEE KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (KKCP)

Keowee Key Raises Over \$15,000 at KKCP Spring Forum

Keowee Key Community Partnership's Spring Forum was a success by all measures. Paul Corbeil chaired the event and coordinated all activities with our 22 community partners. More than 100 attendees were able to visit in person with representatives from our non-profit partner organizations to learn more about volunteer activities and their mission to help those in need in our county. As is always true, Keowee Key members were very generous with their giving which helped raise over \$15,000 going directly to the designated nonprofit organization.

Both members of Keowee Key and representatives from our partners enjoyed the presentations by Phil Shirley, Director of Oconee Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and Ken Sloan, President and CEO of Visit Oconee County. Informative presentations were made by both men as to our county's incredible natural beauty and the endless natural resources we have nearby. Wonderful suggestions of activities available in Oconee County were made which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We were also very happy to welcome some of our Business Partners to the event. Our Business Partners make significant financial donations to our non-profit partners.

The Spring Forum was a lot of fun and the financial contribution will certainly make a difference in the lives of Oconee County residents less fortunate. Thank you to all who participated and attended to make this event such a success.

Thank You to the 9-Hole and 18-Hole Ladies' Golf Association

Both divisions of the Keowee Key Ladies Golf Associations recently held charity day events. A tremendous amount of work went into planning the events in order to maximize the amount raised for the designated charity. In addition to the entry fees, members purchased "special privileges" to be used on the course. There were charity day sponsorships and auctions of baskets filled with special items. Many members from both groups made very generous personal donations.

Both groups selected Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center to be the recipient of their charity fundraising. Representatives from Wild Hearts attended the luncheons for both groups to further explain the good work they do in our community to connect horses to those in need. A record combined amount of donations of over \$15,000 was raised for this very worthwhile organization.

Keowee Key should be very proud of the efforts of the Ladies' Golf Association! (Photos are included in the Golf section.)

Grace's Closet "Kickin' It Up For the Kids" Fundraiser

Studies have shown that 66 percent of students in Oconee County are unable to succeed to their greatest potential due to limited basic resources. The mission at Grace's Closet is "to help area students build self-confidence and succeed both in and out of school by providing basic resources such as food, clothing school supplies, and hygiene items at no cost to the student." A "Closet" is now available in all nineteen schools in Oconee County. For more details about their mission and programs, please visit their website at www.gracescloset.org.

One of Grace's Closet's biggest fundraisers is a fun event held at The Club at Keowee Key. The date of the event is Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$900 for a table of ten. In addition to a delicious sit-down dinner, there will be a silent and live auction, raffles, and games of chance. The speaker will be Hal Dunlap. Two drink tickets are included and a cash bar (credit cards only) will be available. Tickets can be purchased through the website, by calling Alicia Keys at 864-324-1668, or by emailing her at aliciakeysw@icloud.com.

If you are unable to attend, please consider participating in the "Fund-a-Need," as noted below:

- \$ 25 = One brand-new pair of shoes
- \$ 100 = One month of school supplies
- \$ 250 = One month of hygiene items
- \$ 500 = Weekend food for 70 students
- \$1,000 = One month of clothing
- \$5,000 = Supports a Closet for a year

Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile organization that is truly making a difference in our community.

Ten years before Keowee Key began, Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) opened its doors in 1962. At that time, TCTC had fewer than 500 students in seven disciplines. Since then, the college has experienced amazing growth to four community campuses and two learning centers serving roughly 9,000 students annually. With over 70 programs to meet the need of its students, its offerings expanded to include technical and health education training, business, public service majors, university transfer offerings in the arts and sciences, college credit courses for high school students, and non-credit courses in continuing education.



Tri-County's student success, graduation, and transfer rates are the highest in the South Carolina Technical College System. Of special note is the Bridge to Clemson program. This allows students to begin their college career at Tri-County, then transfer credits and enroll in Clemson or one of five other post-secondary institutions. Tri-County ranks in the top 1 percent nationally for successful student transfers to four-year colleges and universities. This year, 1,050 freshmen will begin the Bridge to Clemson program at Tri-County.

As TCTC President Galen DeHay stated in a recent address:

When an organization reaches a milestone like 60 years, it's common to reflect on where the organization is today and where we want it to be in the future. In reviewing the College's Mission and Vision, we added commitments to our students, employees, and community.

- *To our Students:* Provide a dynamic teaching and learning experience in which every student has the opportunity to grow, succeed and improve their quality of life.
- *To our Employees:* Cultivate a workplace that honors and promotes our values.
- *To our Community:* Serve as a solutions provider in meeting the workforce needs of the Tri-County region.

From these exercises came the new Logo, which remains deeply rooted in the College's vision, mission, and commitment to its students. The Shield represents the stability of the College's past and the strength of its future. The Three Bars represent the three counties it serves and the Images within the shield celebrate the College's location in Upstate South Carolina. And the positioning of the TCTC letters indicates the College is a strong foundation from which to transform lives and build strong communities.

Tri-County Technical College's impact on the Upstate and its residents cannot be overstated. The recent addition of the Oconee County Campus broadened its reach to assist our neighbors in improving their lives.

Please support our partner TCTC and make your donation to help commemorate their 60th Anniversary. Remember to note "KKCP" in the memo line of your check. Quite the growth, expansion, and success! Congratulations, Tri-County!

Keowee Key Community Partnership (KKCP) partners with deserving, effective, nonprofit organizations that make a difference in Oconee County. These Partners record those donations from Keowee Key but report only cumulative results back to KKCP, enabling KKCP to seek matching funds. No individual donor names or donation amounts are ever shared with KKCP by Partners, and no money passes to or through KKCP.