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THROUGH NOVEMBER 19

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War

Not just a president, but also a legacy left for our nation, Abraham Lincoln was a man fighting for ideals of equality, freedom, and democracy. This traveling exhibition demonstrates the Constitution's role during Lincoln's presidency and the Civil War through documents, discussions, and reenactments.

Hughes Main Library, 25 Heritage Green Place. Monday-Friday, 9am-9pm; Saturday, 9am-6pm; Sunday, 2-6pm. Free. (864)242-5000, www.greenvillelibrary.org

NOVEMBER 5-27

Message, Method, Motive

Featuring the work of self-taught artist William Thomas Thompson, this exhibit will also include local artists presenting works inspired by dreams and visions.

Upstate Visual Arts, 4 Smith St. Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm; Saturday, noon-4pm. (864)269-8282, www.upstatevisualarts.org

NOVEMBER 5-DECEMBER 22

For Sale

For Sale is a holiday art sale from the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Greenville Technical College. Ceramics, drawings, paintings, photographs, and more all created by students, faculty, staff, and alumni will be available for unique holiday giving.

Riverworks Gallery, Riverplace. Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, noon-5pm; Thursday & Sunday, 1-5pm. (864)272-0679, www.gvltec.edu

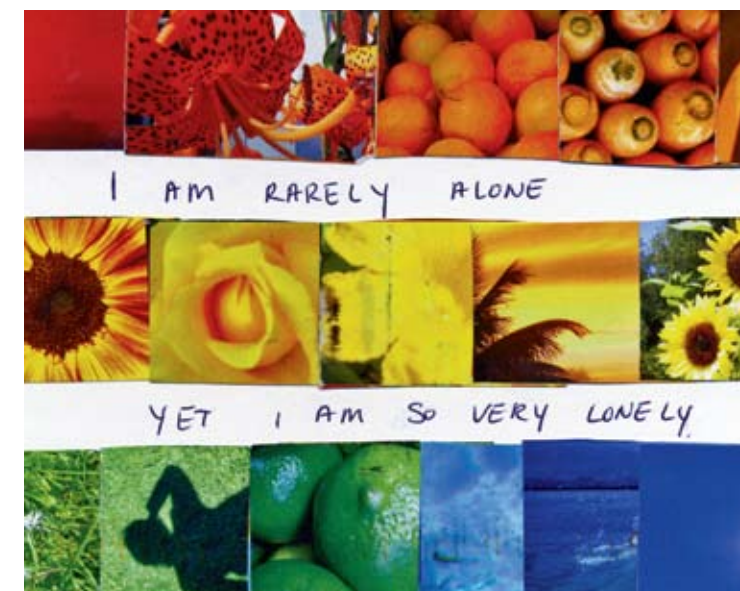
NOVEMBER 8-DECEMBER 10

Life on the Border: The Karen People of Burma

Rob Gerhardt captures the lives and emotions of the Karen people, now refugees in Thailand after civil war forced them out of their native Burma, in this exhibit of thirty black-and-white photographs.

Roe Art Gallery, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Free. (864)294-2074, www.furman.edu

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**DECEMBER 7-FEBRUARY 5, 2011**
PostSecret: Pop Culture Phenomenon

Starting in November 2004 when Frank Warren handed out 3,000 postcards to strangers, inviting them to write and send anonymous but true secrets, the PostSecret phenomenon has now extended to more than 150,000 postcards received. Featuring powerful and intimate secrets, the PostSecret exhibition will encompass more than 400 postcards. A radical idea giving people an opportunity to free themselves of secrets and in turn help others, Warren uncovered the art of humanity.

Spartanburg Art Museum, 200 East St. John St., Spartanburg. Tuesday-Saturday, 10am -5 pm. Free. (864)582-7616, www.spartanburgartmuseum.org

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NOVEMBER 18

Book Your Lunch—Marshall Chapman

Marshall Chapman, a musician, songwriter, author, actress, and Spartanburg native just released her new book, *They Came to Nashville*. Join Chapman as she revisits her conversations with fellow Nashville musicians whose personal stories are recounted in her writing.

The Lazy Goat, 170 River Place. Thursday, noon-2pm. \$25. (864)675-0540, www.bookyourlunch.com

NOVEMBER 30—JANUARY 8 Domino

Presented in association with the performances of *Screwtape*, this art show depicts the harvesting and refining of sugar, its impact on human history in the last five centuries, and how it can be associated with the seven deadly sins in one way or another.

The Warehouse Theatre, 37 Augusta St., Performance evenings, 7-8pm. Free. (864)704-6474, www.caffeinesouth.com

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NOVEMBER 23 – FEBRUARY 6 Merton Simpson: Confrontations

Filled with struggle, challenges, and heart, Charleston native Merton Simpson's "Confrontation" series of the 1960s focused on the challenges of race in America. Studying at New York University and Cooper Union, mentored by noted painter William Hasley, and encountering Jackson Pollock and Robert Motherwell, Simpson developed a unique and expressive artistic style revealed in this exhibit.

Greenville County Museum of Art, 420 College St. Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm; Sunday, 1-5pm; Thursday evenings until 8pm. Free. (864)271-7570, www.greenvillemuseum.org

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NOVEMBER 5—JANUARY 2, 2011

Christmas at Biltmore Estate

On Christmas Eve 1895, George Vanderbilt opened Biltmore House's doors for a regal yuletide celebration. Attend another extravagant fête this year featuring more than forty Christmas trees, miles of ribbon, garland and lights, live music, and inspirational holiday demonstrations.

Biltmore Estate, One Approach Rd., Asheville, N.C. 9am-4:30pm. \$30-\$60. (800)411-3812, www.biltmore.com

NOVEMBER 13

Lollipops Concert—Bach's Big Adventure

Lollipops concerts introduce children ages three to seven to classical music and the instruments of the orchestra through interactive concerts pre-

sented by members of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Bach's Big Adventure will be performed by the GSO String Quintet along with a storybook reading.

Jean M. Smith Library, 505 Pennsylvania Ave., Greer. Saturday, 10am. Hughes Main Library, 25 Heritage Green Pl. Saturday, 11:30am. Free. (864)232-0344, www.greenvillesymphony.org

NOVEMBER 20

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Party

Come celebrate the beginning of the end of the Harry Potter movie series. Discuss your thoughts and come dressed in house colors or as your favorite character. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Greer Branch Library, 505 Pennsylvania Ave., Greer. Saturday, 4pm. Free. (864)877-8722, www.greenvillelibrary.org

NOVEMBER 20

Selugadu IV: A Native American Celebration

Enjoy a day at the Hagood Mill filled with Cherokee and inter-tribal dancing, drumming, song and storytelling in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Hagood Mill and Folklife Center, 138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens. Saturday, 10am-4pm. Free. (864)898-2936, www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission

NOVEMBER 29-30

Holly and the Secret Santa

Join the Porkchop Productions theatre troupe as they present the story of Holly the Elf as she solves the problem of presents arriving before Christmas—and Santa is still on vacation. Don't miss this production filled with charismatic characters, big laughs, and a mystery or two. For ages four and up. Seating is limited.

Travelers Rest Branch Library, 17 Center St., Travelers Rest. Monday, 4:15pm, (864)834-3650. Greer Branch Library, 505 Pennsylvania Ave., Greer. Tuesday, 4:15pm. Free. (864)877-8722, www.greenvillelibrary.org

DECEMBER 4

Lollipops at the Art Museum

Lollipops concerts introduce children ages three to seven to classical music and the instruments of the orchestra through interactive concerts presented by members of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. During each concert, chamber ensembles perform while a storybook is read aloud. This concert features percussionist Sherwood Mobley.

Greenville County Museum of Art, 420 College St. Saturday, 11am. Free. (864)232-0344, www.greenvillesymphony.org

DECEMBER 4

Teddy Bear Luncheon

Kick off the holiday season with this annual event featuring entertainment by the Wade Hampton High School Drama Team and lunch with friends. Children are encouraged to bring a new stuffed animal to donate. Donors will receive a complimentary photo with Santa.

Hyatt Regency, 220 N. Main St. Saturday, 11am. \$10 per child, \$15 per adult. (864)255-1040, www.stfrancisfoundation.com

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DECEMBER 9-12

Disney on Ice: Princess Classics

Give your little princess an early Christmas present and take her to see the *Disney Princesses on Ice*. A wonderful gift for the holiday season, this show is sure to put a smile on every child's face.

BI-LO Center, 650 N. Academy St. Thursday-Friday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 11am, 3 & 7pm; Sunday, 1:30pm. \$15-\$42. (800)745-3000, www.bilocenter.com

DECEMBER 14

George's Holiday Party

Preschoolers are invited to the Pavilion to celebrate the holidays and chug along the tracks with George the Train. Registration is required.

The Pavilion, 400 Scottswood Rd., Taylors. Tuesday, 9:30am. \$2 per rider. (864)322-7529, www.greenvillerec.com

DECEMBER 17

Holidays on the Eve of Secession

Travel back to December 1860 for an Upcountry holiday celebration, just days before South Carolina's representatives signed the first Ordinance of Secession. Enjoy crafts, music, and more in this Family Night celebration.

Upcountry History Museum, 540 Buncombe St. Friday, 6:30-9:30pm. Free with museum admission, \$3-\$5. (864)467-3100, www.upcountryhistory.org

DECEMBER 18

A Yuletide Celebration at Hagood Mill

Celebrate the solstice and Yuletide traditions from around the world, along with a wonderful concert of Celtic Christmas music.

Hagood Mill and Folklife Center, 138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens. Saturday, 10am-4pm. Free. (864)898-2936, www.co.pickens.sc.us/culturalcommission

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DECEMBER 4 Poinsettia Parade

A downtown Greenville tradition for more than eighty years, this parade features everything from city officials and bands to dance teams and Santa himself. Don't miss this chance to bundle up, line the streets, and celebrate the season.

Main Street from Augusta St. to North St., downtown Greenville. Saturday, 6pm. Free. (864)467-4484, www.greenvillesc.gov

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Trial by Jury

Greenville Light Opera Works updates *Trial By Jury* into a modern-day South Carolina courtroom setting, with a woman suing her playboy fiancé for “dreadful damages.” Paired with ensembles and songs from *The Mikado*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and *HMS Pinafore*, this evening of Gilbert & Sullivan will have you laughing out loud.

Centre Stage, 501 River St. Friday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$13-\$20. (864)593-2000, www.greenvilleopera.org

NOVEMBER 17-20

The Tempest

Bob Jones University's Classic Players present one of Shakespeare's definitive works featuring the magician Prospero, his daughter Miranda, and his efforts to restore her to her rightful place in the aristocracy of Milan. Don't miss this presentation of the Bard's enduring words.

Bob Jones University, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd. Wednesday-Friday, 8pm; Saturday, 2pm. \$12-\$30. (864)770-1372, www.bju.edu

NOVEMBER 19

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band

Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Lyle Lovett has defied categorization for nearly two decades, bridging the sounds of folk, jazz, gospel, blues, and R&B. Lovett's quirky tunes have helped define a new breed of singer-songwriter.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Friday, 8pm. \$40-\$60. (864)467-3000, www.peacecenter.org

NOVEMBER 19-21

An Evening with Mozart

Performing Mozart's *Symphony No. 27, Ein Musikalischer Spass (A Musical Joke)*, *The Marriage of Figaro Overture*, and *Symphony No. 40*, the Greenville Symphony creates a beautiful atmosphere by playing this composer's famous and lesser-known works.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Friday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$39. (864)467-3000, www.peacecenter.org

NOVEMBER 23

Joe Bonamassa

“Unbelievable...one of a kind,” raved B.B. King when this rock-blues guitar prodigy was only twelve years old. Now entering his thirties, Bonamassa has already toured with King, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Stephen Stills, and Gregg Allman.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Tuesday, 7:30pm. \$35-\$65. (864)467-3000, www.peacecenter.org

DECEMBER 2-4

A Walking Shadows Christmas Carol

Based on the Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*, this show presented by the Walking Shadows theatre troupe includes much more than the traditional interpretation—improvisation.

Rosewood Center, 206 W. Front St., Liberty. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm. \$5. (864)430-4180

DECEMBER 2-18

The Last Night of Ballyhoo

News of Hitler invading Poland and *Gone With the Wind* on the silver screen surround the Freitag family, an Atlanta family in 1939, but they are more focused on the lavish ball for Southern Jewish socialites: Ballyhoo.

Center Stage, 501 River St. Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$13-\$25. (864)593-2000, www.centrestage.org

DECEMBER 3

Delbert McClinton

Three-time Grammy Award-winning legend Delbert McClinton returns to The Handlebar with what *Rolling Stone* calls “breath-taking, hardcore roadhouse rhythm and blues.”

The Handlebar, 304 E. Stone Ave. Friday, 9pm. \$38. (864)233-6173, www.handlebar-online.com

DECEMBER 3-5

The Nutcracker

The Carolina Ballet Theatre brings this holiday classic back to the stage, with its incomparable pageantry, beauty, and charm. The holiday season would not feel complete without this beloved Christmas story, set to Tchaikovsky's unforgettable score.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Friday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 2 & 7:30pm; Sunday, 2pm. \$30. (864)467-3025, www.carolinaballet.org

DECEMBER 3-12

Annie

A little orphan girl with a voice much bigger than herself teaches everyone never to give up hope in this musical featuring timeless and catchy songs.

Fountain Inn Civic Center, 200 N. Main St., Fountain Inn. Friday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 2 & 7:30pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$8-\$17. (864)409-1050, www.ficiviccenter.org

DECEMBER 3-12

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Derived from the book written by Barbara Robinson and presented by the South Carolina Children's Theatre, this story of six delinquent children and their adaptation of a Sunday school's Christmas play will have you giggling.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Friday, 7pm; Saturday, 10:30am & 2pm; Sunday, 2pm. \$17-\$26. (864)467-3000, www.scchildrenstheatre.org

DECEMBER 3-12

Sanders Family Christmas

Set in 1941 on Christmas Eve, the *Sanders Family Christmas* musical comedy is full of hymns, yuletide stories, clapping, and bluegrass Christmas favorites.

Foothills Playhouse, 201 S. Fifth St., Easley. Friday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$9-\$16. (864)855-1817, www.easleyfoothillspayhouse.com

DECEMBER 3-18

Screwtape

James Forsyth's comic adaptation of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*—featuring Wormwood and Screwtape in an adventure of devilish masterminding—comes to life under the direction of Paul Savas.

The Warehouse Theatre, 37 Augusta St. Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$15-\$25. (864)235-6948, www.warehousetheatre.com

DECEMBER 10-11

A Carolina Christmas

Celebrate the magic of the season with the Greenville Chorale's beloved Christmas concert featuring the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra.

Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. 7:30pm. \$15-\$25. (864)235-1101, www.greenvillechorale.com

DECEMBER 10-19

Christmas Spectacular

The Upstate's favorite holiday tradition brings in the Christmas season with the Christmas Spectacular 2010. For veteran visitors and newcomers alike, this Spectacular promises to be just as magical, joyful, and harmonious as years past.

Greenville Little Theatre, 444 College St. Thursday-Friday, 8pm; Saturday, 3 & 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$18-\$26. (864)233-6237, www.greenvillelittletheatre.org

DECEMBER 11-12

The Nutcracker

International Ballet presents this holiday classic and feast for the eyes and ears. Two of Greenville's classical ballet masters, Kysseleva and Bespechnyi, along with visiting professional dancer, Cara Marie Gary, bring this performance to the stage.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$15-\$45. (864)467-3000, http://internationalballetacademy.net

DECEMBER 12

Carolina Youth Symphony Holiday Concert

Carolina Youth Symphony, a regional youth orchestra consisting of 220 young people, performs holiday music to delight all listeners.

Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Sunday, 3pm-6pm. \$5-\$10. (864)232-3963, www.carolinayouthsymphony.org

DECEMBER 17-19

Holiday at Peace

Vocalist Doug LaBrecque and the Greenville Symphony Orchestra team up to create beautiful music. Known best as the “Phantom” in Harold Prince's production of *Phantom of the Opera*, LaBrecque's voice and the graceful elegance of the orchestra will bring the seasonal cheer.

The Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Friday-Saturday, 7:30pm; Sunday, 3pm. \$15-\$35. (864)467-3000, www.greenvillesymphony.org

JANUARY 4-9, 2011

9 to 5: The Musical

A hilarious story of three friends taking credit where credit is due, *9 to 5: The Musical*, comes to Greenville direct from Broadway. Based on the book by Patricia Resnick, the movie, and featuring Dolly Parton's original hit title song, it is uproarious, inspiring, and all around entertaining.

Peace Center, 300 S. Main St. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30pm; Friday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 7:30pm. \$35-\$80. (864)467-3000, www.peacecenter.org

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NOVEMBER 13 BBC Concert Orchestra

The BBC Concert Orchestra, one of the world's most versatile music ensembles, will perform Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 1*, Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* (1919 version), and Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2* at Furman University's Timmons Arena. With Keith Lockhart joining as the seventh Principal Conductor, having come aboard this past August, the experience and talent of both orchestra and conductor will make for a remarkable show. Lockhart, a 1981 Furman graduate, will be warmly welcomed back to his alma mater for a grand performance.

Timmons Arena, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Saturday, 8pm. \$45-\$55. (864)294-3097, www.timmonsarena.com

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THROUGH NOVEMBER 22

Salvation Army Food Drive

Through their GLOW (Giving Love, Food, and Warmth) program, the South Carolina Children's Theatre is collecting non-perishable food donations for the Salvation Army's food drive. Drop donations by the theatre's office to help brighten the holidays for someone in need.

S.C. Children's Theatre, 153 Augusta St. Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm. Free. (864)235-2885, www.scchildrenstheatre.org

THROUGH DECEMBER 19

Southern Living Showcase Home

Take a weekend jaunt to the 2010 *Southern Living* Showcase home created by Dillard-Jones Builders in the Claremont community. The 3,971-square-foot custom house was built for green certification and features a chef's kitchen, hobby space, and out-

door living space. Dillard-Jones has selected the Toys for Tots Foundation as the nonprofit partner for this year's home. Visitors are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit needy children in the Upstate.

205 Rolleston Dr., Greenville. Friday & Sunday, 1-6pm; Saturday, 10am-6pm. Free. (864)527-0463, www.dillardjones.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 20

Smith House Gift Drive

The South Carolina Children's Theatre is planning a dazzling Christmas for the young ladies of Smith House, an independent living program of Pendleton Place designed to prepare abused and neglected girls ages fifteen to twenty-one for independent living after foster care. Pick up two wishes and two needs for each girl from the "Wish Tree" to help these girls have a happy holiday.

S.C. Children's Theatre, 153 Augusta St. Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm. Free. (864)235-2885, www.scchildrenstheatre.org

THROUGH JANUARY 14

Triune Mercy Center Coat Drive

Through their GLOW (Giving Love, Food, and Warmth) program, the South Carolina Children's Theatre is collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and blankets at their headquarters to benefit Triune Mercy Center, serving Greenville's homeless population.

S.C. Children's Theatre, 153 Augusta St. Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm. Free. (864)235-2885, www.scchildrenstheatre.org

NOVEMBER 12-13

Whale of a Sale

Find a bargain and benefit the Greenville Symphony Orchestra in this tag sale sponsored by the Symphony Guild. Pick up household and garden items, jewelry, holiday decor, toys, sporting equipment, and more.

1016 Woods Crossing Rd., Ste. C. Friday, 10am-4pm; Saturday, 8am-2pm. Free. (864)370-0965, www.guildgso.org

NOVEMBER 13

Caine Halter Lungs for Life 5K Run/Walk

Celebrate the life and legacy of local businessman and active community organizer Caine Halter with this race dedicated to raising funds for lung cancer research. Proceeds benefit Uniting Against Lung Cancer. This year's event will feature a 5K Run/Walk, a one-mile Fun Walk, and a free children's Little Lungs Fun Run (1/4 mile).

YMCA-Caine Halter Family Branch, 721 Cleveland St. Saturday, Little Lungs, 8:30am; other races, 9am. \$15-\$30. (864)250-4018, www.lungs4life5k.com

NOVEMBER 13

Defenders for Children Hangar Event

The strength of our communities depends on the health and well-being of children. Come lift up young lives at this hangar event, with live music, a silent auction, and delicious food.

Venture Aviation, 1 Aviation Dr., Unit 6, Downtown Greenville Airport. Saturday, 7-11pm. \$30. (864)787-5681, www.defendersforchildren.org

NOVEMBER 13

Moonshiner's Ball

Enjoy barbecue, bluegrass by the Drovers Old Time Medicine Show, and a silent auction to

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NOVEMBER 14

March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction

This annual, black-tie optional event highlights the culinary excellence of leading chefs, restaurant owners, and caterers in the Upstate. Dr. Thompson Gaily, OB/GYN, will be honored with this year's Excellence in Medicine Award for his decades of service to Upstate women, families, and the medical community. The Ward family of Greenville will serve as 2010 Ambassadors for the event. This evening of entertainment combines a reception, gourmet sampling, and silent auction with the excitement of a live auction. Luxury items, vacations, and imaginative dining packages prepared by the finest cuisine artists are auctioned to the highest bidders.

Embassy Suites Golf Resort and Conference Center, 670 Verdae Blvd. Sunday, 6pm. \$200. (864)235-8576, www.marchofdimes.com/southcarolina



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benefit Foothills Family Resources, providing assistance for those in need in northern Greenville County.

Upcountry History Museum, 540 Buncombe St. Saturday, 7-10pm. \$25-\$40. (864)836-1100, www.foothillsfamilyresources.org

NOVEMBER 18

Junior Achievement Gala

Get a jump on your holiday shopping at this fundraiser to benefit Junior Achievement. In addition to silent and live auctions, this event will recognize an Upstate business leader along with a teacher, volunteer, and student.

Carolina First Center, One Exposition Dr. Thursday, 7-9pm. \$50. (864)419-5586, www.ja.org

NOVEMBER 20

Family Volunteer Day

This event is a National Day of Service through Hands on Greenville on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Each year, the day emphasizes volunteering in the community as a family.

Locations vary. Call for details. (864)242-4224, www.handsongreenville.org

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NOVEMBER 13 Rachael's Run

In its second year, this 5K event raises funds for the Children's Hospital of the Greenville Hospital and for families who are fighting childhood cancer. The race is in memory of Rachael Gleason who lost her battle with pediatric cancer at age two. The run loops around the Furman University campus and also features a one-mile fun walk. Before and after the run, kids can enjoy an activity area.

Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Saturday, 9:30am. \$15-\$30. www.rachaelrun.org

NOVEMBER 25

Trees Greenville Turkey Day 8K

Kick off your Thanksgiving holiday and help plant trees in Greenville County in this event to support Trees Greenville, a nonprofit that works to plant, promote, and protect trees. In addition to an 8K race for the adults, there will also be a free quarter-mile Tot Trot.

Hubbell Lighting, 701 Millennium Blvd. Thursday, 9am; Tot Trot, 8:30am. \$28-\$32. (864)313-0765, www.setupevents.com

NOVEMBER 26

Second Annual Clemson/Carolina Pep Rally

The Clemson/Carolina Pep Rally is the perfect way to support your favorite team while making a difference in a child's life. The second annual event will feature food, drink, game highlights, silent and live auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and lots of friendly competition between Tiger and Gamecock fans to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate.

Embassy Suites, 670 Verdae Blvd. Friday, 6-11pm. \$25. (864)242-0676, www.bbbs.org

DECEMBER 1

Eleventh Annual Ladies' Holiday Luncheon

More than 1,000 women attend this event, which features lunch, live entertainment, and a silent auction of more than 400 items. Proceeds benefit the Meyer Center, providing speech, physical, and occupational therapy and developmental education for children with disabilities.

Carolina First Center, One Exposition Dr. Wednesday, 10am-1:30pm. \$500 to host table for ten. (864)250-0005, ext. 208, www.meyercenter.org

DECEMBER 3

Twelfth Annual Holiday Benefit Breakfast

Enjoy a tasty breakfast and hear a compelling speaker at this event to benefit A Child's Haven. This nonprofit provides therapeutic services for developmentally delayed, abused, and neglected children.

Hyatt Regency, 220 N. Main St. Friday, 7:15-8:30am. \$50. (864)298-0025, ext. 32, www.achildshaven.org

DECEMBER 4-5

A Victorian Christmas

Triune Mercy Center will present *A Victorian Christmas*, produced by Virginia Uldrick and starring Myra Cordell, Tom Dickinson, Robb Alverson, and the Voices of Triune singers. A reception and art sale of work from Triune's Art Room ministry to the homeless will follow Saturday night's performance.

Triune Mercy Center, 222 Rutherford St. Saturday, 5:30pm; Sunday, 3pm. Donations accepted. (864)233-8020, www.triunemercy.org

DECEMBER 4

Screwtape—Benefit for Greenville Chorale

See this comic adaptation of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* and support the Greenville

Chorale in its fiftieth year. Proceeds will benefit the chorale and dessert and coffee will be available.

The Warehouse Theatre, 37 Augusta St. Saturday, 8pm. \$15-\$25. (864)235-1101, www.warehousetheatre.com

DECEMBER 5

ABATE Toy Run

This annual holiday event sponsored by the ABATE Motorcycle Club features local fire and law enforcement units escorting motorcyclists who deliver new and gently used toys to needy children. The public is invited and encouraged to donate, volunteer, or participate in the event. Greenville Rape Crisis and Child Abuse Center's mission is to stop sexual violence and child abuse and lessen the impact of these crimes.

County Square, 301 University Ridge. Sunday, 1pm. Free. (864)331-0560, www.grccac.org

DECEMBER 10

Holiday McGala

This black-tie signature event, a "Dickens of a Christmas," features a silent auction, Champagne, appetizers, open bars, gourmet dinner, and live entertainment by The Mighty Kicks. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House, providing comfort and care to families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals.

Embassy Suites, 670 Verdae Blvd. Friday, 6:30pm. \$175. (864)235-0506, www.rmhgreenville.org

DECEMBER 12

St. Francis Holiday Brunch

Don't miss a chance to dine with friends and family during this brunch at the Commerce Club and help raise funds for St. Francis's women's breast health program.

The Commerce Club, 55 Beattie Pl. Sunday, 11am-1:30pm. \$15-\$35. (864)232-5600, www.stfrancisfoundation.com

DECEMBER 16-17 & 20-23

Carriage Rides to Help the Homeless

Take in the brisk winter air and enjoy a carriage ride in downtown Greenville to help the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) assist homeless families. The rides also make great gifts.

J.B. Lacher Jewelers, 123 College St. Thursday-Friday & Monday-Thursday, 6-9:30pm. \$40 for entire carriage. (864)271-3424, www.gaihn.org

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