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UPTOWN SERTOMA
**AUCTION
FOR A CAUSE**



CAMP SERTOMA

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On Monday, January 15, the Camp Sertoma of South Carolina board of trustees received a check from the Aiken Sertoma Club for \$22,000. This represents a lot of hard work from a dedicated Sertoma club and a record profit from the event's 14th year.





Chairman Dale Treash talks about the impact Camp Sertoma has on campers, counselors AND Sertomans



" I KNEW ABOUT CAMP SERTOMA SINCE 1998, I HAD NO IDEA UNTIL TONIGHT, WHAT A GREAT PLACE IT IS AND THE IMPACT ON KIDS" -JOHN HYDER



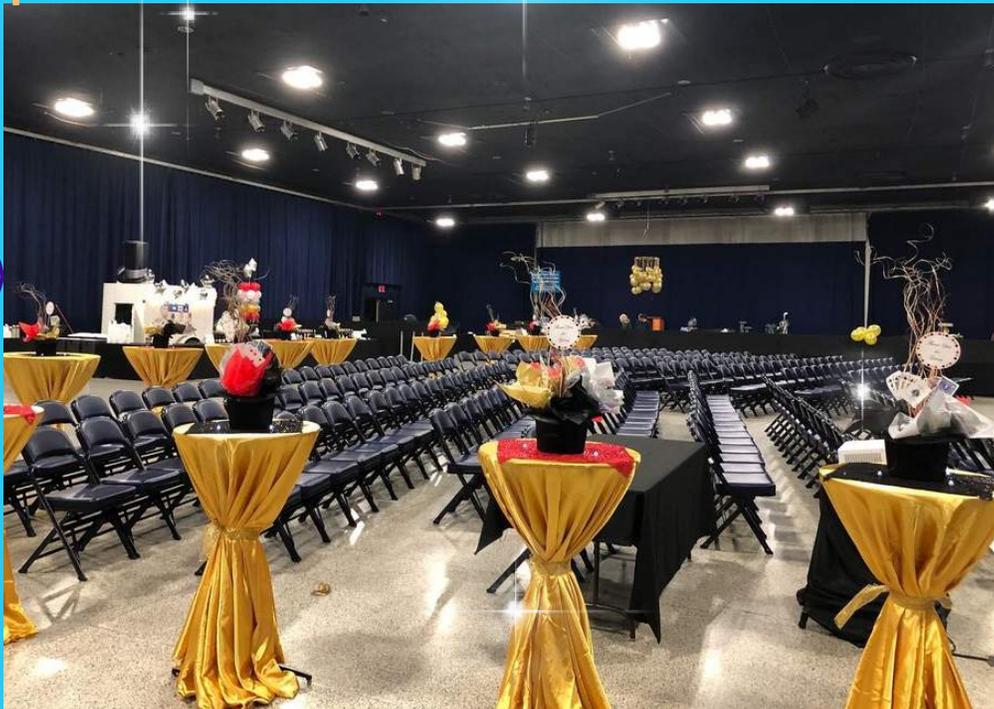
The Aiken Sertoma club became the very first Sertoma club to earn its very own "camp rock." This replica was presented to Don Bartelmay and the original will be placed alongside our campers' rocks under the Sertoma tree in our rock garden.

"Founding Fathers of FOREsight" was a tip of the hat to our other foresighted founding fathers, the men who lead the charge with our Camp Sertoma Endowment. The Aiken Sertoma club initiated and has hosted our Camp Sertoma Golf Tournament for 14 years, generating well over \$200,000.

UPTOWN SPARTANBURG SERTOMA CLUB ANNOUNCES RESULTS FROM AUCTION FOR A CAUSE EVENT!



SPARTANBURG, SC—THE UPTOWN SPARTANBURG SERTOMA CLUB ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF ITS ANNUAL AUCTION FOR A CAUSE EVENT AT THEIR DECEMBER 9TH MEETING AT THE PIEDMONT CLUB IN SPARTANBURG. THE IN-PERSON KICK OFF PARTY AND LIVE AUCTION WAS HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT INDIGO HALL, AND PROVIDED FOOD, INCLUDING A LOW COUNTRY BOIL, ENTERTAINMENT AND FEATURED 13 LIVE AUCTION ITEMS. THE SILENT AUCTION OPENED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AND RAN THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH FEATURING 470 ITEMS. OVER 2,700 BIDS WERE SUBMITTED AND A TOTAL OF \$70,749.91 WAS RAISED FROM THIS YEARS EVENT!! THIS WAS THE 29TH YEAR THE CLUB HAS BEEN SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THESE NON-PROFIT AGENCIES: THE BETHLEHEM CENTER, THE HAVEN, PROJECT R.E.S.T., UPSTATE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AND CAMP SERTOMA. AND, THIS YEAR WE ADDED TWO NEW NON-PROFIT AGENCIES: MARY AND MARTHA'S SERVICES AND RUTH'S GLEANINGS.





EACH AGENCY PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND UPTOWN SERTOMA IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THEM. EACH AGENCY RECEIVED A CHECK FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE AUCTION ITEMS THEY SOLD AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO USING THESE FUNDS TO HELP THEIR MISSION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR, THE UPTOWN SERTOMA CLUB FORMED TEAMS TO GET CREATIVE AND PUT TOGETHER AUCTION ITEMS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMP SERTOMA. THE CLUB HAD 10 TEAMS WITH SOME TEAMS HAVING 5 OR MORE MEMBERS. THE RESULTS WERE: 15 ITEMS COLLECTED, RAISING \$5,538 AND SENDING 11 CAMPER TO CAMP SERTOMA IN 2023!



"I AM BLESSED TO BE A PART OF AUCTION FOR A CAUSE." SAID CAROLINE MCARTHUR, AFC CHAIRMAN AND LONG-TIME SERTOMA MEMBER, "WHAT A YEAR! CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF AUCTION FOR A CAUSE AND RAISING \$1,393,365 DOLLARS IN THOSE 29 YEARS TO SUPPORT LOCAL AGENCIES IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY IS TRULY SPECIAL. WE ARE ALSO THANKFUL FOR HAVING AMAZING SPONSORS WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT INCLUDING OUR SIGNATURE SPONSOR, RANDI A. BERRY. GOLD SPONSORS INCLUDED: ARRON'S, ARTHUR STATE BANK, SYNOVUS, JOHN H. WHITE JR., P.A., TINDALL AND TNB FINANCIAL SERVICES, PLUS 17 OTHER WONDERFUL SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS. TO SEE SOME PICTURES OF THIS YEARS EVENT."

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THE UPTOWN SPARTANBURG SERTOMA CLUB WAS CHARTERED IN 1988 WITH THIRTY-NINE CHARTER MEMBERS PRESENT. TODAY, THE UPTOWN SERTOMA CLUB OF SPARTANBURG HAS 70 MEMBERS AND MEETS AT THE PIEDMONT CLUB THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH. AS A CLUB, WE TRULY LIVE UP TO OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE: TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS BY PROVIDING OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES; WE ARE WOMEN GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE UPTOWN SERTOMA CLUB OF SPARTANBURG IS REPRESENTED BY SUCCESSFUL WOMEN WHO ARE DEDICATED TO VOLUNTEERISM AND SERVICE TO MANKIND. OVER THE YEARS, OUR MEMBERS HAVE BROUGHT FORTH THEIR EFFORTS BY RAISING OVER \$1 MILLION FOR THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY AND SERVICING ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN. IN KEEPING WITH THE SERTOMA NATIONAL DIRECTIVE, WE PLEDGE TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO BRING RECOGNITION TO GOOD HEARING HEALTH AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

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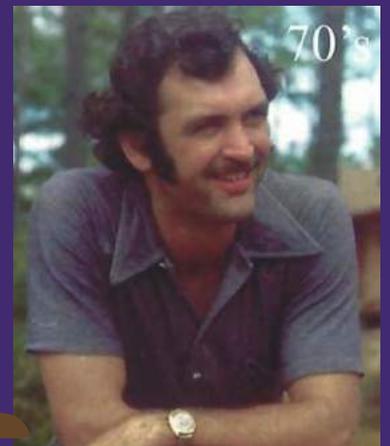
LOOKING BACK

THE POWER OF A MAN AND ONE CLUB

CAMP SERTOMA WAS BORN OUT OF ONE CLUB, THE ELECTRIC CITY SERTOMA CLUB OF ANDERSON, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ONE MAN, BILL GRISHAW. BILL DESERVES ALL THE CREDIT FOR THE FOUNDING OF CAMP SERTOMA. FIRST, HE CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF A WEEK OF "AWAY" CAMP FOR DESERVING CHILDREN FROM THE ANDERSON AREA. THEN, HE CONVINCED HIS CLUB MEMBERS TO GET ON BOARD. BILL'S IDEA WAS TO FIND THE CHILDREN, PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR ATTENDANCE, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP, AND COMPLETE ALL THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS (MINIMAL AT THAT TIME). BUT BILL REALIZED THAT HIS CLUB COULD NOT OPERATE THE CAMP. HE HAD TO FIND A WILLING OPERATING PARTNER AND AN AVAILABLE CAMP LOCATION. HE TOOK THE IDEA TO DR. HERBERT BRANTLEY, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION, AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY. THUS BEGAN A RELATIONSHIP THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY, OVER 50 YEARS LATER...SERTOMA AND CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, MAKING IT HAPPEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, NOT JUST FOR ANDERSON CHILDREN BUT FOR CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER OUR GREAT STATE. NEVER OVERLOOK THE POWER OF ONE SERTOMAN AND ONE SERTOMA CLUB! A SMALL SEED CAN TAKE ROOT BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION.



CHARLIE WHITE, FIRST DIRECTOR
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
OUTDOOR LABORATORY





CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT, AUGUST 10, 1991

PRESIDENT'S AWARD—WILLIAM EDWARD GRISHAW, JR.

LAUGHTER, LOVE, RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP. THESE ARE THE GIFTS THAT WILLIAM EDWARD GRISHAW, JR. HAS GIVEN TO THOUSANDS OF SPECIAL SOUTH CAROLINIANS. FOR MORE THAN TWODECADES HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN, FUND-RAISER, REGISTRAR, AND CHIEF ADVOCATE FOR CAMP SERTOMA AT THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY OUTDOOR LABORATORY. CAMP SERTOMA, WHICH PRINCIPALLY SERVES CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND HEARING IMPAIRMENTS, WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST OF THE OUTDOOR LABORATORY'S NOW NUMEROUS PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL CAMPERS. BILL GRISHAW WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING, AND HE REMAINS A STEADFAST AND EFFECTIVE VOLUNTEER LEADER FOR CAMP SERTOMA AND FOR THE CONTINUING ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTDOOR LABORATORY. LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP, THE OUTDOOR LABORATORY HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN \$300,000 IN NEW FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS AND \$700,000 IN SPONSORSHIPS FOR CAMPERS. NOT A SINGLE CHILD HAS EVER BEEN CHARGED TO ATTEND CAMP SERTOMA. MR. GRISHAW SERVES CLEMSON IN OTHER WAYS AS WELL. BOTH A CLEMSON GRADUATE (1961) AND A RESIDENT OF THE CLEMSON COMMUNITY, HE HELPED ESTABLISH IN 1985 THE JOINT CITY/UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WHICH PROMOTES COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNIVERSITY ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE IS ALSO INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS OTHER CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. BECAUSE OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH, HIS ALMA MATER AND HIS COMMUNITY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD TO WILLIAM EDWARD GRISHAW, JR.

Words You Need To Hear

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART TO EACH OF YOU WHO HELPED TURN A FRUSTRATED KID INTO THE MAN I WOULD MARRY AND A FATHER FOR OUR SON. THIS PLACE IS SO SPECIAL TO EACH OF US. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE. CAMP IS TRULY A SECOND HOME FOR MY FAMILY. MY LIFE, MY FAMILY, MY HUSBAND, MY SON ARE ALL EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAMP CAN DO FOR A KID AND HOW CAMP CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF A LIFE. THANK YOU JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH.

MY DAUGHTER JUST SPENT HER 6TH SUMMER WITH LESLIE AND THE COUNSELORS AND I DON'T BELIEVE I HAVE SEEN AS MANY TEARS BEFORE AS I DID TODAY WHEN I PICKED HER UP. TRULY AN AMAZING GROUP OF LOVING COUNSELORS AND THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH THEY TRULY CARE! THANKS FOR PUTTING ALL THAT YOU HAVE INTO OUR KIDDOS!

LAST WEEK AT WORK ONE OF THE GIRLS I WORK WITH CAME TO ME AND ASKED WHY I HAD A CAMP SERTOMA PLATE ON MY CAR (YES DALE IT'S STILL WITH ME). SHE TOLD ME HOW MANY YEARS AGO SHE ATTENDED CAMP AS SHE HAS HEARING LOSS. SHE SHARED HOW CAMP STILL IS HER BEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY AND HOW IT TOUCHED HER LIFE AND HOW WONDERFUL EVERYONE THERE WAS TO HER.

MY DAUGHTER PEYTON ATTENDED SEVERAL YEARS WITH THE KIDS FROM NORTH AUGUSTA. ONE YEAR I DROVE TO CAMP EARLY SATURDAY MORNING TO PICK HER UP MYSELF AS WE WERE GOING TO THE BEACH AND BY PICKING HER UP IT WOULD GIVE US AN EXTRA DAY AT HILTON HEAD. SHE CRIED FROM THE TIME SHE GOT IN THE CAR AND DIDN'T STOP UNTIL WE GOT THRU COLUMBIA WHEN SHE FELL ASLEEP!

**...if you only knew how
much camp means to me...**



NEVER "GOODBYE"

YOU ARE PROBABLY FAMILIAR WITH THE TRADITION OF WAVING GOODBYE UNTIL EACH CAR IS AROUND THE BEND. AT THE END OF SESSION 5, THESE GUYS STOOD IN SILENCE STARING AT THE ROAD FOR ALMOST 10 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST CAR DISAPPEARED AROUND THE CORNER. THEN THEY DROPPED TO THEIR KNEES, CRIED, HUGGED, STARED AT THE SKY, CRIED SOME MORE. THEN THEY GOT UP, DUSTED THEMSELVES OFF, STOOD IN A CIRCLE, SHARED THEIR HEARTS...AND SAID, "LET'S GET READY TO DO THIS AGAIN TOMORROW." WATER SLIDES ARE GREAT. CANOEING AND SAILING ARE FUN. SONGS. SKITS. TREASURE HUNTS. ALL WONDERFUL. BUT WHAT MAKES CAMP SERTOMA SPECIAL IS THIS. HEART. REAL LOVE THAT DOESN'T STOP AT GOODBYE. AND I PROMISE YOU. THESE CAMPERS FEEL IT. SEE YOU SOON!!!



“I WAS SENT TO JOHN DE LA HOWE IN MCCORMICK, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS ON OCTOBER 23, 2988. IN THE SUMMER OF 1989 I WAS SENT TO CAMP SERTOMA.”

“THERE I WAS GIVEN A CHANCE TO DO THINGS THAT I HAD NEVER DONE LIKE SAILING AND DRIVING A PONTOON BOAT. MOST IMPORTANTLY THOUGH MY COUNSELORS TOOK THE TIME TO TALK WITH ME AND DID NOT SCREAM AT ME SO I LISTENED TO THEM. I FINALLY WENT HOME IN JUNE OF 1990, BUT I CONTINUED TO GO TO CAMP SERTOMA UNTIL 1992 WHEN THEY SAID I WAS TOO OLD. THAT’S WHEN I DECIDED TO BECOME A COUNSELOR. I HAD TO WAIT A YEAR TO BE OLD ENOUGH, BUT THEN I WAS READY TO GIVE KIDS WITH THE SAME PROBLEMS I HAD THE SAME CHANCE I GOT AT CAMP. BEING A COUNSELOR TAUGHT ME PATIENCE AND LET ME KNOW THAT MY LIFE IS NOT AS BAD AS I THINK. CAMP TAUGHT ME TO BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT I HAVE. I WILL BE BACK AT CAMP SERTOMA AS A COUNSELOR AS LONG AS MY SCHOOL OR CAREER ALLOWS ME TO. I HAVE DEFINITELY UNDERGONE A METAMORPHOSIS SINCE I HAVE BECOME INVOLVED WITH CAMP. I HAVE GONE FROM A JUVENILE DELINQUENT TO A RESPONSIBLE, WELL-MANNERED MAN. I WILL FOREVER BE THANKFUL TO CAMP FOR HELPING ME. I WILL RETURN THIS FAVOR BY HOPEFULLY HELPING MY CAMPERS LIKE MY COUNSELORS HAVE HELPED ME.”

CHRIS HAS NOW BEEN INVOLVED WITH CAMP SERTOMA FOR OVER 30 YEARS

“AS DIRECTOR AND FORMER HOUSEMOTHER OF A GROUP HOME FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE ATTENDED YOUR CAMPS, I KNOW FIRST HAND THE BENEFITS OF YOUR PROGRAM. YEARS AGO, A YOUNG LADY WHO GREW UP IN ANOTHER CHILDREN’S HOME TOLD ME THAT THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT HER FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE WAS THE MEMORY OF A PICNIC WITH A COUPLE WHO SHE BELIEVED THOUGHT SHE WAS IMPORTANT. IF ONE PICNIC CAN GIVE A CHILD HOPE, THINK WHAT A WHOLE WEEK MIGHT DO! WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER KARY AND HIS “CAMPER OF THE WEEK” AWARD. PRIOR TO ONE WEEK AT CAMP SERTOMA, KARY HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED ONE WEEK WITHOUT GETTING IN TROUBLE. I KEPT THAT AWARD HANDING ON THE FREEZER DOOR TO ENCOURAGE HIM THAT ANOTHER GOOD WEEK WAS POSSIBLE. WHEN KARY LEFT THE CHILDREN’S HOME, HE GAVE ME HIS AWARD SO THAT I COULD REMEMBER HIM WITH GOOD THOUGHTS. I DO—AND WE THANK YOU FOR HELPING HIM ACHIEVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT GOAL IN HIS LIFE. THE CAMP STORIES, EVEN THOSE CRAZY SONGS, WILL ALWAYS BE SPECIAL MEMORIES FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE PRIVILEGED TO EXPERIENCE A CAMPER’S WEEK AT THE OUTDOOR LAB. I JUST WISH MORE CHILDREN COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY.”



Camp Sertoma Work Weekend!!!



Sign up soon!



May 12-13





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