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Savannah Harbor Foundation awarded \$26,500 to 16 local charities at the 2014 Partner Breakfast held at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. (Feb. 20, 2014).

The Savannah Harbor Foundation is delighted to announce that it presented **\$26,500** to 16 local charities: One Voice, Xcel Strategy, Greenbriar Children's Center, 200 Club, Lowcountry Down Syndrome, Second Harvest Kids Café, Second Harvest Food Bank, Savannah Eagles, Voice Experience, Savannah Music Festival, First Tee of Savannah, West Broad Street YMCA, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Park Place Outreach Center, Give One Glove, The Living Vine, World Ocean School & the Empty Stocking Fund.

The Resort also recognized its Partners of the Year with Certificates of Appreciation and invitations to the Best [Sunday Jazz Brunch](#) at [Aqua Star Seafood Kitchen](#). The 2014 Savannah's Resort Partners of the Year are: Fire Marshal Craig Landolt, Yates Astro, Gulfstream, Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, US Foods, Coca Cola of Savannah, Resort Services Incorporated, & Savannah Morning News.

The Foundation's mission is to organize and promote community events with the aim of raising money for youth and family charities based in Savannah. The Savannah Harbor Foundation was able to raise its most recent donations through the 2013 Festival of Lights and other community event initiatives.

Mark Spadoni, President of the Foundation, remarked, "This event to present checks to worthy organizations is the highlight of my year. When we started the Foundation over 11 years ago, the thought of impacting so many organizations annually didn't even register. Through the giving of others, either of their time to volunteer to help us put on our events or through their financial resources, we are able to help some great charities perform the much needed services they provide to the community. In other cases, to be able to offer resources to help children through the arts, his humbling. We are already looking forward to a successful year of creating and delivering events in 2014 that will enable us to help even more people next year".

Also highlighted in the presentation, the annual Savannah Harbor Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for April 3, 2014 at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. As always, the setting for this year's Golf Classic is The Club at Savannah Harbor, a PGA Championship course with all the beauty of the Lowcountry. The foundation is

currently seeking teams & hole sponsors to reach a goal of raising \$20,000 for children's charities here in Savannah. Platinum (\$1000), gold (\$750), silver (\$600) and bronze (\$300) levels of sponsorship are available. More information can be found at www.savannahharborfoundation.org.

In addition, The Westin Savannah Harbor is also home the [AquaCurean](http://www.aquacurean.com) Gourmet Seafood & Spirits Celebration on April 25-27 presented by the Savannah Harbor Foundation. AquaCurean is the world's newest seafood and cocktail celebration taking place in Savannah, Georgia. A weekend of the best seafood and spirits in the country will be abundant - with emphasis on the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico coastal cuisine. Proceeds from the weekend's events will support children's charities here in the Savannah metro area. Corporate sponsorships are available at \$2500 which include generous ticket packages and more information can be found at www.aquacurean.com.

About The Savannah Harbor Foundation

[The Savannah Harbor Foundation](http://www.savannahharborfoundation.org) is a 501(3)c non-profit charitable organization designed to support local children's' charities and to present family-oriented community events. The Foundation first began as a response to the tragedy of 9/11 – the General Manager of The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, Mark Spadoni, felt the need to bring some feel-good, family-friendly, uplifting events to the city in the tragedy's aftermath. To this tune, he and other area business leaders like Rick Sibley, the late Ben Tucker, Whip Triplet and Drew Ernst joined forces to form the Savannah Harbor Foundation. Supported by an all-volunteer board and staff, the Foundation presents several events throughout the year.

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About the 2014 Savannah Harbor Foundation Recipients

Empty Stocking Fund, received by Anita Hagin

The Empty Stocking Fund, started in 1971 by the Savannah Morning News to offer a helping hand to those who were facing tough times. The Empty Stocking Fund relies solely on private contributions generated by stories of real people and the situations that put them in need.

One Voice, received by William Kane

Collaboration of 8 churches working together for Youth Ministry Outreach.

Xcel Strategy, received by Jay Thompson

Supporting young men with no fathers from high school through college age with the goal of mentoring and replication.

Greenbriar Children's Center, received by Gena Taylor

The mission of Greenbriar Children's Center is to promote the healthy development of children and the strengthening of families. They provide services that include an emergency shelter, runaway/homeless, residential care, independent living, family preservation, early childhood education & care, and Project Safe Place.

200 Club, received by Mark Dana

Without the brave men and women of police, fire & rescue service who risk their lives for our sake, our lives would be very different. That's why when tragedy strikes, the 200 Club (a 501 (c)(3) organization) immediately responds with financial support to help lessen the devastating effects.

LowCountry Down syndrome, received by Joe Marchese

The Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society is a family support group to benefit people

with Down syndrome and their families through local leadership in support, outreach, education and advocacy.

Second Harvest Food Bank & Second Harvest Kids Café, received by Mary Jane Crouch

Serves as the food safety net for tens of thousands of children, senior citizens, low-income families, and people with disabilities who are at-risk for hunger throughout southeastern Georgia.

Savannah Eagles, received by Justin Walker

The organization is made up of volunteers who share an interest in the development and building of youth in our communities and throughout our city. They reach our youth through mentorship athletics and academic development.

Voice Experience, received by Michael Owens

When Metropolitan Opera/Grammy Award Winner Opera Star, baritone Sherrill Milnes decided to create a means for singers to advance in their careers he did so by giving them the highest level of educators and more importantly, the opportunity to perform for people who might not ever see a Broadway show or Opera... with the help of his wife, soprano, Maria Zouves, VOICE Experience – “VE” - was founded in 2001.

Youth Music Festival, received by Jenny Woodruff

At the Savannah Music Festival, they believe that the arts are fundamental to the cognitive, affective, physical, and intellectual development of all children. To that end, SMF produces a wealth of educational programming year-round. Focused on both reaching local students (Music for Our Schools) and attracting some of the nation's best young musicians (Swing Central Jazz and Acoustic Music Seminar), SMF's unique programs deliver exceptional learning opportunities to more than 20,000 youth each year! –

First Tee of Savannah, received by Barbara Essig

The First Tee provides young people with character-building and life skills lessons using golf as the platform. Through The First Tee, young people discover how skills essential to success on a golf course can also help them flourish in life.

West Broad Street YMCA, received by Deborah Enoch & Molly Lieberman

West Broad Street YMCA's vision and mission is to strengthen the family unit through assistance where needed at an affordable cost while building community.

Interfaith Hospitality Network, received by Lavanda Brown

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Coastal Georgia was developed to alleviate homelessness among families with children by providing emergency shelter, meals, and comprehensive support. To assist in this effort, IHN utilizes a network of local "Host Congregations of all faiths where clients (referred to as our guests) spend each evening, have dinner, and network with volunteers who are motivated to help them achieve their goals.

Park Place Outreach Center, received by Linda Hilts

Park Place Outreach, Inc. encompasses sheltering, supporting, and taking care of the needs of runaway, homeless, and in-crisis youth. In addition, we strive to broaden our range of programs serving youth and family needs while strengthening support from individuals, businesses, and foundations.

Give One Glove, received by Whip Triplett

Tristan Triplett asks for donations of new or used baseball gloves and other gently used baseball equipment to send to baseball players and teams in need. Monetary donations are also more than welcome and are used to purchase used baseball gloves through retailers like Play it Again Sports. Most of us take for granted all that we have, but

something as small as the gift of a baseball glove to a young player could change the direction of that young player's life.

Living Vine, received by Paula Kinard

The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home is answering God's call to minister to expectant mothers and their unborn children by providing a safe and loving residential program, teaching the principles of a disciplined Christian life, and building reconciliation in broken families.

Be Well,

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