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"Change a Life, Hire a Kid" Campaign Underway

Charleston County accepting applications beginning April 21

For its 2008 Change a Life, Hire a Kid (CALHAK) campaign, Charleston County will be hiring 50 local youth to work part-time in various County departments for six weeks this summer.

The County will begin accepting applications on April 21. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-21 to participate in the program.

"This is a great opportunity for youth in our County to gain meaningful and rewarding work experience while also learning about their local government," said Andrea Umbreit, of the Charleston County Grants Administration Department, who coordinates the CALHAK program. "Participants will be exposed to a variety of career opportunities and County staff who are excited to share their expertise and knowledge."

Based upon their skills, work history and interests, qualified candidates will be matched with positions available in various County departments. In the past, participants have worked in the County's Public Library System; Administrator and Deputy Administrators' offices; Human Resources Department; Safety and Risk Management Department; Probate Court; Public Works Department; Board of Elections & Voter Registration; and the Judicial Center Complex.

Participants will typically work 20 hours per week, and will be paid \$7 an hour.

Charleston County staff will screen all applicants in advance. The applicants will also undergo intensive interview training and professional behavior training prior to being chosen for the program.

To obtain a Change a Life, Hire a Kid application (applications will be accepted beginning April 21), you may:

- Call Andrea "Andy" Umbreit, CALHAK Coordinator for the Charleston County Grants Administration Department, at (843) 202-6986
- Download an application online at www.charlestoncounty.org under the "What's New" tab, or go to the direct link at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/index2.asp?p=/calhak.htm>
- In person, go to the Charleston County Grants Administration Department at 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, S.C. 29405 (off Leeds Avenue in North Charleston, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- In person, go to the Trident One Stop Career Center, 1930 Hanahan Road, North Charleston, SC 29405 (Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Completed applications can be submitted to Andrea Umbreit, Charleston County CALHAK Coordinator, by fax at (843) 202-6961 or by e-mail, aumbreit@charlestoncounty.org.

Applications can also be submitted in person to the Charleston County Grants Administration Department or the Trident One-Stop Career Center.

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