



Okefenokee Chamber of Commerce

Your Chamber of Commerce works all year long to promote Charlton County and provide events for its residents to enjoy. Here are some of the key projects the Chamber works on throughout the year:

In the summer and fall the chamber spends their days planning the Miss Okefenokee Beauty Pageant and the [Annual Okefenokee Festival](#).

In December the Holiday season is kicked off with Santa's Christmas Celebration. With much coordination, the Chamber is able to arrange a visit from Santa Claus for the event. Santa has the honor of light-

ing the Christmas Tree, a large Cedar tree on the grounds of the Jesse Crews Sr. Memorial Park.

As volunteers, the Chamber's Board of Directors put a lot of work and effort into making the community the best it can be. As part of this effort they attend several travel shows throughout the year.

For more information about events and meetings, contact the Okefenokee NWR Visitor Center, at 912-496-7836 or visit their website, www.folkston.com.

regarding issues on litter abatement, recycling, reducing waste and beautification.

Upcoming Events

May—Linda Chancey Memorial Scholarship—KCB gives this scholarship to a graduating senior each year in honor of Mrs. Linda Chancey, who served our community for many years as a dedicated volunteer and leader.

Spring and Fall—KCB Hometown Market Days

An opportunity for local community organizations, church groups, school clubs or individuals to come together to sell their handmade goods, yard sale items, baked goods or locally grown produce. Great way to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Meetings

KCB members meet on the second Monday of the month in September through June at 5:00 p.m. at the Charlton County Annex Building located on Kingsland Drive. For additional event details or to learn about volunteering, call Melinda Chesser at (912) 496-2915.

More about KCB

Keep Charlton Beautiful is a non-profit educational and community service organization dedicated to a cleaner, more beautiful Charlton County. KCB provides environmental education and community support



Satilla Community Services

Charlton Office:
(912) 496-7460
(Closed on Fridays)

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Satilla Community Services offers child and adolescent afterschool programs from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday with a snack and some transportation included.

You may refer any child you have concerns about in behavior or academic areas, and SAC will work them in for intake appointment within the week.

About the Charlton Nonprofits Connection—This publication is a joint effort of the Georgia Center for Nonprofits (GCN), Charlton County Family Connection, Benton Future Leaders of America, Charlton County Chamber of Commerce and other nonprofits and community stakeholders. It's designed to be a means for county residents, nonprofits, and others to learn more about how local nonprofits are working to support the communities in Charlton County, and to highlight collaborative efforts that address community needs. To place information in this newsletter, please contact Sonny Hickox, GCN Program Coordinator for Charlton County, at shickox@gcn.org or (912) 462-6171, x.128 (GCN's office in the Brantley DFCS building).

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Charlton Schools Open Their Doors to Teledental Program

From the Southeast Health District

One young student was a little hesitant at first as he climbed into the dentist chair. A soft-spoken dental hygienist comforted him, and he opened his mouth wide to show off his teeth. This will soon be the scenario in Charlton County as staff of the Charlton County Health Department and Folkston Elementary School prepare for the county's first-ever Teledentistry Clinic housed within the school.

The Teledental Program, the first of its kind in Georgia, is a collaboration of the Southeast Health District, Waycross dentist Dr. Jon Drawdy and the Medical College of Georgia. The program is new to the Charlton County School System. The program has been successful in Ware and Brantley County.

"When you bring the services to the school to provide services in a school setting it ensures 100 percent attendance, essentially eliminating the problem of failed appointments," added Jackie Woodard, Telehealth Coordinator for the Southeast Health District, which consists of 16 counties, including Charlton.

Clinics are scheduled in cooperation with the school. There is a room at Folkston Elementary School that is set up much like a dentist exam room, said Ms. Woodard. Children, whose parents have consented to the services, receive cleanings exams and x-rays. Referrals are made, if necessary.

Dr. Drawdy provides the oversight for the dental hygienists who are onsite. Faculty and residents of the Medical College of Georgia Dental School are able to view the children's x-rays and mouths via a closed-circuit connection. They can also talk to the hygienists and parents in real time.

Ms. Woodard noted that the Teledental Program has been presented to the Georgia Dental Association Board of Trustees to raise awareness about the uses of teledentistry in rural settings.

For information, contact Roger Naylor with the Southeast Health District in Waycross, at (912)338-5232 or rwnaylor@gdph.state.ga.us.

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Charlton County Resource Guide 2011



The Charlton County Family Connection Collaborative and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits developed this guide to assist families. We understand this resource guide is not all-inclusive and welcome any additions. Information regarding fees, hours, and programs are subject to change. For more information, please call The Charlton County Family Connection Office at (912) 462-6232 or the Georgia Center for Nonprofits at (912) 263-6383.

Just a reminder about the new Charlton County Resource Guide. This new directory contains updated information and includes both nonprofit and for-profit businesses. The guide is designed to help residents access agencies and resources to meet their needs. If you see any updates needed here, please contact 462-5979 or 462-6171. The directory is also online at ww.brantleycountyga.blogspot.com.



Charlton News

FES Community Fair Camps 2011

The Charlton County Family Connection's mission is to plan and implement strategies to promote healthy, educated and self sufficient families. The summer months give parents and their children an opportunity to hand pick activi-

ties and to focus on certain special activities or hobbies for children. At the Folkston Elementary School Community Fair each grade had fun activities for summer fun. There were also several camps that had brochures to advertise summer programs. Mr. Michael Walker FES Principal, and the Parent Involvement Committee under the leadership of Dr. Tina Baxter would like to say thank you to everyone that participated in the FES Community Fair. Following are several of the camps that will be offering activities and programs.

Name	Age	Dates	Contact Info.
Camp IWANNABREATHE 2011	Asthma K-8 th Grade	May 26-27	Nancy Brooks, RN 496-7369
Children's Community Art	ages 3-5 9:30-11:30, age 6-8 1-3, ages 9-11 6-8 p.m.	June 7 & 8	Inn of Folkston 496-6256
Archery Day Camp	ages 9-15	June 14-16	Laura Walker Park Matt Stewart 229.430.1847, cost \$50
Flashes Flag Football Camp	ages 8-13	July 25-28	Hilbard Middle/Senior High School
Charlton County Junior Sheriff's Academy	ages 12-14, rising 6 th and 7 th grades	June 20-24	Sheriff's Dept. 496-2281
Indian's Summer Baseball Camp	ages 4 - 13	May 30-June 2 and June 6-8	Coach Marchman 912.496-2501, cost \$28 a session or \$45 both
CCHS Softball Evening Camp	12 & under, 10 & under, 8 & under	May 9, 10, 13 6 p.m.-7:45	CCHS, cost \$30 to CC Diamond Club
Lil' Miss Cheer Camp	ages 3-12	May 23-25, 9-11:30 a.m.	CCHS Varsity Cheerleaders, Mrs. Bryant 496-2501
VBS, Folkston Church of God,	ages 3-18	July 11-15, 6- 8 p.m.	Contact Info 912-337-1077 or 496-2727
VBS, First Baptist Church	ages 3-18	June 6-10	Joy Clark- 496-2203
VBS, St. Francis of Assisi,	Pre-k - 6 th grade	June 13-17	www.stfrancis.folkston
Sand Hill Baptist Church, VBS	ages 3 - 18	July 11 - 15, 6-9 p.m.	Melanie Crews 276-0478
Little Miss Majorette Camp	ages 3 - 12	May 31 st - June 3	melanie_crews@charlton.k12.ga.us

Join Charlton Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Program!

Charlton Memorial Hospital is seeking volunteers. Charlton Memorial Hospital (CMH) started its first volunteer program in June 2010. It was created to assist the staff, comfort the patients and contribute valuable time to the improvement of quality patient care. For more information call Julie Cardozo, Administrative Assistant, at 912-496-2531 ext. 302. Charlton Memorial Hospital is a county owned health care facility that is committed to the improvement of quality in health care.



"Why I Volunteer"

Sandra Hickox started volunteering in Charlton Memorial Hospital's new Volunteer Program shortly after its summer opening, in October 2010. She says she made this decision for a number of reasons. "As a teenager, my Daddy was ill and we were in the hospital in Waycross a lot. I saw the candy strippers and pink ladies, and thought then it was so nice of people to take their time and help others who are sick."

"As I matured, I wanted to become a nurse. That really wasn't an



Charlton Memorial Hospital Volunteers Sandra Hickox, Betty Guynn and Wilene Swindells

option for me—I had to get a job and work—but I never stopped wanting to do it."

For along time, I wished the CMH had a volunteer program. Late last summer the hospital decided to start a volunteer program, and I decided that since I have the time, I would start volunteering.

I truly enjoy visiting with the patients. Often I know them. I do patient visits each morning, and we talk about whatever they want to talk about. I also try to make sure they've had breakfast, or see whatever they might need.

The rest of my time, I answer the phones in the lobby and greet people coming into the hospital. I've gotten a lot of feedback that people enjoy seeing a friendly face when they come in. It's a pleasure for me to be able to help someone who's ill in little ways. The smallest favor means so much to them.

Sometimes people tell me they don't think the hospital works with really sick patients—but in addition to helping the sick who may not have life threatening illnesses, the purpose of this hospital is to help stabilize pa-

tients so they can get to larger hospitals for more advanced treatment."

I'm convinced there are times when peoples' lives have been saved by this hospital. In November 1991 there was an accident at school where a student inadvertently brought a live bomb into the high school, not realizing what it was. It was accidentally dropped in the band room, and if it had not been for the hospital being right next door to the high school, some students would have lost their lives. One young girl lost a leg,

and she was stabilized by the hospital. "When asked what volunteers the hospital can use now, Mrs. Hickox replied, "There are many ways people can help, whether you want to work directly with those who are sick, or prefer to do office work like filing, front office, or medical records. We can always use more greeters for when people come in to the hospital. We love it when volunteers do patient visits but they do not have to do—it's whatever they are comfortable with. You can choose whether or not you want to be on the phones, visit with patients., or work behind the scenes."

Funding Opportunities News

The Bank of America's 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative grant program recognizes, nurtures, and rewards community-based organizations, local heroes, and student leaders working to improve their communities. The program's components are:

(1) The Neighborhood Builders program, which provides two outstanding nonprofit and charitable organizations with operating support and rigorous leadership training. Neighborhood Builders recipients are awarded \$200,000 (\$100,000 annually for two years) in general operating support.

(2) The Local Heroes program, which honors community champions who are working to measurably improve their communities and who inspire others to get involved. Five Local Heroes will be selected to each direct a \$5,000 contribution to the eligible nonprofits

of their choice. Visit the Bank of America web site's Corporate Philanthropy page (www.bankofamerica.com/foundation) for additional information. The grant deadline is June 1.

The Frances Hollis Brain Foundation makes grants to Georgia as one of three states where it provides funding to alleviate human suffering and improve the human condition. The foundation supports organizations that increase access to healthcare, support human services, provide access to educational opportunities or promote self-sufficiency and the ability to provide for self, family, and community. A letter of inquiry may be submitted any time. Invited applicants must submit full applications by May 1 or Oct. 1. Visit the Frances Hollis Brain Foundation web site (www.fhbfoundation.org) for more information.