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**AT LAKE KEOWEE**

the village by the water.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## **THE RESERVE AT LAKE KEOWEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation is a non profit organization, created to enhance the quality of life and sense of community for property owners of The Reserve at Lake Keowee. The Foundation is funded by a sales transfer fee of all sales at The Reserve at Lake Keowee and is contributed to the Foundation in perpetuity. The Foundation has four major functions serving both the property owners and the general public:

**Environment:** to promote environmental stewardship and provide a greater understanding and appreciation of the area's natural resources.

**Education:** to provide educational and enrichment programs for Reserve property owners and the surrounding community.

**Arts:** to promote cultural initiatives for property owners and the surrounding community, with both visual and performing arts.

**Outreach:** to assist charitable organizations and facilitate property owner volunteerism in Pickens County and surrounding communities.

In 2007, the Community Foundation completed its first full year under the guidance of a full time executive director and part time naturalist. A variety of speakers and performers, were included in The Community Foundation's programs. Forty-nine different events were scheduled in 2007, with over 750 property owners, guests, and general public participating in one or more events.

The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation's goals are directed by a Board of Trustees, composed of representatives of Greenwood Communities and Resorts, Reserve property owners and professionals.  
*For further information on the Community Foundation, please contact the executive director.*



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*The Reserve at Lake Keowee Community Foundation  
has a new home in the Hill House, located at  
**534 Pine Grove Church Road  
Sunset, SC 29685***

## OUTREACH

Each year the Reserve property owners select beneficiaries in the community to receive cash awards. An Outreach Committee comprised of property owners was established in 2007 to research and suggest outreach volunteer projects with various non-profit organizations in the surrounding counties. A total of \$23,000 was donated to the 2007 Outreach Recipients:

**Helping Hands, \$4,830**

**Mary's House, \$5,750**

**Pickens County Meals on Wheels, \$4,370**

**Hospice of the Foothills, \$4,140**

**The Good Samaritan Alliance, \$3,910**



*The Foundation Outreach Committee pictured with the 2007 recipients.*

In addition to the donations, several outreach projects were held throughout 2007. These projects were organized with the help of the Outreach Committee:

- Back to School Backpacks & School Supplies for Helping Hands
- Pooches on Parade to benefit Foothills Humane Society
- Winter Clothing Drive for Fairplay Wilderness Camp for Boys

## ENVIRONMENT

This goal was accomplished with the following:

***Nature walks, tours, and hands-on demonstrations*** led by our naturalist continued throughout the year utilizing the natural aspects of The Reserve.

***Invited Speakers*** addressed topics such as the lake, history and geography of the area. The speakers included *Brockington & Associates* who executed a historical and archeological study of the Reserve prior to development. Also a lake shore expert spoke on lakeshore buffers.

***Hiking Trail Maintenance*** continued, including labeling points of interest, as well as identification of plant life. Over 60 different labels were installed.

***Trail Journal*** was kept current and available on the Reserve website for viewing by property owners and general public. [www.reserveatlakekeowee.com/trailjournal.aspx](http://www.reserveatlakekeowee.com/trailjournal.aspx)



*Nature walk on a Reserve Hiking Trail.*



## EDUCATION

The 2007 Foundation program included the following:

- **Site Visits** by invited speakers that have been open to both property owners at The Reserve at Lake Keowee as well as the general public;
- **Workshops** that give participants an opportunity to learn more about The Reserve's ecosystem. Fishing, birding, botanical, historical, astronomy and other topical workshops were held throughout the year;
- **Publications** such as *The Reserve at Lake Keowee Trail Map* and other hand outs were created and given to interested Foundation activity participants;
- **Five literature discussions** in conjunction with the SC Humanities Council in 2007, including free loans of the books and recognized speakers for each book in the series;
- **Nature Walks** on the numerous trails provided an informative and an informal way to get to know the Reserve and its ecostructure;
- **Elementary school visits** by local schools to hike and learn about the environment and the animal life at The Reserve;
- **Collaboration with area colleges** establishing on-site courses for the neighboring community offers numerous opportunities in 2008 with the local communities. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University was a primary partnership established for 2008.

As the Foundation looks to the future, it is the education program that will continue to develop and flourish to help create a sense of community among the growing number of Reserve residents and surrounding area.

## ARTS

The Arts focus was accomplished in 2007 by the following:

- **Supported works of high artistic merit** in literary, media, performing and visual arts by having a fall arts festival and programs featuring such artists;
- **Prepared to establish a small art gallery** to open to the membership and general public at The Reserve Community Foundation office in 2008;
- **Enhanced The Reserve environment** and quality of life with the beginning of a collection of original, one of a kind artwork and performances that engaged residents and general public;
- **Partnered with the S. C. Arts Commission** and other quality programs to facilitate the arts;
- **Began a series of life-long learning classes**, including collaborations with Clemson University and local arts centers in Pickens County.
- **Held musical performances** including but not limited to jazz, classical, and various choral concerts;
- **Cultural Committee** was created to help seek out artists and opportunities to bring to the Community Foundation.



Artwork and pottery on display in the Hill House gallery.