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**South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond Announces
Scrooges and Angels for 2014**

(Columbia, SC) – South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced today the 19th annual Scrooges and Angels list of 2014. The ten Angels were recognized at a press conference and honored with a reception in the Secretary of State’s Office following the announcement.

The Angels honored represent organizations that exemplify charitable giving in South Carolina. Representatives from all organizations were in attendance to receive a plaque and recognition from Secretary Hammond. The Angels recognized, with the percentage of their expenditures that went toward their program services, are listed below. **Those recognized are listed in alphabetical order, and are NOT ranked by the Secretary of State.**

Clemson Free Clinic, Clemson, SC 92.0%
Girls on the Run Tri County SC, Fort Mill, SC 99.0%
Homes for Our Troops, Inc., Taunton, MA 91.9%
MARYS House (Ministry Alliance for Regaining Your Safety), Pickens, SC 96.2%
Pawmetto Lifeline Inc., Columbia, SC 81.7%
Project Linus, Bloomington, IL 91.2%
Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Inc., Charlotte, NC 97.2%
St. Christopher’s Children, Inc., Pawleys Island, SC 86.1%
The Bargain Box, Hilton Head Island, SC 86.5%
The RECing Crew, Inc., North Augusta, SC 87.5%

The Angels were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State’s Office, as well as by nominations from the public. To be selected as an Angel, the charity must have devoted 80 percent or more of its total expenditures to charitable programs; the charity must have been in existence for three or more years; the charity must make good use of volunteer services; the charity must receive minimal funding from grants; and the charity must be registered with the Secretary of State to solicit funds in the state of South Carolina. Each year the Secretary of State’s Office attempts to showcase Angels with diverse missions, from across South Carolina and outside the state.

The designation of Scrooge is based upon a charitable organization's failure to spend a high percentage of its total expenditures on charitable programs. The organizations designated as this year's Scrooges are listed below, along with the percentage of expenditures used for program services. **Those recognized are listed in alphabetical order, and are NOT ranked by the Secretary of State.**

AFP Foundation for Philanthropy, Arlington, VA 20.8%
Car Donation Foundation, St. Louis Park, MN 20.7%
Circle of Friends for American Veterans, Falls Church, VA 8.4%
Disabled Police and Sheriffs Foundation, Inc., St. Genevieve, MO 5.9%
Heart Support of America, Inc., Knoxville, TN 35.1%
National Association of Chiefs of Police Inc., Titusville, FL 37.0%
National Cancer Center, Inc., Plainview, NY 26.9%
National Vietnam Veterans Foundation, Inc., Alexandria, VA 8.1%
The Boyz of Gospel, Inc., Bennettsville, SC 8.0%
Tiger Missing Link Foundation, Tyler, TX 38.2%

The following criteria were considered in selecting Scrooges: the charity had devoted 40 percent or less of its total expenditures to charitable programs; the charity had spent a significant amount of revenue on fundraising expenses; and the charity had registered with the Secretary of State to solicit funds in the state of South Carolina.

Secretary Hammond issued the following statement: "As Secretary of State, I have the duty of enforcing the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, and of promoting transparency and accountability for charitable organizations. South Carolinians continue to be among the most generous people in the nation; however, we must guard against those who want take advantage of our generosity. I ask you to research charitable organizations before you give to make sure high percentages are going to the organization's program services."

Charitable donors may research organizations registered in South Carolina by visiting the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.sc.gov. To review an organization, select the Charity Search button to learn a charity's total revenue, program expenses, total expenses, net assets, and fundraiser costs. The website even calculates the percentage of total expenses that the charity has devoted to its program services. You can also call our Division of Public Charities at 1-888-CHARITI (242-7484) for more information.

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