

# ***Dabo's All In Team Foundation***

## ***Fall 2011 Newsletter***

While the Tigers have been busy on the field, Dabo's All in Team Foundation is continuing to make a difference in the community!

### **Save the Date:**

- **Friday, April 6, 2012**, the third Annual ALL In Ball will be held at the Madren Center on the Clemson University campus. We are working on lining up another nationally recognized Special Guest for the event. Details will be released in February.
- **Saturday, July 21, 2012**, for the Dabo Swinney Ladies Clinic. This year's theme is "Lady Legends of Clemson". Former Clemson women graduates who have served as great ambassadors to the university will attend and participate.

### ***Foundation Awards 2011 Grants***

On Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> Coach Swinney and Kathleen hosted a luncheon in Clemson awarding grants to organizations selected by the foundation's Board of Directors. The organizations are:

***Helping Hands of Clemson*** is an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children, primarily serving Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens counties.

***Shalom House Ministries, Belton, S.C.***, is a place of healing for women struggling with drug and alcohol addiction or other debilitating problems. They provide a long-term caring and encouraging Christian environment where women are given the time and tools to find solutions to emotional, spiritual, and physical needs.

***Collins Children's Home & Family Ministries, Seneca, S.C.*** cares for children and supports families in an atmosphere that instills feelings of acceptance, safety, permanence, dignity, and joy while teaching important life skills and a work ethic that will enable them to be productive members of society.

***Clemson Free Clinic*** is a non-profit donor supported community health clinic serving the Clemson, Central, Six Mile and Pendleton residents who are below the US Federal poverty level.

***South Carolina Cancer Alliance*** (SCAA) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the impact of cancer on ALL people in South Carolina. This was the second installment of a two-year grant to support SCAA's ongoing community education efforts across South Carolina by educating individuals across the state about the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer, and empowering and equipping these individuals to instruct others throughout their communities.

**Anderson University Cancer Center** offers a unique opportunity for students to engage in cancer research. Through collaboration with healthcare institutions, students can gain first-hand scientific research experience and witness how their research positively impacts the lives of patients.

**The Foothills YMCA** is chartered to serve all of Oconee County as well as Clemson & Central, though our doors are always open to all who wish to join our family.



***Coach Swinney and Kathleen with the 2011 Foundation Grant Award Winners***

Coach Swinney, “These organizations, their leaders, and volunteers reflect our foundation’s mission to raise awareness of critical education and health issues in order to change lives of people across the state of South Carolina. They work every day to make a difference.”

## ***Helping Hands Building Fund***

Dabo's All in Team Foundation has donated \$15,000 to the Helping Hands of Clemson, S.C.

Helping Hands of Clemson, Inc. is an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children, primarily serving Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens counties. They have become one of the state's largest emergency shelters for children.

Their mission is three-fold:

- **Safety:** To provide a safe and nurturing environment for abused and neglected children.
- **Shelter:** To provide shelter and bed space to accommodate as many children as possible.
- **Survival:** To provide the essential necessities for the survival of the abused and neglected children.

The organization is in the process of raising funds to build a brand new facility. The staff and community have done an excellent job maintaining the current facility, but age, wear, and tear have taken their toll on the current home. Built in the 1980's, the home has undergone 3 additions.

Jennifer Barbour, Executive Director Helping Hands, "because of Dabo's All In Team Foundation this will help provide a new safe and loving home for children in this area for years to come."

Kathleen Swinney, "Helping Hands is a tremendous organization that does a great service to the community and the children in need of a safe and loving environment. In addition to the staff there is a great group of volunteers from the community that spend countless hours donating their time supporting the children."

## ***Local Children to Attend Clemson-Wake Forest Football Game***

Fifty (50) children and chaperones from Helping Hands of Clemson and The Collins Home in Seneca, S.C. will be attending the game as guests of the foundation. Each child will attend the game and be provided \$10 in spending money.

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Jennifer Barbour, Executive Director Helping Hands, "The kids are so excited! This is something they would never have the opportunity to do if it was not for the foundation."

Coach Swinney, "I have been where those children are, without a home. This is the least we can do to brighten their lives."

## ***Family Effect Residents Support Clemson Football***

Each home season football game a counselor from the Family Effect in Greenville, S.C. loads residents from the organization's Serenity Place facility or The Academy and escorts them to Clemson University. Once at Clemson they are met and escorted by Trip Swinney.

The foundation's guests are shown around the football facility, eat a meal with Trip who shares his testimony with the group, watch the Tigers warm-up on the sideline, spend a few minutes with Coach Swinney, and watch the Tigers defeat another opponent.

In partnering with Family Effect, this program is designed to award Serenity Place and the Academy residents for excelling in their rehabilitation efforts.

Serenity Place provides comprehensive, residential addiction treatment to about 120 pregnant women, young mothers and preschool-age children each year.

The Academy is a residential treatment center for boys age 13 to 17. It is only the second facility of its kind in South Carolina. The boys at The Academy have experienced significant problems with addiction, and outpatient counseling has not halted the behavior.

Scott Dishman, Director of Community Engagement for Family Effect, "When our young mothers or teenage boys in treatment come back from a Clemson home game, they come back a little more confident, a little more hopeful. They know that Coach Swinney and the All-in Team Foundation care enough about them to give them that experience." And they tell themselves, "If Coach believes in me, then maybe I'm worth something." And of course, "they are."

**Thank you for your support and being All IN!**