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sexual and domestic violence in our community, and that word implies a timeline,” said Mary “Ginger” Davis, longtime volunteer and current board chair.

The organization offers shelter and transitional housing, advocates to empower victims to lead lives free from abuse, and offers therapy to survivors, Charley said.

Project R.E.S.T.’s mission is to use a collective voice to address the impact of domestic and sexual violence by providing services to those affected and to create social change through education, training and activism. The South Carolina-based nonprofit serves Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union counties. Project R.E.S.T. supports more than 1,400 individuals each year.

Everything Outdoor Fest Showcases Adventure

Consumer show producer, Greenville-based JBM & Associates, has announced plans for Everything Outdoor Fest, which will showcase the Southeast’s most popular outdoor activities.

The festival will be Nov. 4 to 6 at Historic Hopkins Farms in Simpsonville. It is expected to draw thousands of outdoor enthusiasts seeking to connect with others who share their passion. Activities for all ages and skill levels will be presented by experts across a spectrum of interests. Dozens of local, regional and national brands will also be on site.

“Everything Outdoor Fest is the ideal experience for the curious, the brave, and the explorer,” said Jacqui McGuinness, CEO of JBM & Associates. “There are so many amazing opportunities for outdoor adventure in this region. Everything Outdoor Fest will be a one-stop-shop for beginners and experts alike.”

The 340-acre family-owned farm will be divided into four outdoor themes: dirt, water, road and power. A separate Kids Zone will feature activities for children. A canine aquatics competition will take place all three

days. Yoga, live music and food trucks will be available.

Current sponsors include South-State Bank, Boyd Cycling, Rocket Revolution and Southeast Gravel.

Tickets will be pre-sold online. Single-day tickets are \$10 for adults, and weekend passes are \$25 with discounted rates for seniors, military and children. Historic Hopkins Farms is located at 3717 Fork Shoals Road. The website is everythingoutdoorfest.com.



United Community Bank employees volunteer with their local Habitat for Humanity.

United Community Foundation To Partner With Habitat

In celebration of American Housing Month, the United Community Bank Foundation of Greenville will help build seven homes this year in partnership with Habitat for Humanity affiliates across its footprint.

The foundation will support the cost of local builds and allow local United Community Bank team members to volunteer with the building. The Foundation will kick off the partnership in Wake County, North Carolina, and in Atlanta.

Projects are planned in South Carolina, Tennessee and Florida this fall.

“Supporting housing strategies and the path to affordable homeownership is a core pillar of the United Community Bank Foundation,” said Moryah Jackson, VP of Community Development and Engagement.

United Community bankers are col-

laborating with local Habitat affiliates to help new homeowners achieve stability, independence and financial goals.

NHE Homeowners Takes On More S.C. Communities

NHE Inc. has added six South Carolina communities to its association management portfolio.

NHE, an association and property management firm in the Southeast, manages more than 18,000 homes, apartments and condominiums in 15 states.

The newly added Upstate communities include Brookwood Commons in Simpsonville; Chestnut Pond in Simpsonville; Pendleton Plantation in Easley; Creekstone Townes by Ryan Homes in Travelers Rest; and Dan Ryan Builders communities, Pinecrest at Hollingsworth Park in Greenville and Trailside at Drayton Mills in Spartanburg.

The communities add 700 homes to the NHE management portfolio, which now has 80 community associations.

NHE provides turnkey, customized association management services to neighborhoods – ranging from single-family homes to townhomes and condominiums. NHE currently is the manager of communities in the Midlands, the Upstate and North Carolina – plus 13 other states.

Pitch-Space Slated June 28

The next Pitch-Space event will be at 4:30 p.m. June 28. The event will be live in Greenville and is sponsored by Flywheel.

Start-up innovators will pitch their ideas to a panel of investors, including the CEOs from King Krusher, F3TCH, and Matty. Networking will follow. Pitch-Space.com, powered by Flywheel, is a digital platform that connects investors to scalable technology startups. Early, seed and growth companies can pitch each month at events that rotate among Greenville, and Concord and Winston Salem in North Carolina. Events are open to founders, investors and community members.

Flywheel will operate a 23,000-square-foot coworking innovation center at Crescent Start-up Community, 701 Poinsett Hwy. in Greenville.

Crawford Adds New Staff

Crawford, a full-service strategic marketing agency based in Greenville, recently welcomed two people to support operations and production.

Amy Santarelli joins as staff accountant, and Tracee Clem has taken on the role of resource manager.

Santarelli will manage the financial well-being of Crawford by overseeing all accounting and billing. She has over 20 years of experience.

Clem also has 20 years of experience in the marketing, printing and creative industry. She will ensure projects are delivered with quality by managing resources, pre-production, print, photo and video production.

Stokes Adds Staff, Moves

Stokes & Company CPAs, a Greenville-based firm specializing in monthly accounting and payroll services for business clients, as well as individual and business tax planning and preparation, recently hired Valentina Litovchenko as an accountant in Spartanburg. In addition, the company recently relocated its Western North Carolina office to 799 West Mills Street in Columbus, N.C.



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