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**South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond Announces  
Scrooges and Angels for 2008**

(Columbia, SC) – South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced today the thirteenth-annual Scrooges and Angels for 2008. 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 each organization were in attendance to receive a plaque and recognition from Secretary Hammond. The Angels recognized, with the percentage of their program expenses that went toward the program activities, are listed below. Those recognized are in alphabetical order, and are **not ranked by the Secretary of State**.

Animal Protection League of SC, Inc., Hopkins, SC	93.5%
Careteam, Inc., Myrtle Beach, SC	95.8%
Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., Baltimore, MD	88.1%
Country Santa, Pickens, SC	99.3%
Experience Works, Inc., Arlington, VA	92.5%
Fatherhood & Families Engagement, Florence, SC	93.3%
Golden Harvest Food Bank, Inc., Augusta, GA	95.0%
Historic Charleston Foundation, Charleston, SC	85.6%
NAMI of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	87.2%
Outreach Farm, Inc., Pawleys Island, SC	98.8%

The Angels were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State’s Office. The following criteria were considered: the charity must have been established for at least three years; has collected revenue greater than \$20,000; 80 percent or more of the revenue must go toward the charities’ program goals; makes good use of volunteer labor; and receives minimal finding in grants. The panel also sought to showcase charities with different missions, and chose charities across South Carolina and the United States.

The designation of Scrooge is based upon the charitable organization’s failure to spend a high percentage of their collections on the stated program activities and/or the high use of paid (professional) solicitors. The Scrooges chosen, with the percentage of their program expenses that went toward the program activities, are listed below. Those recognized on the following page are in alphabetical order, and are **not ranked by the Secretary of State**.

American Police & Sheriff’s Association, Chepachet, RI	12.7%
Cancer Assistance Network, Gig Harbor, WA	24.0%
Children’s Cancer Fund of America, Inc., Powell, TN	14.4%
Committee for Missing Children, Inc., Lawrenceville, GA	10.2%
Dakota Indian Foundation, Inc., Chamberlain, SD	17.8%
Disabled Police Officers of American, Inc., Niceville, FL	11.4%
Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime, Anderson, IN	10.3%

Firefighters Charitable Foundation, Farmingdale, NY	11.1%
Foundation for American Veterans, Inc., West Bloomfield, MI	7.6%
National Vietnam Veterans Foundation, Inc., Alexandria, VA	11.3%

The Scrooges were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State's Office. The following criteria were considered: the charity had given 40 percent or less of the revenue to the charities' program goals; collected revenue greater than \$20,000; had many complaints filed against them; and spent a large amount of money on the use of professional fundraisers rather than volunteers.

"Due to the slowdown in our economy, charitable solicitations across the state have increased largely because more and more people are in need of assistance," said Secretary of State Mark Hammond. "South Carolina is one of the most generous states in the nation and always answers the call when it comes to defending and helping the less fortunate. But we must be mindful of the fact that there are those who would take advantage of this economy and our generosity. So I ask that you check out any organization before you contribute your hard-earned money. One of my duties as Secretary of State is to make the public aware of "Scrooge" charities that take advantage of our giving spirit. Please visit our Website at [www.scsos.com](http://www.scsos.com); select the "Charity Search" button to access information on charitable organizations, or call our Charities Division at 1-888-CHARITI (242-7484)."

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