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Secretary Hammond Announces Scrooges and Angels for 2007

(Columbia, SC) – South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced today the twelfth-annual Scrooges and Angels for 2007. 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 as follows:

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| Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation, Wynnewood, PA | 83.4% |
| Bluffton Self-Help, Inc., Bluffton, SC | 91.5% |
| Cooper River Bridge Run, Inc., Charleston, SC | 91.7% |
| Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, Inc., Aiken, SC | 92.3% |
| Fisher House Foundation, Inc., Rockville, MD | 94.8% |
| Friendship Medical Clinic, Inc., Conway, SC | 94.2% |
| Good Works, Inc., Chapin, SC | 98.0% |
| Healing Species, Orangeburg, SC | 93.0% |
| Rice Bowl, Inc., Spartanburg, SC | 98.7% |
| Scott Hannon Memorial Foundation, Irmo, SC | 90.2% |

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 as follows:

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| Adopaplatoon Soldier Support Effort, San Benito, TX | 13.2% |
| American Foundation for Disabled Children, Inc., Staten Island, NY | 38.1% |
| Children’s Charitable Foundation, Anderson, SC | 7.9% |
| Children’s Charity Fund, Sarasota, FL | 10.1% |
| Firefighters Assistance Fund, Inc., Punta Gorda, FL | 8.2% |
| Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, Inc., Annandale, VA | 31.5% |
| National Association of Disabled Police Officers, Gig Harbor, WA | 32.1% |
| Shiloh International Ministries, La Verne, CA | 3.6% |
| TREA Memorial Foundation, Aurora, CO | 23.5% |
| Wishing Well Foundation USA, Inc., Metairie, LA | 12.6% |

“South Carolinians from all income levels respond quickly and generously when they see a true need,” said Secretary Hammond. “We all want to experience the joy of giving, to assist charitable organizations accomplish their goals – whether it’s feeding and clothing the poor, disaster relief, conducting medical research, supporting the arts and education, or any other worthy cause.

Unfortunately, not all charities operate with charitable intentions. One of my duties as Secretary of State is to protect the public from unscrupulous organizations that take advantage of our generosity. I encourage charitable givers to educate themselves about their favorite charity by learning how the organization is spending its collections. Please visit our Website at www.scsos.com; select the “Search Charities” button to access information on your favorite charitable cause, or call our Charities Division at 1-888-CHARITI (242-7484).”

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