



OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR FORT MILL CLUB - CHELSEA AND SAVANNAH ART PROGRAM

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York County, SC – April 19, 2016 – Boys & Girls Clubs of York County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, invites you to their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of our Chelsea and Savannah art program at our Fort Mill Club:

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Time: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Location: 1691 Springfield Parkway, Fort Mill, SC 29715

The York County Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to assist with the event.

The Fort Mill Boys & Girls Club has partnered with owners Tracey Hartzog and Rachel Ohls of Chelsea and Savannah Art Studio to provide exceptional art programming to Club members thanks to funding from local donor, Jim Harper of Harper Corporation. Harper recognized the great work of the Chelsea and Savannah team and wanted to help bring their outstanding programming to youth who might not have access to the opportunity to work with and develop their creative talents with the help of professional and talented artists.

Harper writes: "The Boys & Girls Clubs of York County is like a big, loving family. Working with the Clubs to meet the needs of our community while providing opportunities to youth to be creative and explore their talents and interests has truly been a heartwarming experience."

Chelsea and Savannah art studio in Fort Mill offers art classes and one of kind creative experiences for artists of all skill levels. With a background in non-profit work, Tracey and Rachel immediately jumped at the opportunity to give back to their community by sharing what they love with Boys & Girls Clubs members. While Tracey and Rachel set out to help the members create beautiful artwork, they also transformed their space so that the Club room was just as creative as the Club members' minds.

Kim Keel, Interim Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of York County writes: "The talented owners and artists of Chelsea and Savannah have poured their hearts into this project and provided unique opportunities for Boys & Girls Club members to express themselves creatively. Despite whatever challenges they may face throughout their day, this program allows Club members to forget their worries and create something beautiful in the end."

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at our Fort Mill Club located at Springfield Elementary

School at 1691 Springfield Parkway, Fort Mill. The Club can be accessed through the bus entrance and is located around the back side of the school in the mobile units.

The artwork will also be on display at the Boys & Girls Clubs of York County's upcoming Annual Awards Banquet taking place on Thursday, May 5th at the Catawba Indian Reservation. Information on the event can be found at www.bgcyc.org.

About [BGC Organization]

Since 1992, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County has maintained its mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Serving over 8750 members last year, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County operates 5 Clubs in Clover, Catawba, Rock Hill and Fort Mill including. Clubs provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. For additional information regarding the clubs and services, visit <http://www.bgcyc.org>.

About Chelsea and Savannah

Chelsea & Savannah is an art studio located in Fort Mill, SC offering arts and craft classes for children and adults. Two local female artists and owners, Tracey Hartzog & Rachel Ohls, provide the art expertise and creative impulses that drive the studio. Having professional artists as the studio instructors allows class and workshop attendees to gain real knowledge from the hands of experience. Chelsea & Savannah works with you to tap your creativity using projects that are designed to produce a successful result in every artist and crafter—no matter the skill level! Lore more at <http://chelseaandsavannah.com>.

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