

the transformative power of nature





Learning is a journey that begins with the spark of inspiration. It might be a child learning about the tadpoles they scoop out of the wetland, a family enjoying a live performance under the stars, or an individual experiencing the peace of the river from a kayak.

December 1, 2015

“The rains came down and the floods came up....” Do you remember that song when you were young? It will take a while, but our community is recovering from the calamitous flooding that distressed so many. As deep as 12 feet deep in some places, the park was under water for three days! Amazingly, thanks to our dedicated staff, Saluda Shoals Park was 95% operational in just three weeks! Cleanup so far has taken 620 hours of hard work by our maintenance staff and rangers, who gathered and buried over two tons of fish, cleaned mud and debris from roadways and trails, replaced electrical components throughout the park, reinstalled Holiday Lights displays damaged by the water, and a host of other repairs. To date, costs are over \$150,000.

Saluda Shoals Park has survived and is thriving once again. We are focused on our mission to connect people to nature through outdoor recreation, environmental education and cultural activities. Walkers and runners, with their dogs leading the way, have again taken to the trails all over the park. The ICRC's Children's Theater presented five sterling performances of Sleepy Hollow over Halloween weekend on the Environmental Center deck – more than 500 people enjoyed the delightful production.

In partnership with the Irmo Chamber, we hosted the second annual Wine & Jazz on the Boardwalk where guests enjoyed samples of wines from around the world and were captivated by the sounds of jazz under the stars. Next up, Holiday Lights on the River, where the magical and sparkling lights are just as awe-inspiring as ever!





"The joy of looking and comprehending is nature's most beautiful gift."— Albert Einstein

Your generous support provides opportunities for . . .



#### Environmental Preservation & Beautification

Your gifts helped transform an abandoned industrial site into green space, extending the Park's natural beauty to the commercial district, and contributing to the revitalization of the St. Andrews Road corridor.



#### Environmental Education

Your donations have provided tools and resources to enhance exceptional hands-on environmental education programs and field trips for more than 13 years.



#### Arts & Culture

Your support let park guests experience art in nature at the July 4th Lake Murray Symphony Concert, Theater in the Park, Rollin' on the River and MusicFest.



#### Community Outreach

Thanks to you, 180 Ft. Jackson soldiers enjoyed a fun-filled evening at Holiday Lights on the River topped off by a visit with Santa!

Your generosity provided a fun day at Saluda Splash for 30 children from Hannah House!

Because of your contributions, Park guests can connect to art and nature through the beautiful Saluda River Batik by artist Mary Edna Fraser.

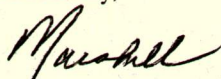
Please send your gift today and ensure future generations will experience transformative moments in nature through the legacy of your support.



This beautiful natural space and many memory-making events are possible thanks to your generous support! Please consider joining the Saluda Shoals Foundation by giving to this year's annual campaign. We are as committed as ever to connecting our community to nature through providing engaging outdoor activities, outstanding environmental education and delightful cultural experiences. With your support, our efforts will continue to achieve great things for you, your family and neighbors.

Thank you so much for caring! Please contact Dolly Patton, our director, at 803-213-2035 or dpatton@icrc.net if you want to know more about the inspiring cultural, environmental and recreation experiences you so generously support!

Sincerely,



Marshall Taylor

Chairman, Saluda Shoals Foundation

The Saluda Shoals Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to serving as a steward of Saluda Shoals Park through financial support and as an advocate for the preservation and sustainability of the park's programs and the environment.



PS – Please consider giving a ‘gift of the environment’ by making a donation in honor or memory of someone special this holiday season. It’s a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy.

**Carolina Wren** **\$100**

- 2 guest passes
- 1 special event pass

**Eastern Bluebird** **\$250**

- 4 guest passes
- 1 special event pass
- 2 Saluda Splash passes

**Painted Bunting** **\$500**

- 4 guest passes
- 2 special event passes
- 4 Saluda Splash passes
- \$50 discount on a facility rental

**Pileated Woodpecker** **\$1,000**

- 4 guest passes
- 4 special event passes
- 5 Saluda Splash passes
- \$50 discount on a facility rental

**Barred Owl** **\$2,500**

- 8 guest passes
- 8 special event passes
- 10 Saluda Splash passes
- \$100 discount on a facility rental
- Behind the scenes tour of Holiday Lights for 5 people
- Saluda River canoe trip for 8 people

**Great Blue Heron** **\$5,000**

- 20 guest passes
- 20 special event passes
- 20 Saluda Splash passes
- Behind the scenes tour of Holiday Lights for 10 people
- Saluda River canoe trip and picnic lunch for 20 people
- \$100 discount on a facility rental
- Invitation to an evening with the Chairman

All donors at the **\$100 level and above** receive:

- A one year pass to Saluda Shoals Park
- Acknowledgment in the ICRC Annual Report

All donors at the **\$1,000 level and above** receive these additional benefits:

- Acknowledgment in the ICRC Annual Report
- Special gift from Saluda Shoals Foundation
- 2 invitations to Holiday Lights Chairman's Lighting
- 2 Invitations to Foundation hosted events



☐ **YES! I would like to JOIN the Saluda Shoals Foundation**  
by contributing to the annual campaign.

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☐ \$1,000

☐ \$2,500

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**Make your donation online at [www.saludashoalsfoundation.org](http://www.saludashoalsfoundation.org)**

All donations are tax deductible and will be applied towards the Annual Fund Campaign. Please make checks payable to the Saluda Shoals Foundation.

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