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Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House Scheduled For December 8
First Family Welcomes South Carolinians For Holiday Celebration

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley, First Gentleman Michael Haley and their children, Rena and Nalin, invite South Carolinians and their families to join them for a Christmas Open House on Monday, December 8, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Governor's Mansion. The event is free of charge, open to the public and no reservations are required.

The First Family asks that open house guests consider bringing canned goods to be donated to the Harvest Hope Food Bank as well as packaged toys for Toys for Tots. The donations will be accepted at the entrance to the Governor's Mansion.

The Columbia Garden Club, which has decorated the Governor's Mansion for Christmas every year since 1981, began decorating on December 1, when the Governor's Mansion received a live Christmas tree from the South Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Association and poinsettias grown by the Future Farmers of America from Lexington Technology Center.

Governor's Mansion Executive Chef, Steven Jankowski, will build a classic gingerbread house, and wreaths within the Mansion Complex will be made and hung by the Horticulture Division of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The Carillon Carolers of Columbia, S.C will perform for guests, along with the White Knoll High School band and story teller, Michelle Langdon.

Regular guided Christmas tours will also be available December 10-12 and 17-19 at 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM. They are also free of charge, but are by reservation only. Anyone interested in scheduling a tour should call Nancy Bunch at (803) 737-1710.

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