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GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY ANNOUNCES BARNWELL COUNTY DAY

Columbia, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley and The Original Six Foundation announced today Barnwell County Day scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The activities will take place at Barnwell High School located at 474 Jackson Street in Barnwell, S.C. This event will be the fifth community day The Original Six Foundation has organized as a part of a major statewide initiative that will help provide the tools and resources needed for challenged South Carolina communities to grow economically.

“Barnwell County has so much potential and the foundation wants to help them. By raising awareness through events like these, Barnwell County Day will encourage family projects, school and church projects and civic group projects from all areas of the state that will lift up our neighbors in Barnwell County and beyond. We want to support neighbors helping neighbors – from helping employers connect with employees to encouraging healthy families.” said Gov. Haley.

In partnership with hundreds of community volunteers, the foundation will provide a variety of components and resources that were determined in collaboration with local leaders in Bamberg County. Activities include a Health Fair, which will provide plenty of family fun while highlighting the importance of personal health maintenance. The Health Fair will offer free medical, dental, eye, chiropractic and diabetic screenings as well as information about health programs and Medicaid eligibility. The Hollings Center Cancer Mobile Unit will be available for screenings. The Health Fair will also offer free flu and tetanus vaccinations; also the Tdap will be given. All students entering seventh grade in August 2013 must receive (or have received) a Tdap vaccine in order to attend school.

Additional activities will include a job fair that will provide attendees the opportunity to work on their resume and link them with employers who will be on-site. There will be job training workshops throughout the day to provide assistance to job seekers. Information about continuing education programs and literacy programs will also be available. Outdoor activities for children include a tennis clinic by the USTA and car seat safety checks.

ABOUT THE ORIGINAL SIX FOUNDATION: Founded by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, The Original Six Foundation unites private support to solve public challenges and does not use any government funding. The foundation’s mission is to serve as a catalyst for change in South Carolina by uniting public, private and civic leaders and resources to identify and address the challenging issues facing the state’s communities with the purpose of leaving the communities feeling empowered and positively impacted.

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