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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Preparations begin for the annual Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House on Monday, December 3.

The Governor's Mansion will receive three live Christmas trees from the South Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Association and poinsettias grown by Future Farmers of America from Lexington Technology Center. Christmas trees and poinsettias are part of the decorations for the Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House.

The S.C. Christmas Tree Growers Association will also present five Certified S.C. Grown Christmas trees to families of S.C. National Guardsmen who are currently or about to be deployed as part of "Trees for Troops" program, of the National Christmas Tree Association and the Christmas Spirit Foundation, that provides Christmas trees to military personnel in the United States and around the world. To date, more than 103,000 trees have been donated and provided to troops and military families, and FedEx has provided the in-kind service of shipping these trees while logging more than 291,600 miles. The S.C. Department of Agriculture (SCDA), in cooperation with the S.C. Specialty Foods Association, will also present gift bags of S.C. specialty food items to the local Guardsmen.

Both presentations will be open to the public and media. Guests, including media, should enter the Governor's Mansion Complex through the main gate off of Lincoln Street. Media who have questions about covering the event should contact Jeff Taillon at (803) 767-7653 or JeffTaillon@gov.sc.gov. Guests who have questions about the event should contact Morgan Weaver at (803) 737-2235.

The Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House will be held on Monday, December 10, and details will be announced next week.

WHO: S.C. Christmas Tree Growers Association, Future Farmers of America, and Trees for Troops
WHAT: Preparations for Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House
WHEN: Monday, December 3, 10:00 AM
WHERE: Governor's Mansion Complex, 800 Richland Street, Columbia

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