

WHO HAS JOINED THE COLLABORATION FOR SUCCESS?

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 Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation
 Gates, Luke
 Greater St. Stephen AME Church
 Green's ABC Store
 Georgetown Marine Institute
 Gregory, Patricia
 Hooks (Wesley) Landscaping
 MLK Day Volunteers
 Parson's Nursery
 Sears
 Sherwin Williams
 Thomas, Darrell
 United Way
 WalMart
 White, Ann

Check Out Mitney's Happenings at Howard School

LOG ON!, Mitney's computer lab is opening its fall session in October on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **ANN WHITE** who teaches at Horry Georgetown Tech continues to be the project's volunteer lab instructor. We thank her for the hard work she delivers, and are grateful to the participants for their warm, encouraging letters of praise and thanks for the lab. If you are interested in learning more about computers for personal use or better job preparedness, call 546-7900.

Fall Dance Offerings:
 Zumba for adults, tap and hip hop for kids: taught by Shanekqua Renaldo
 Jazz and Ballet for children: taught by Rachel Horath-Wildes
 (Schedules to be announced)

Won't You Help? Please send your contribution today: **THE MITNEY PROJECT**, Post Office Box 349, Georgetown, SC 29442; Email: Themitneyproject@aol.com; Website: www.themitneyproject.org



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Empowering a Community



NEWSLETTER

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CHANGE AGENTS TAKE CHARGE!

Starting with the installation of a badly needed new roof, "Jerome Singleton of Carpenter For Hire" works as co-site manager with Melvin Huell in the renovating of the old G&G buildings which will be Mitney's new home. They are joined by several male volunteers whose work move forward the organization's goals.

You can help by contributing materials (there is a list available), labor, refreshments and of course, money.

(Above:Jerome Singleton, site manager; Below: Munez Middleton, Ulysses Marsh, John Murray and Dale Andrews)



Mitney's BIG SHOT TALENT SHOW
 Sat., September 24, 2011, 7:00 P.M
 Howard Auditorium -Donation:
 \$5 (in advance) - \$7 at the door
 Who Would You Vote for as Winner?

THANKS A BUNCH!

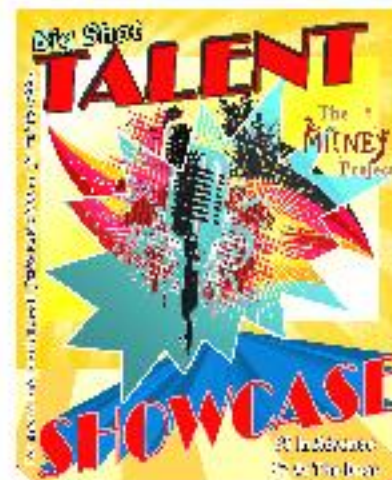


Students from A.M.I. Kids Georgetown, give Mitney a day's work.

MITNEY is deeply grateful to many volunteers and contributors who, in various ways, have encouraged the organization's work. In a cooperative effort, PARSON'S NURSERY, THE UNITED WAY, and A.M.I. Kids Georgetown improved the physical structure of Mitney's future home. "The Center At West End". The plants which now adorn the exterior of the building were provided by Parson's Nursery, painting of the building by United Way volunteers, gardening layout and ground preparation by WESLEY HOOKS LANDSCAPING and labor from the young men of the Marine Institute. Refreshments brought in by JAMES BLAIR kept our volunteers hydrated and enthused during the work days.



BELOW: Talented Finalists Vie for 1st Place in Show



SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY IN WEST END

Ms. Hilton's vision is to impact the lives of children, showing how much we care, teaching positive values, helping them to respect themselves and others, learning about their history and culture.



**Earline Hilton
The Queen Still Reigns**

**Philanthropist
Educator
Poet
Youth Organizer
Radio Host
Visionary**

Earlene Hilton, a gracious donor to The Mitney Project is a former resident of Emanuel Street in the West End community of Georgetown. It is not because of her support of Mitney that she is highlighted in this issue, but because of her long standing commitment to the positive development of children and youths. She has put her money where her mouth is and began doing so in 1979. Quick to say that God ordered her to do this work she founded "Uplifting Children" by recruiting kids in her neighborhood and giving them lessons about economics. To help teach the value of money and of saving, each child was given a roll of quarters to begin an account and watch it grow.

Ms. Hilton writes encouraging poetry which she recites in various venues; she hosts a radio show in New York underscoring the responsibility adults have for the positive development of children. Arguably, her most influential project is her summer camp, the most recent of which ended this past July. She saves money from her social security check (She is a retired crossing guard for the City of New York.) to fund this two week camp in her home town. Summer after summer she brings children from New York to join local children in a summer camp which she organizes ahead of time. The kids stay at the Hampton Inn, attend pep talks, swim, and go on day trips. Visits to the Avery Institute in Charleston, local plantations, Penn Center in Beaufort, horseback riding in Salters are but a few of the things they get to do with the Queen. Every day begins with daily devotions. This summer's camp ended with graduation and monetary gifts bestowed on graduates. What an inspiration!

God Save the Queen!



LUKE GATES designs and launches new website (www.themitneyproject.org)

Luke Gates has been a Godsend to Mitney. He has just designed a new and exciting website for project. He says this is his first, and he has had great fun constructing it. Luke is entering his second year in the Architecture School at the University of Virginia, where he is majoring in Architectural Design and minoring in Urban Planning. He grew up in Georgetown and attended Kensington Elementary School, Georgetown Middle, and Lowcountry Prep School. In high school he played violin with the Long Bay Youth Orchestra, was on the soccer and tennis teams, and held various leadership positions.



Darrell Thomas, a local videographer and sound producer has worked closely with Luke in adding visual content to the website. Darrell will be featured in the next Mitney newsletter.

Luke is very excited about the work that the Mitney Project is doing for the citizens of Georgetown and has pledged his help in any way he can. He has already made good his promise and Mitney thanks him a myriad times. We can't wait to see how he impacts the world design when he enters the work force!

A Challenge Issued



Elias Stewart

Elias Stewart of Elias Stewart Plumbing, Zannie Graham of Graham's Electric have joined Wilds Funeral Home in issuing a challenge to other local businesses to help fund the renovation of the community center and Mitney's future home.

Mr. Stewart and Wilde have made monetary contributions over \$5000 and Mr. Graham will contribute all labor to install electricity in the new building, work that is valued over \$10,000. The old G&G warehouse will soon support several projects sponsored by Mitney. Now is a good time for you to help. Send your tax deductible contribution today!



(Left) Adults in the LOG ON! lab learn how to become income tax preparers. The course was provided by the Internal Revenue Service in collaboration with The United Way.

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Streetscape improvements will soon continue down Front Street. If you would like to see the plans, go by Lane Mixon's office in the old Highway Department Building. Although prices have risen, we expect to have driveways in front of houses from Fraser to Congdon, re-do sidewalks, install decorative street lights and improve curbing from Merriman to Alex Alford Drive. All of this resulted from a request from Mitney that the City of Georgetown apply for a grant offered by the S.C. Department of Commerce. Having received the grant, the project was funded for two years at 1 million dollars. The first half of the grant provided beautification already visible between Front and Congdon. Phase II will begin very soon according to the grant administrator, Sarah Smith of the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments.

The Mitney Project

Our Mission
The mission of THE MITNEY PROJECT is to provide preeminent, innovative cultural enrichment and educational programs to the underprivileged youth of Georgetown, SC; and to nurture and support positive development in their communities.

Who We Are
THE MITNEY PROJECT is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.

What We Plan To Accomplish
MITNEY's goals include the acquisition and renovation of an unused, centrally located warehouse in the West End that will be used to offer a structured youth development program operated after school, weekends, summer-long, and will also provide a venue for a variety of activities to meet the needs of the adult community.

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A Mit' of News



Pete Dubay

Mitney was recently honored by a visit from Pete Dubay. Mr. Dubay was the project's liaison with Rotary International and was vital to the establishment of LOG ON! Two years ago, Mitney received its first grant award from Rotary which allowed for the purchase of all computers in the LOG ON! community lab.

Local Funders Support Mitney

For the past three years Bank of America, The Frances P. Bunnelle and WalMart have made strategic grants to The Mitney Project to assist in the organization's ongoing Community Renaissance in the West End area of Georgetown. Mitney is deeply grateful to our grantors, onsite staff and representatives for their continued generous support and abiding confidence in the organization's work.

THE MITNEY PROJECT is now preparing to hire an Executive Director. For full application details please email us at themitneyproject@aol.com or make contact by telephoning (843) 546-7900. You may also visit us online at www.themitneyproject.org

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