Feeling the LOVE at Preston’s 4th Annual Date Auction!

If there was ever a doubt after our Passionately Pink October fundraiser, that Preston Residential College cares, last Thursday night was proof positive: Prestonites opened their hearts and wallets to donate a total of $884.33 to the Epworth Children’s Home of Columbia, SC. Over 50 residents filled the Correll College auditorium as we auctioned off ten “dates” graciously donated by community partners like Liberty Tap Room, Carolina Ale House, Moe’s, Cupcake, Yesterday’s, Mellow Mushroom, Village Idiot, Cool Beans and Carolina Café and Catering. Thank you to all of our “dates” who volunteered their time:

Corey Benson  Ben Sternemann  Shaun Magood  Lucas Lees
Allison Armitage  Max Housley  Keyanna Miller  Melissa Hirsch
Beth Egan  Ian McKeown  Malia Ward

It was great to see so many Prestonites come out to sustain and strengthen our ties with Epworth, and a special thank you to Malia Ward, and all of the other Preston Ambassadors who planned the Date Auction, spread the word, built enthusiasm, and pulled it off!

Look for Ambassador applications to come out soon!
Sustainable Carolina and the Green Quad
It’s so much more than recycling!

**Sustainable Carolina** is a campus wide outreach effort to transform the campus to a **socially**, **environmentally**, and **economically sustainable** campus. It is a collaboration of Student Organizations, Academic Departments, Student Affairs Associations, Community Groups & many individuals who are using their time & talents in a way that is positively impacting our world.

**SUSTAINABLE CAROLINA EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS:**
Yoga (with Jan Smoak), **MONDAY, 5:45-6:45 P.M.** Green Quad Learning Center (LC)
Greening the Mind Book/Article Club, **TUESDAY 3:00-5:00**, Nickelodeon Theatre
RecycleMania/Sustainability Info Fair, **WEDNESDAY, 10 AM–2:00**, Russell House Patio
Plant Starters Workshop, **THURSDAY, 5:00**, Green Quad Community Garden
Waleed El-Ansary on “The Essence of Islam,” **THURSDAY, 7:00**, Green Quad LC
State Green Legislation Update, **FRIDAY, 12:00 -1:30**, Green Quad LC
“Common Ground: The Story of the ACE Basin,” screening & discussion with filmmaker William Bailey, February 21, 7:00, Green Quad Learning Center
Permaculture Workshop, February 21, 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Community Garden
The Power of Mindfulness Practice: A brief overview, February 25, 3:00 -4:00, LC
Macrobiotic Potluck, February 28, 7:00, Green Quad Learning Center

**CAMPUS EVENTS**
SAGE (Students Advocating a Greener Environment), February 15, 8:00 P.M., LC
Serve Carolina Workshop, February 19, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., Russell House 315
Garden Revitalization Volunteer Event, February 24, 1:00 – 3:30, Campus Life Center

**LOCAL EVENTS**
Screening of *Waste Land* – February 15, 3:00 & 5:30 p.m., Nickelodeon Theatre
Cary Lake Clean-Up – February 19, 9:30 AM, Sandy Shore Rd
Adopt-a-Trail Workday- February 26, 9 AM–1:30 PM, Harry Hampton Visitors’ Center

All information and more details at: [http://www.greenquadcommunity.org/](http://www.greenquadcommunity.org/)

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**New and Improved P-Dining?**

What do you think Prestonites? Have we turned a corner, or perhaps, crossed a street to get to better food? Preston Government help an open forum a few weeks ago, to discuss several aspects of Preston Dining, from the hours of operation, to the physical facility and yes, the quality of food and the value for what we pay. With the help of Dr. Donaldson, your words, your likes and dislikes were conveyed to the management of P-Dining and Sudexho. They listened to our suggestions: they implemented theme nights, and gave us some of the dishes we asked for, like BBQ. Do you like the changes? Are the certain meals you would like to see served? The 15 voices of government called for better food, and they were heard... What are you going to call for?

Share with the Preston Opinion (PO) Box: saprestn@webmail.sc.edu

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**Green Tip of the Week:**

Make a Commitment

Thinking of making a lifelong commitment on Valentine’s Day? **Do it!**

For as little as $20, you can sponsor a wild place in honor of your loved one’s favorite outdoor space, whether that be Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, or ANWR. Your investment will go directly toward preserving those majestic places so they can last for eternity, & you’ll nab a certificate of sponsorship, plus a few other goodies. If you chip in a bit more, you can get your sweetheart a Muir-style rucksack or a stuffed animal representing the species that’ll be more secure thanks to your gift.