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Celebrate Freedom Foundation Newsletter

Workforce Development Grant

In May of 2018 the Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) was awarded a grant from the Central Midlands Council of Government. CFF being awarded this grant was a major accomplishment for the Foundation. We are providing a very unique way in assisting these young men and women to achieve their goals for a better future. This is a method that has not been tried before by the Central Midlands Council of Government as is known as the Midlands Workforce Development.

This grant allowed CFF to bring in interns ranging from age 18-21. We were able to hire 11 interns. All interns graduated from Richland 1 school district and 10 of them graduated in June, 2018. All of the interns came to us with various skills, to include skills in IT, Diesel Mechanics, Bio Medical, and Audio Visual. The overall goal is to achieve 1 of 5 objectives by the end of the program. The 5 goals are: 1) Attend a 4-year college; 2) Attend a local 2-year college or technical school; 3) Apprenticeship or internship in their chosen career; 4) Gainful employment; 5) Military enlistment.

On June 18th, the interns began their journey with CFF. With that, we have accomplished many things here at CFF, along with providing many of the interns with skills that they are able to place on their resume. They have all worked on the Cobra Project from Patriots Point, they have all worked on our new logistics/inventory system, W.A.S.P. and they have all attended various life skills classes that have been held at headquarter. Every Friday, CFF has had guest speakers come in and speak with them about their position, their business, themselves, their background and how they got to where they are now. Our visitors also included recruiters from all 5 US Military branches.

Currently, we have 5 of our interns attending college, 1 at Upstate USC, 1 with Coastal Carolina (online), and 3 at Midlands Technical College. We have 4 of our interns speaking with military recruiters and 1 looking for an apprenticeship for diesel mechanics and 1 still deciding his career path. All interns now have current resumes, have learned to construct cover letters and thank you letters for after an interview.

Celebrate Freedom Foundation's goal is for %100 success with all of the interns!



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Chairman's Corner

The newsletter is our attempt to keep all who are interested in the foundation abreast of what has become a fast moving operation in many areas. Jack Lovelady's email of our re-branding outlined the actions we've taken to remove the confusion created as a by product of the pace of activity at CFF.

We are almost 4 months into what has become a very successful Work Force Development program sponsored by the Central Midlands Council of Government. The CFF Interns have made major improvements in common denominator skills for any career path because of the work of CFF volunteers acting as mentors.

On a parallel line, we've prepared for the STEM school visits that begin in September and are excited about it.

We finished the refurbishment of the Marine Cobra for Patriots Point and it was delivered the last week of August. This has been a team effort to include the contributions of our interns and caps off a very productive and fast moving summer for our foundation.

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Sunshine Recycling has been a staunch supporter of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation for almost 10 years, contributing talent and treasure to the community. Joe Rich was the force that brought the STEM Outreach Program to the Orangeburg school districts 3 and 4. Personally funding the visits and the fly in of "Maggie", the foundations Army AH-1 Cobra Helicopter. Joes dedication to both education and his community is legend.

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Patriot Point Helicopter Restoration

Celebrate Freedom Foundation was asked in April of this year by Patriots Point Museum, located in Charleston, SC., to perform the cosmetic restoration of their Marine Corps AH-1 Seacobra. It had been placed at the museum in 1996 and had not moved since. With limited funds and taking beatings from hail storms and hurricanes it was in rough shape. CFF used our own equipment to bring the Seacobra to our HQs hanger in West Columbia, SC. We took the blades and hub off of it and began work on them. They were not to be used again for flight so we were able to patch and paint them for reinstall. The body of the helicopter consisted of a lot of sanding and filling with resin before it was painted with the paint supplied by PPG Aerospace. The last thing to be done before it was complete and ready for delivery was the application of all the stencils, these were applied to the helicopter according to the Marine Corps standards. On August 30th CFF delivered the Seacobra back to Patriots Point and placed in its original spot, completing the mission.

Every CFF volunteer and intern involved can be proud of the work completed and this accomplishment. Thanks to Patriots Point Museum and PPG Aerospace for your help.



Before



After



Presidents Press

The Foundation, formed in 1997 and incorporated in 1999 has surpassed a major milestone of successfully fulfilling it's educational mission for over twenty years, this is due to the vision and work of the Foundation's Board, our dedicated and hard working volunteers and most importantly to the businesses and donors who strongly believe in and support our goals and objectives.

Our Workforce Development Program is in full force and will be expanded upon completion of it's current pilot phase this October. Upfitting of our National Headquarters and Education Center, which is strategically located at the Columbia (SC.) Metropolitan Airport is underway to accommodate this expansion.

For the first time in the Foundation's history, we have launched a Capital Campaign, at the urging of our major sponsors so that we can help train a sustainable STEM literate workforce, which they need. Tim Goldman—Treasurer, Gay Suber—Legislative Liaison, and Roland Gunn—our Washington, DC. Business Consultant are leading this effort with great vigor.

BNI Acceptance

CFF has teamed up with BNI (Business Networking International company) Midlands Region. As of August 2018, we have been listed as their Non-Profit Agency and it is a HONOR to be listed in this Elite Professional Network!

BNI is an American franchised networking organization with around 233,000 members in 8,399 local chapters worldwide. Members meet weekly to discuss business and support each other's businesses by sharing referrals. The sole purpose of the group is to give its members more business. It's based on the concept that what goes around comes around.

So if you see a business that has the BNI logo on their windows or doors, let them know you are part of Celebrate Freedom Foundation and we are part of BNI, too.



Midlands Region

[Www.bniofmidlands.com](http://www.bniofmidlands.com)

STEM Team Report

We are proud to say we are on the road again kicking off the 2018-2019 school year. We will start out this season by visiting our 123rd school of our program.

Celebrate Freedom Foundation's exciting STEM Outreach Program visits dozens of schools across the Southeastern US every year with more than 10,000 students participating annually.

CFF's STEM Outreach Program, emphasizes the necessity of STEM Subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in middle schools and high schools. It connects the classroom with real world jobs and career fields. The program's mission is to help build a workforce that can compete globally for jobs in the future, and to ensure America's technological advantage in a global environment. STEM subjects provide skills and competencies greatly needed here in the Southeast, across the nation and globally.

How can you help the CFF STEM Outreach Program? We are always looking for volunteers to assist in these visits and if you have a school that you want us to visit, let us know.



SCHEDULE

September

- 5 Sept - Mc Dowell HS, Marion NC
- 6 Sept - E. Henderson HS, E. Flat Rock NC
- 11 Sept - Wake Tech (Main Campus), Raleigh NC
- 13 Sept - Louisburg College, Louisburg NC
- 19 Sept - Hillcrest HS, Simpsonville SC
- 20 Sept - Brashier Middle College, Simpsonville NC
- 21 Sept - Boiling Springs HS, Boiling Springs SC
- 26 Sept - Wallace Rose-Hill HS, Teachey NC
- 27 Sept - E. Columbus HS, Lake Waccamaw NC

October

To Be Announced

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS NOTES

Over the last several months CFF has been working with Richland 1 school district for the Workforce Development Grant. This has allowed us to update and upgrade many areas within the HQ hanger; IT, a self monitored security system, audio visual presentations, vehicle maintenance, and many other projects with the assistance from the interns.

Our STEM Outreach Program will be ramping up for the new school year and it looks to be very busy. We have replaced the old truck, a 2005 model known to us as "The Beast", with a new one to tow our STEM helicopter with added confidence that it will not breakdown and greatly increase the gas mileage.

New and updated rules and procedures are being finished soon to fit our current and future missions. As they are completed they will be published for all of our members and volunteers to read and understand.

If you know of someone that is looking to volunteer some of their time, let us know.

Thanks to all of our members and volunteers for their dedicated time and effort.
Without you we couldn't do any of this.

Capital Campaign Kick Off

Celebrate Freedom Foundation is launching a Capital Campaign and we need your help!

The Capital Campaign for The Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) is aimed to create long term success for our programs in STEM Education and "workforce development." The students of today need programs like ours to inspire, motivate, and enable them to be the leaders and workforce of tomorrow.

What will the Capital Campaign focus on?

- (1) Development of the CFF STEM Education center & additional facilities for students to work & train
- (2) Training Aids: purchase & restoration of additional training aids for the foundation and students
- (3) Programs expansion: Hire paid EVP to lead and part-time staff to scale efforts
- (4) Technology: Upgrades to the facility, STEM outreach, and integrate CRM software to track

How can you help?

- (1) **DONATE:** www.GoCFF.org/donate
- (2) **Sponsor:** **STEM** visit at your school - www.GoCFF.org/contact
- (3) **Shop:** on Amazon Smile, select Celebrate Freedom Foundation -

<https://smile.amazon.com>

To Contact the Celebrate Freedom Foundation:

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Celebrate Freedom would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers that have given their time and effort to the renovation of the CFF National Headquarters and to our Board of Directors for their continued pursuit of progress. Without the countless hours of help, CFF wouldn't be where we are today.

Thank you!




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Any questions or concerns about the newsletter please contact Tom Robbins at the phone number or email address listed above.

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