

Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour

Columbus Day Weekend: Friday – Sunday
October 5, 6, and 7



Front Row: Sue Lipscomb, Agape; Cathie Cummins, CATS; Becky Neilans, ACC; Jamie Stump, FCYMCA; Lori Lewis, BPC
Back Row: Russell Basketf, SML GN; Lisa Nichols, HFSC; Tom Mason, DRRC, Sandra Morse, SML CHT; Patricia Muncy, RVHR

The 2018 Home Tour!

The 2018 Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour is less than seven months away. Our charities are excited to be involved with the Tour and seeing you on Tour weekend. See the picture of their representatives above and a list of the charities to the right. They are all anticipating having an even greater impact on their clients in our community than they already do.

Because of the generous donations of sponsors, individual patrons, and visitors who all supported the SML Charity Home Tour, **\$169,750.00** was distributed to eight deserving charities last year. We are hoping to top that figure this year – but we can only do it with your help! We can't thank you enough for your support.

SML Charity Home Tour Updates

You might have noticed that our web site and FaceBook have recently been updated to include information on the 2018 homes and their charities. Whenever we receive a new sponsor, we will also list them on the web site. We hope that you frequent our sponsoring companies when you have the need for their services. We would also sincerely appreciate you mentioning that you saw they were a sponsor of the Home Tour. That goes a long way in helping the sponsors understand how much their sponsorship is noticed by those of us who live at the lake.

The SML Charity Home Tour is now a proud new member of the SML Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to partnering with the Chamber as well as local businesses to promote tourism in our region.

On the following pages you will read about one of the homes on the Tour, the services provided by the charity it is paired with, and a biography of one of our Board Members. We hope the home information whets your appetite for more, the charity write-up helps you understand the importance of this charity to our community, and the biography makes you thoughtfully consider joining our team. We always welcome people dedicated to supporting our community.

2018 Charities

- Adult Care Center of Central Virginia
- Agape Center
- Bedford Pregnancy Center
- Children's Assistive Technology Service
- Disability Rights and Resource Center
- Franklin County Family YMCA
- Henry Fork Service Center
- SML Good Neighbors
- Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue (Alternate)

"Hoping to purchase a bus this year to more safely transport students."

Lisa Nichols

The Henry Fork Service Center

Diamond Sponsor



Highlighting the Koontz Home



Home of Carolyn & Bill Koontz
Park Place, Franklin County

We are excited to have the home of Carolyn & Bill Koontz on the Home Tour this year. Their home is in Park Place on the Franklin County side of the lake. Bill is an avid supporter of the Henry Fork Service Center, volunteering there regularly.

The home is filled with family heirloom antiques and china. There are numerous quilts on display that have been made by family members spanning four generations. The antique oak farm table and wicker chairs in the kitchen are from the farm Bill lived in as a child.

There are treasures from all over the world throughout the house. Stained glass windows, a wooden bench, and numerous other items come from Indonesia. Throw rugs and Bunka angel candle holders come from Kuwait.

Ensure that you see the outdoor kitchen and the stone fireplace when you visit this home.

This is one of the eight homes you will be able to tour on the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour this October. Put it on your 2018 calendars now - Tour weekend: October 5, 6, and 7. Tickets go on sale June 1!



The Henry Fork Service Center

The Henry Fork Service Center is paired with the Koontz home.

The Henry Fork Service Center is over 50 years old. It was patterned after the old time coffee houses which gave kids a place to go after school and share friendship, learning, and the love of Christ. It was opened in one of the poorest areas of Rocky Mount with all the issues that go along with poverty.

The children are accepted on a first come first served basis and receive a faith based after school educational enrichment program. Children from all backgrounds, demographics, and beliefs come together to learn, work, create, and enjoy. The children participate in a program rich in the arts including music, drama, creative writing, and other educational support. They even have a garden space for hands on learning about the food they eat. Because the Henry Fork Service Center is faith based, they receive no Federal money but do get some support from the State for food. They can apply for money through grants for children.

There are only two paid employees. None the less, they provide a pre-school program, serve 55 – 65 students daily in their after school program, and serve 70 students over the summer with a recreation, math, and science program. Needless to say, they can only accomplish this with the help of a host of volunteers. SML CHT funds will be used to update the fleet of vehicles for transporting students from school, to home, and to and from educational and recreational activities and service projects. They hope to purchase a 15 passenger raised roof bus to safely transport the elementary and Middle School students. The Henry Fork Service Center is a place filled with joy and sweet children.



Children at Henry Fork



Our Executive Director



Sandra Morse, Executive Director

How did I get involved in the Tour? My family moved to Roanoke in the seventies and I started coming to the lake in the eighties. It's hard for me to believe the Lake at that time was only 15 years old. At some point in the nineties, a friend of mine asked if I would like to volunteer to be a room hostess on the Tour. That was my first exposure to the Tour. Over the years, I was occasionally a room hostess on the Tour.

So how did I get to be on the SML CHT Board? In 2014, the SML CHT Director recruited me to be part of the Home Administration Team. During that Tour season, working with my assigned Charity, Homeowner, and the Home Administration Chair, I began to understand what it takes to deliver a quality tour to our guests on Tour weekend. I was amazed at all the moving parts.

For the 2016 year I became Board Secretary. I learned so much in this role. Attending Board meetings and taking minutes might not be a glamorous job, but you learn a lot about each aspect of the Tour. I loved supporting the charities, so I also continued to be on the Home Administration Team. What they bring to the table, the sponsors, the volunteers and their comradery with the homeowners, is extraordinary.

In 2017, I became the Home Administration Chair. As you can tell from the previous paragraph, this is where my heart is. A number of previous Tour Directors followed the same progression in their journey to become the Executive Director of the SML Charity Home Tour.

The Tour is really a community event, and I thank all of you for being part of it!



Did you know?

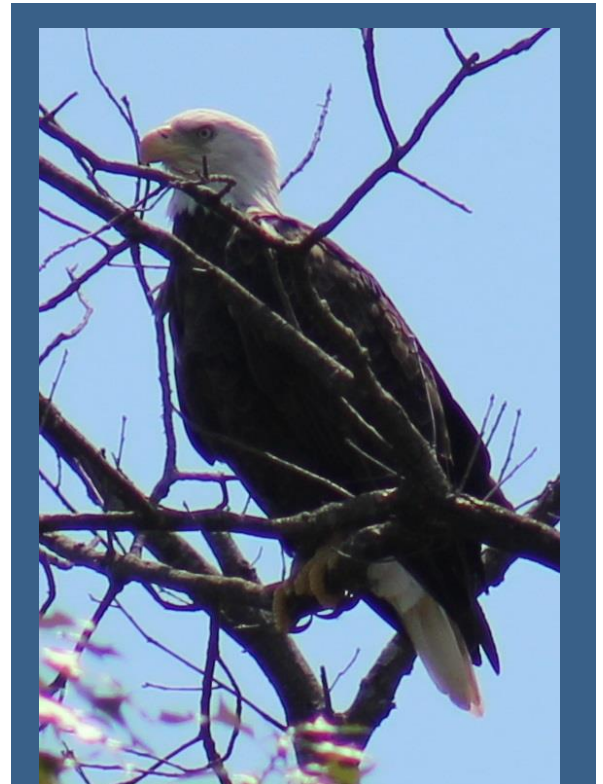
Did you know that the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour Board includes the Secretary, Treasurer, Information Technology, Tickets, Traffic, Public Relations, Sponsorship, Sponsorship Data, Media, Events, Home Selection, Home Administration, and Charity Administration? These people and their teams manage the base processes and organization needed to support the Charities, Homeowners, Sponsors, Volunteers, and Guests. We are always looking for more people to serve as "deputies" so they can learn the ropes and eventually take over Board positions. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us using any of the methods below!

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour, you can always reach us at 540-297-TOUR (8687), or by going to www.smlcharityhometour.com and clicking on the "contact us" tab.

Be Part of Our Community

We would like to invite you to become part of our social media community at: www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour. Please click "Like" and become one our "Followers". That way you will be the first to know when we post updates about the Tour.



A Bald Eagle on the Blackwater