



Welcome to the 2019 Home Tour!

Summer is practically here and it's time to get ready for the 2019 Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour. The team behind the Tour has been working for months to make Columbus Day Weekend, October 11-13, 2019, our best tour yet.

This year we will feature eight beautiful private homes that you can visit by road or by water. Tickets go on sale June 1 (see below for our early-bird discount!); they are good for all three days of the event.

Meet our Charities

Did you know that the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour (a proud member of the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce) was recognized by *Laker Media's 2019 Best of Smith Mountain Lake Awards*? You have voted us #1 Best Charity Event or Service Project and #3 Best Annual Community Event. We are honored to support our regional charities. In the Tour's 29 years, we have

provided nearly \$4 million to 45 unique charities thanks to the generosity of sponsors, individual patrons, and visitors to the Tour weekend. Thank you!

Meet this year's charity partners:



The Adult Care Center of Central Virginia is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services. They provide a broad therapeutic program of daytime activities to adults, giving their caregivers a break from their full-time responsibilities and/or making it possible for working caregivers to go to work knowing their loved ones are well cared for and safe. They provide free public education for the community, fee assistance to families in need, and are known in the community as a resource for professional care and support.



The Agape Center, Inc. is a God-directed outreach ministry. They provide many services including food, clothing and household needs along with financial assistance for emergencies, such as funds for utility bills, rent and medical needs. Agape also provides emotional support through its mentoring program and offers education to help their clients get out of poverty.



The Bedford Pregnancy Center cares for women in pregnancy related situations by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They offer free and accurate pregnancy tests with immediate results, information and educational resources, prenatal referrals, support throughout the

pregnancy, postpartum and post-abortion counseling and an Earn While You Learn curriculum and Baby Boutique providing items through size 2T. These programs empower their clients to be the best parents possible.



The Faith Network of Franklin County was formed in July 2017 to serve people experiencing homelessness in Franklin County. They assign each individual or family a mentor who works with them for a 3-6 month period. Mentors provide support as the mentee strives to complete goals on their service plan. The Faith Network promotes self-sufficiency by addressing emergent financial needs, coordinates access to available resources and facilitates lasting connections to a supportive community.



As a charitable, volunteer-driven, community-based organization, the **Franklin County Family YMCA** derives its strength from its community roots and strong volunteers. Whether it's through their second grade safe swim program, Parkinson relief program, summer camp, Arthritis relief class, preschool or youth mentoring, the Y provides opportunities that improve the community's health and well-being, activities that bring families closer together and programs that empower young people to find success.



Helping Hands of Franklin County's mission is to provide financial assistance to help meet the emergency needs of the citizens of Franklin County. These may include electric bill termination or overdue notices, rent or mortgage issues, heating fuel, prescription medication and other emergency needs. In addition to emergency financial assistance we provide budget counseling to our clients and referrals to other appropriate agencies. Our volunteers provide this assistance with care and dignity to each of our clients.



Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors provides out-of school programs for rising 1st-8th grade students. They offer a 4-week summer enrichment program focusing on reading, writing, communications, math, science, art and physical education. Middle school children also participate in team building activities, nutritional support and field trips to help them succeed in high school. SML Good Neighbors also offers a weekend backpack program and an after-school program to help with homework and provide enrichment activities.



The Tackfully Teamed Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding center in Henry, Virginia. Its mission is to provide therapeutic horseback riding and other activities to persons with disabilities, giving them an opportunity to improve their physical, mental, emotional and social lives. Therapeutic riding offers children and adults with disabilities a chance to enjoy an “able body activity,” reaching achievements in ways they thought were impossible.

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We need YOU!

Are you interested in volunteering with this year's home tour or joining our Executive Board? We welcome all enthusiastic team members! Learn more by visiting our [website](#), following us on [Facebook](#) or calling us at 540-297-TOUR (8687).

