

SWEET CHARITIES



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Corporate Park Supports Toys for Tweens

Ballantyne Corporate Park collected 1,000 Toys for Tweens gifts last December. The effort also generated support from the greater Charlotte community, including a \$1,000 check from Sam's Club of Pineville.



North Mecklenburg Woman's Club President Lisa Vadnais (from left), ANSWER board member Tamara Cornish, ANSWER scholarship recipient Carrie Johnson and ANSWER founder Susan Andersen.

Scholarship Fund Receives \$13,000

The North Mecklenburg Woman's Club raised \$13,000 for the ANSWER Scholarship Endowment at its annual "Over the Tabletop" design fundraiser at The Peninsula Club in Cornelius last November.

ANSWER, a Ballantyne-based nonprofit founded by Susan Andersen, provides college scholarships to mothers of school-age children. All of the woman club's gift will directly benefit the 2013-2014 ANSWER recipients when they receive their scholarships in May. Learn more: www.answerscholarship.org.

Tourney to Benefit the Arc in April

The third annual Fore Inclusion Charity Golf Tournament is Monday, April 8 at Raintree Country Club. Proceeds benefit The Arc of Mecklenburg County, an organization that creates opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Details: www.arcmeck.org.

Extended Stay America Holds Successful Drive

Extended Stay America, whose headquarters is located in Ballantyne Corporate Park, recently held a coat and blanket drive, collecting 80 coats and 11 blankets. The items benefit Boys & Girls Clubs and the Center of Hope's Women and Children's Homeless Shelter.



Remi Group Backs Dove's Nest

Last fall The Remi Group chose Dove's Nest, the Charlotte Rescue Mission's women's program, as the beneficiary of its annual company charity drive. During the two-week campaign, nine captains volunteered to encourage their teams to bring in the



charitable organization's most needed nonperishable food, kitchen and cleaning items.

The winning team brought in 2,511 items, which earned members a paid day off and the team captain a gift card. The entire company donated 7,355 items for women and children at Dove's Nest. Learn more: www.theremigroup.com or www.charlotterescuemission.org.

Ornaments Raise \$5,000 For Turning Point

Creative Nature by Home in the Blakeney shopping center raised \$5,000 during the holiday season through sales of a special ornament. The proceeds were donated to Turning Point, the women's shelter in Union County. Learn more: www.unioncountyturiningpoint.org.