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Enjoy Supper with Santa at the Holiday Festival of Lights and help support The Parklands Foundation!

[JAMES ISLAND] – Families are invited to enjoy Supper with Santa for a good cause during the Holiday Festival of Lights! On Nov. 16, a special benefit event for The Parklands Foundation of Charleston County will offer breakfast for dinner, a visit with Santa and the opportunity to experience the magic of the festival at James Island County Park.

Families will enjoy breakfast for dinner in Edisto Hall, followed by the opportunity to meet Santa and a professional photo op with St. Nick. A link to the photo package will be included with the event fee. The dinner will be offered during two seating opportunities, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and from 7 – 8 p.m.

Then, participants can enjoy all of the festivities the Holiday Festival of Lights has to offer. Registration includes tickets to the festival train, the carousel and climbing wall, along with marshmallow roasting. And, of course, visitors can view the famous three-mile drive through the park's two million lights and over 700 light displays. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite wintertime pajamas.



Advance registration is required for Supper with Santa. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$25 per seating for ages 12 and under, or \$50 for adults (ages 13 and up), and may be purchased by visiting TheParklandsFoundation.org.

Best of all, proceeds from Supper with Santa at the Holiday Festival of Lights will benefit The Parklands Foundation of Charleston County and its Pass It Forward Project. The Pass It Forward Project identifies barriers in accessing park facilities, programs and services, and facilitates the collection of donations and goods, passing those resources on to members of the community in need. A number of people in the Lowcountry encounter challenges in gaining access to Charleston County Parks' programs and events. Challenges can range from lack of transportation to financial means to participate. The Pass It Forward Project provides opportunities for the community to access park facilities, programs and services throughout Charleston County Parks.

For more information on Supper with Santa and The Parklands Foundation, visit TheParklandsFoundation.org or call 843-640-5451. The Holiday Festival of Lights is open nightly at James Island County Park from Nov. 9 through Jan. 1. For more information on the Holiday Festival of Lights, visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com.

The Parklands Foundation of Charleston County is a nonprofit organization formed in 1990 by the Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC). Its mission is to identify community needs, establish projects, generate funding and provide ongoing maintenance and support to projects so that the community can have access to and benefit from CCPRC's facilities, programs, and services. For more information on The Parklands Foundation, call 843-640-5451 or visit www.TheParklandsFoundation.org.

James Island County Park is located at 871 Riverland Drive. Charleston County Parks is celebrating 50 years in 2018! The mission of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes four land parks, a skate park, three beach parks, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, a historical plantation site, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. For more information, download the Charleston County Parks mobile app, call 843-795-4386, or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.