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Holiday Festival of Lights Kicks off its 29th year

Awards presented to the Giant Greeting Card Competition Winners – School Art Contest

[JAMES ISLAND] – The Holiday Festival of Lights kicked off its 29th season Nov. 9! During the grand opening celebration, the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) proudly presented awards for the festival's annual Giant Greeting Card Competition. Winning entries in this school art competition are on display during the event, which runs nightly through Jan. 1 at James Island County Park.

This year, the **Giant Greeting Card Competition** has 37 entries on display from Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester County student groups in elementary, middle and high school divisions. The winning top three schools in each division, and four honorable mention winners, received a trophy and cash award to use for their school arts program. Winners are on display in Santa's Village. CCPRC is very pleased to recognize the efforts and creativity of the winning schools:

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1st Place: Charleston County School of the Arts - Design

2nd Place: Cathedral Academy

3rd Place: Northside Christian Academy

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

1st Place: Summerville Catholic School

2nd Place: St. James-Santee Middle School

3rd Place: Thomas Cario Middle School

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

1st Place: Murray-LaSaine Elementary School

2nd Place: Orange Grove Charter

3rd Place: Charleston Collegiate School

HONORABLE MENTION

Memminger Elementary
Crown Leadership Academy
Ridge Christian Academy
First Baptist School



The Holiday Festival of Lights is open nightly through Jan. 1 at James Island County Park and is presented by Chick-fil-A, The Boeing Company and Charleston County Parks. For details, including special event dates, hours, fees and more, visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com, call 843-795-4386, or download the Charleston County Parks mobile app.

Owned and managed by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), James Island County Park is located at 871 Riverland Drive. CCPRC is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018! The mission of CCPRC 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, three beach parks, a skate park, a historic plantation site, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, 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, and much more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.

High Resolution Photos of Winners available. Please email sreynolds@ccprc.com.
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