

Dear Park Partners,

Shirley Chisholm told us that “you don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.” Her words continue to inspire as we celebrate the evolution of an idea into the reality of Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa Pinckney Memorial. On Thursday, July 30, 2020, we officially broke ground, thanks to each of you stepping up in meaningful ways from grant writing to financial support to professional services. We are well on our way and we look to your continued support in the ongoing work that is needed to create and sustain the wonderful reality of our Amazing Grace Park for generations to come.

Your continued donations of time and resources will help us ensure that Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa Pinckney Memorial, achieves its destined glory and brings a message of inspiration to all who visit Marion for decades to come. Thank you for recognizing the importance of our mission and the need to establish this community legacy.

On June 17, 2015, Reverend Senator Clementa C. Pinckney, a senior pastor at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church was murdered along with eight of his parishioners. This tragedy occurred during their evening Bible Study class at the Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston. The country joined South Carolina in sorrow as we all wept, broken-hearted and shocked at the senselessness of the events.

While we can never forget this tragic loss of life, we can find healing through the memory of those we lost and deliver hope to all who join us in remembrance. We are asking you to join us as we work together to bring Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa C. Pinckney Memorial, to life in downtown Marion, South Carolina.

This major park project has a total estimated cost of \$3,000,000 and we are proud to announce that over \$2,450,000 has been raised because of the generous support of our Amazing Grace Park Partners. The park design includes a 1/4 mile walking/jogging trail, surfaced to ADA standards, a picnic structure, shade trees surrounding a large open lawn space and ample parking, all in the heart of downtown Marion.

The park will also include a unique series of large copper and steel angel wing sculptures in tribute to the Emanuel Nine. These free-standing custom works of art, created by nationally recognized sculptor Jim Weitzel, will bring the illusion of flight and motion to the serenity of the park. Amazing Grace Park will be adjacent to the Marion County Museum, which will host a permanent exhibit honoring Senator Clementa Pinckney and the Emanuel Nine.

Marion County is the final resting place for the late Senator Pinckney, buried next to his mother, Theopia Stevenson Pinckney (née Brooms; 1945-2005). Senator Pinckney spent most of his childhood summers in Marion County and has strong family ties here.



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Clementa Carlos “Clem” Pinckney

(July 30, 1973 – June 17, 2015)

Clementa Carlos Pinckney was a loving son and brother, a devoted husband and father, an inspiring pastor and a Democratic member of the South Carolina Senate, representing the 45th District from 2000 until his death in 2015. He was previously a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1997 through 2000.

In 1999, Clementa married Jennifer Pinckney (née Benjamin) in Augusta, Georgia. They met while he was at Allen University and she was at the University of South Carolina. The couple lived in Ridgeland, South Carolina with their two daughters, Eliana Yvette Pinckney and Malana Elise Pinckney. Pinckney was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, a man committed to his family, church, constituents, community and state.

Clementa began preaching at his church at age 13 and, by age 18, he was appointed pastor and served as senior pastor at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. in Charleston, South Carolina until his death on June 17, 2015. Pinckney was one of nine church members murdered in a racially motivated mass shooting at an evening Bible study at his church. U.S. President Barack Obama delivered the eulogy at Pinckney’s funeral nine days later.

During President Barack Obama’s heartfelt eulogy he said, “I’ve been reflecting on this idea of grace. The grace of the families who lost loved ones. The grace that Reverend Pinckney would preach about in his sermons. The grace described in one of my favorite hymnals -- the one we all know: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I’m found; was blind but now I see.”

President Obama went on to say, “Clementa Pinckney and the nine others killed that day found that grace. Through the example of their lives, they’ve now passed it on to us. May we find ourselves worthy of that precious and extraordinary gift, as long as our lives endure. May grace now lead them home. May God continue to shed His grace on the United States of America.”

In Marion, South Carolina where Clementa is laid to rest, Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa Pinckney Memorial – Museum, Playground and Pavilion is being built in honor of Clementa “Clem” Pinckney, Son, Husband, Father, Pastor and Statesman.

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— President Barack Obama
June 26, 2015
College of Charleston



Museum • Playground • Pavilion

COMMUNITY VISION – PARK SPECIFICS

Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa Pinckney Memorial will be established to memorialize the life of the late Senator Reverend Clementa “Clem” Pinckney.

Park Vision

- Celebrate the legacy of Clementa Pinckney
- Promote healthy lifestyles and communities
- Respect stewardship of resources
- Create sustainable economic benefits

The park features accessible seating areas and facilities, native flowers and foliage, walking trail and educational playground providing a venue for gatherings, festivals, concerts, weddings, and local activities. Adjacent to the park visitors will enjoy a visit to the Marion County Museum featuring an exhibit honoring Senator Pinckney, local Swamp Fox history and more.

PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION

- Summer 2020 Groundbreaking
- Summer 2021 Grand Opening



PARK LEGEND

- 1 Marion County Museum
 - 2 Marion County Council on Aging
 - 3 Ceremony Lawn
 - 4 Reception Lawn
 - 5 Event Lawn
 - 6 Gazebo
 - 7 Picnic Pavilion
 - 8 Fountain Plaza
 - 9 Entrance Plaza & Bust of Senator Pinckney
 - 10 Parking Lot
 - 11 Play Sculpture
 - 12 Wing Sculpture
-  Enclosed Dog Park

Amazing Grace Park, The Clementa Pinckney Memorial
adjacent to Marion County Museum, 101 Wilcox Ave, Marion, South Carolina 29571

THE PLAYGROUND



The Playground's Fox Climber honors the history of Francis Marion, also known as the Swamp Fox, a hero of the American Revolutionary War and the outdoor musical instruments are designed to provide multi-sensory experiences that help to build sensory, motor, strength and cognitive skills in children.

The playground will

- Provide recreation opportunities
- Improve and maintain physical fitness
- Developing strength, flexibility, agility, and coordination
- Strengthen and establish friendships





WE THANK THE PARK TEAM FOR THEIR GRACIOUS DONATIONS

\$995,000 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

\$547,000 MARION COUNTY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

\$482,560 MARION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

\$65,000 PEE DEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.

\$50,000 AT&T

\$50,000 KOMPAN INC., PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

\$30,000 DUKE ENERGY

\$28,875 SANTEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

\$25,000 MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

\$20,000 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

\$20,000 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS SPECTRUM

\$15,000 DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA

\$10,000 ANDERSON BROTHERS BANK

\$10,000 NEXTERA ENERGY

\$10,000 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

\$10,000 THE BOEING COMPANY

\$5,000 MS. JERRI WHITE

\$5,000 SOUTH CAROLINA CABLE TELEVISION ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

\$250 MR. JIM BROGDON

BENEFITS include levels of free membership amenities and membership to the Park and Museum, name/logo on grand opening banners and promotions.

RECOGNITION with donation details in the form of permanent markers and plaques with name and logo will be placed in key positions throughout the park. Name mention and presence in all communications. Logos and links prominently displayed on the Park’s website and ongoing social media recognition.

RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ceremony Lawn
- Reception Lawn
- Pavilion
- Fountain
- Welcome Plaza
- Parking Lot
- Walking Trail
- Foliage Arbors
- Swamp Fox Playground Sculpture
- Children’s Musical Playground Equipment
- Amazing Grace Wings Art Installation
- Water Fountains
- Vine Tunnels
- Museum Exhibits
- Park Benches



**PARTNERSHIP LEVELS,
BENEFITS & RECOGNITION
OPPORTUNITIES**

DIAMOND

\$100,000.000

PLATINUM

\$75,000.00

GOLD

\$50,000.00

SILVER

\$25,000.00

BRONZE

\$10,000.00

AFFILIATE PARTNER PROGRAM



Community organizations, nonprofits and business owners, we invite you to be a part of Amazing Grace Park. Your partnership will:

- Stimulate new ideas to utilize park resources and facilities
- Encourage partnerships amongst local business owners and organizations
- Promote opportunities to amplify park activities and events

The park offers opportunities to host school activities, gatherings, festivals, concerts, weddings, and local activities, plus team building activities, company parties, product promotions and more.

BENEFITS to Affiliate Partners include membership amenities and logo recognition on park collateral and digital promotions.

RECOGNITION includes logos and links prominently displayed on the Park's website and social media recognition.

– – – – Please share your thoughts with us! Email wrembert@marionsc.org – – – –

DATE: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES: _____

There are many ways to customize your participation and affiliate partnership.
Check those that interest you:

- ☐ Plan park events such as yoga in the park or senior walking activities
- ☐ Plant bulbs, weed and mulch flower beds
- ☐ Hold neighborhood info sessions and community activities
- ☐ Blog about park activities
- ☐ Share information about the park with your community
- ☐ Coordinate park clean-up events or community service events
- ☐ Other: _____

FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL PARTNER PROGRAM



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PARTNERSHIP REPLY FORM

All responses submitted to:

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WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES: _____

PARTNERSHIP LEVEL: _____

SO THAT WE MAY GIVE RECOGNITION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ORGANIZATION LOGO TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. (VECTOR-BASED .PDF/.EPS ARE PREFERRED, OR HIGH RESOLUTION .JPG FORMAT)

