Shelter beginning at 7 a,m.; all items should be priced. All proceeds from the yard sale and the cookout will be given to SCEC.

For more information or to let CSRARA know what you are willing to donate, contact Lisa Hall at CSRARA@aol.com.

Center requested to change codes

MIDLANDS — Those donating to the work of SCGLPM and the Harriet Hancock Center through the United Way are requested to give through code 9815 (for CRFC, the Carolina Rainbow Family Coalition). Because GLPM is a (c)4 organization, United Way in the Midlands will no longer take donations for GLPM (which was code 9333), so the Center is requesting that donors use 9815, the code for CRFC, a (c)3 foundation supporting the work of the Center.

For more information, contact SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

SCPN organizing 'Leftypalooza'

COLUMBIA — The S.C. Progressive Network is organizing LeftyPalooza, a fair to raise money, have fun and celebrate progressive organizing. The Network is seeking donations for this special fundraiser. You can help by donating the dregs of your lefty life: posters, bumper stickers, buttons, videos, DVDs, gently used t-shirts with lefty slogans and new or used lefty books, etc.

If you have items to donate, call 803-808-3384, or email scpoint@mindspring.com.

Pride Tour show kicks off Sept. 30

COLUMBIA/FLORENCE — The Pride Tour fundraisers are beginning, raising money for S.C. Pride 2006, which promises to be bigger and better than ever. Alley

Café in Columbia will host a show on Friday, Sept. 30, at 11 p.m., with donations accepted at the door. The Cha Cha Club in Florence will host a show on Friday, Oct 21. More information is forthcoming.

Lesbian groups growing across state

STATEWIDE — Three email groups designed for lesbian activities are growing across South Carolina. Each group covers a specific region spanning the state from east to west.

The network began with SCLesbians @yahoogroups.com, most of whose members and activities are in the upstate. The second group is the ColumbiaSC AreaNetwork@yahoogroups.com, focused on the general Columbia area and the Midlands. The most recent group to join is the CharlestonSocialClub@yahoogroups.com, based in the Charleston area. Each group is closed, meaning a moderator has to add new members. Each group requires new members to provide a general introduction of themselves to the group. If you or someone you know is interested, email any group for more information or to join.

Organizers are Rachel (for the Upstate), Beth (in Columbia) and Lynn and Chris (for Charleston). The Charleston group has a new website at www.charlestonsocial club.bravehost.com/.

S.C. Clergy Action Network forming

STATEWIDE — A S.C. Clergy Action Network is being formed to help leaders in the faith community join together and speak out against discrimination in the language of faith traditions. With the amendment battle ahead, it will be impor-

tant for faith leaders to come together and help to educate congregations and communities about same-gender marriage and gay and lesbian families. If you are interested in the S.C. Clergy Action Network, go to: groups.yahoo.com/group/SCClergyAction Network/?yguid = 80873151. Sign up for the network and help to form a strong faith-based alliance in South Carolina.

AFFIRM to host SCEC house party

GREENVILLE — AFFIRM will host a house party for SCEC on Oct. 7, 8-9:30 p.m. to raise awareness about the proposed constitutional amendment targeting LGBT families for discrimination. The event will include a viewing of the SCEC DVD "Fairness for All Families," a discussion of how SCEC is organizing to fight the amendment, and how we can be involved. Join the youth of AFFIRM and their families and friends for an evening of education and empowerment. Refreshments will be served and the youth center will be open for viewing. Donations are encouraged for the SCEC campaign.

For information, call 864-467-9004 or visit the website at www.affirmyouth.org.

Annual retreat: Penn Center Oct. 8-9

BEAUFORT — The ninth annual Progressive Network retreat at Penn Center in Beaufort is a must-attend event for South Carolina's social and political activists. It's a membership meeting, where most of the 55 organizations and individuals who comprise the coalition meet for fellowship and strategy sessions. All are welcome, but only Network members may vote. The cost for the weekend, including meals and overnight accommodations, is \$95. Some

scholarships are available.

For information or to register, email network@scpronet.com or call 800-849-1803 statewide, 803-808-3384 in Columbia.

AIDSWalk 2005

COLUMBIA — On Oct. 15, AIDSWalk 2005 will be held. The walk begins at Riverfront Park at 9 a.m. The event will feature music from local bands and an awards ceremony. Standup comedian Chelsea Handler will be the honorary chair. She is star of Oxygen Network's TV show "Girls Behaving Badly." Walk as an individual or a team. Registration is \$25, but all are encouraged to join.

PALSS celebrates 20 years

COLUMBIA — Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) will commemorate 20 years of service Oct. 10-16, with several activities, including a special dinner and a musical celebration.

On Oct. 10, enjoy an exclusive Italian dinner at Mangia! Mangia! with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to PALSS.

On Oct. 14, PT's Cabaret will present ALIVE After Dark, a lively drag revue, with proceeds to be donated to PALSS.

On Oct. 15, the annual AIDSWalk will be held at 9 a.m. at Riverfront Park. (Registration is \$25, but all are encouraged to join in.) Also on Saturday, TorchSongALIVE, a musical celebration of songs from some of Broadway's most beloved musicals, will be held at the Columbia Music Festival Association at 914 Pulaski St. Suggested donation \$15.

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