

# Rotary



## Rotary Club of Charlotte-South Newsletter



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### This Week's Speaker - Spencer Guthery and Christina Nunez, The Relatives



SUPPORTING  
YOUTH IN CRISIS

#### Club Meeting

Charlotte South  
Meets at Rooster's Wood  
Fired Kitchen - Southpark  
6601 Morrison Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28211  
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

#### Birthdays

Joshua C. Hall  
May 23rd  
Sabrena Hope Stabenaw  
May 28th  
Carl E. Rogers Jr.  
June 7th  
William F Fuller Jr.  
June 10th

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The Relatives, Spencer Guthery and Christina Nunez

The seeds of The Relatives were planted 44 years ago when members of The Dilworth United Methodist Church grew concerned about young people sleeping in Freedom Park. Shortly thereafter The Relatives Crisis Center was established, adopting its name from youth who preferred to say they were staying with relatives, than admit they were homeless or had runaway. Today The Relatives remains Mecklenburg County's only emergency crisis shelter for run away and homeless youth and adolescents (ages 7-17) providing walk-in crisis counseling, residential care, a crisis hotline, aftercare services for up to one year, and parenting classes based on the Love and Logic model.

More than 30 years later, based on trends that indicated negative outcomes for at-risk young adults, The Relatives expanded its services and created programming for transition-age youth (16-24 year olds). The On Ramp resource center, in uptown Charlotte, and Journey Place transitional living home for males aging out of foster care were established in 2010, and 2011 respectively. These programs serve the 19% of Charlotte's young adults who are considered disconnected (unemployed or uneducated). Managing the transition to adulthood is a challenge for any young adult but for homeless youth, those aging out of foster care and those lacking a natural support system the challenges can be insurmountable.



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The On Ramp program is specifically designed to help at-risk, transition-age youth obtain the tools to navigate adult systems, maintain safety, increase employment, prevent homelessness, and avoid criminal activity. The program has two distinct components: a drop-in Resource Center for young adults and an intensive case management service. On Ramp also offers a computer lab, employment readiness training, independent living workshops, mentoring, tutoring, and a GED classroom. As a testament to the need for this programming, the number of young adults seeking On Ramp services has grown substantially since its inception. Originally projected to serve 12-15 young adults it has burgeoned to serve over 650 youth each year.

From a small crisis shelter housing nine youth at a time, The Relatives has grown into a vital community resource providing a full continuum of services for at-risk and homeless youth. Throughout this growth, our mission has remained constant ♦ to keep kids safe, families together, and to prepare youth and young adults to be healthy, productive, and engaged members of the community. Today The Relatives serves more 5,000 youth, young adults, and families each year via our three programs, empowering them to become self-advocates and find viable, long-term paths to success. The \$3,000 in project funds requested from the Rotary Club of Charlotte ♦ South, will help us continue to provide vital wraparound and case management services to clients as well GED tutoring, life skills and basic needs to young adults who rely on us for support as they transition to adulthood.

Spencer is a Charlotte native and started at The Relatives as a volunteer with her family. She fell in love with the mission and came on staff in 2012 for a short term interim position and never left. She has a son who is a junior at Davidson and a 25 year old son who is in the Marines.

Christina Nunez has been with The Relatives for almost 4 years, and absolutely loves the organization. She started as the Administrative Assistant, and worked her way up to the Volunteer Engagement Officer position. Christina enjoys working with the great mentors and volunteers that make The Relatives what it is today.

## Duck Race to End Polio and More...



The Duck Race to End Polio has been rescheduled from the rained out fall dates to Saturday May 18 at Tailrace Marina on Lake Wylie.

Fastest Duck WINS \$2,500 Cash Prize  
 10 Lucky Ducks Will Win Cash Prizes AND there's a CHANCE TO WIN A CAR!

1 Duck for \$10  
 3 Ducks for \$25  
 15 Ducks for \$100

The line-up for the day includes:

10 am - River Sweep with Catawba Riverkeepers Foundation: Interact and Rotaract service opportunity. Kayaks available from Tailrace Marina. Volunteers go down the river to pick up trash. [www.catawbariverkeeper.org](http://www.catawbariverkeeper.org)

11 am - Stand Up Yoga offered by LeShea Perkins (maximum 8 SUP's available) [www.theyogaroomnc.com](http://www.theyogaroomnc.com)  
11 am - Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and sodas available. Members of the Rotary Club will be grilling. Mmmmm [www.charlotteprovidencerotary.org](http://www.charlotteprovidencerotary.org)

2 pm - 5,000 Ducks race and raise funds to End Polio. You have a chance to win a new car! \$2,500 prize for the fastest duck over the finish line. Tickets are \$10 each and you have a chance to win many more cash prizes. <http://bit.ly/duckraceforpolio>

During the day  
Food drive with Second Harvest Food Bank Rotary District 7680 is part of the 10 Million Meal Challenge. Bring canned food for our local community and let ♦s fill up the Morningstar Storage Bus. [www.secondharvestmetrolina.org](http://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org)

Boat rides on the River District Freedom Boat Club membership / Lake Norman & Lake Wylie [www.FreedomBoatClubLKN.com](http://www.FreedomBoatClubLKN.com)

In Water Boat Show If you are interested in buying a boat, try one of the 5 boats available. [www.edwatkinsmarine.com](http://www.edwatkinsmarine.com)

Kayaks and Stand Up Paddle Boards Try out our kayaks and SUP ♦s. Free for the day. [www.rowboatmarinagroup.com](http://www.rowboatmarinagroup.com)

Visit [Duck Race to End Polio](#) to Register.

## New Member Orientation and Club Social



**It ♦s Social Time!!!!!!!**

**We are planning a social that will also be an introduction to our newest Rotarians after their orientation.**

Bulla Gastrobar - outside on their fabulous veranda.  
**4310 Sharon Rd Suite W01, Charlotte, NC 28211 (Next to Cowfish Sushi Burger Bar)**

**Tuesday May 21st 5-7:30PM**

**Cost: \$15 per member/guest for passed hors d ♦oeuvres**

**Chance to win a \$50 Gift Certificate to Bulla!**

Please RSVP to Leigh Jenkins by Monday, May 13th  
[Leighjenkins2017@yahoo.com](mailto:Leighjenkins2017@yahoo.com)  
704-777-0563

**SAVE THE DATE! Tee Off 4 Kids Golf Classic**



We are less than 5 months away from the 2019 Tee Off for Kids Golf Tournament. Get your sponsors and foursomes secured now!!

The 2019 Tee Off 4 Kids Rotary Club of Charlotte-South Golf Classic will be held on **MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2019**. The golf tournament will be returning to the recently renovated Providence Country Club this year. Mark your calendars now and start thinking about your foursomes and reaching out to sponsors to help make this the best golf tournament for our Club!

## 110th Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June 2019

Sunday, August 26, 2018



**ROTARY CONVENTION**  
**1-5 JUNE 2019**  
**HAMBURG, GERMANY**

REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 31 TO RECEIVE THE PRE-REGISTRATION DISCOUNT!

Join Rotary President Barry Rassin at the 110th Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June 2019. The historic port city of Hamburg offers something for everyone. Germans call it **◆The Gateway to the World◆◆** and the 2019 convention will be your gateway to the world of Rotary. At the convention, you**◆**ll connect with people of action from across the globe while learning the latest news and strategies for keeping clubs strong.

As a leader you can make a difference in Rotarian attendance at the Rotary Convention. Now**◆**s the time to extend a personal invitation to your members, encouraging them to attend the convention, make new friends, and experience the fun.

Join your Rotary friends in Hamburg at the 2019 Rotary Convention where together, we**◆**ll Capture the Moment.

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Thank you for Wearing Your Rotary Pin!



## Upcoming Speakers and Events

6-May | Jill Dahan

11-May | YOUinted NewGen Peacebuilders

13-May | Spencer Guthery and Christina Nunez | The Relatives

18-May | Duck Race for Polio | Tailrace Marina

20-May | Club Assembly

21-May | New Member Orientation and Club Social | Bulla Gastrobar

27-May | NO MEETING | Memorial Day

1-5 June | 110th Rotary International Convention | Hamburg, Germany

3-June | Jonathan Russell | Boy Scouts

14-Oct | Tee Off 4 Kids Golf Classic | Providence Country Club