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Hotel

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**Transportation**

Bianca Walker, Program Manager of The Global Visitors Center at Furman will be your host and driver during your stay in Greenville. Should you need other transportation needs, the following is a list of local companies:

- SouthEast Transportation Services – 864-877-2111 (Ask for Trevor Quinn and let him know you are working with the Courtyard Marriott Downtown)
- Eastside Transportation Services – 864-609-5466
- Atchison Transportation – 800-346-7129
- Budget Cab - 864-233-4200 (transportation beyond downtown, to and from airport and to shopping destinations)
- Main Street Shuttle – 884-2999 (downtown shuttle service)

**Background**

Welcome to Upstate South Carolina. Located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, our area is rich in natural resources and beauty as well as culture and innovation. Established in 1869, Greenville was known as the “Textile Center of the South.” It is the second largest city in the state with an estimated population of 1,203,795. The Upstate is an 8-county region of northwestern South Carolina.

Greenville’s economy was formerly based largely on textile manufacturing, and the city was long known as “The Textile Capital of the World.” In the last few decades, favorable wages and tax benefits have lured foreign companies to invest heavily in the area. The city is the North American headquarters for Michelin, BMW and as a result, the International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR) was created.

When the former Donaldson Air Force Base closed, the land became the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center, and became home to a Lockheed Martin Aircraft and Logistics Center, as well as 3M and Honeywell. Also, General Electric has a gas turbine and wind energy manufacturing operation here.
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Greenville has a thriving arts community, with a number of venues to support performances. Greenville has been named one of the "Top 100 Arts Small Towns in the United States." Greenville attractions are held at a number of venues throughout the city and are geared to entertain any interest that you may have, starting with beautiful Falls Park on the Reedy and the acclaimed Liberty Bridge, a 355 ft pedestrian walkway overlooking the historic waterfall in our vibrant downtown. Visit our museums, galleries, the Greenville Zoo and more. And throughout the Upstate, there are more than 500 historic sites as well as the famous Blue Ridge Mountains with pristine lakes and forested trails.

Greenville has 3 sister cities: Kortijk, Belgium; Bergamo, Italy; and Tianjin Free Trade Zone, China

**Program Overview**

**Thursday, February 9 2012**

9:15pm: Bianca Walker, Program Manager will be at the airport to pick you up and take you to your hotel and assist you with checking in.

7:35 pm  Depart Washington, DC: (DCA)  *U.S. Airways 2391*  
9:06 pm  Arrive **Greenville, South Carolina** (GSP)

**Friday, February 10 2012**

8:30am: Orientation meeting in the lobby of the hotel with Bianca Walker, Program Manager. We will go over your itinerary during your stay in Greenville and guide you on activities in the area that you may be interested in attending. Travel to next appointment.

9:00am-11:00am:  *Center for Developmental Services, Jamie Moon, Executive Director. Tel: 864-331-1300, 29 N. Academy Street.*

The Center for Developmental Services (CDS) is a unique partnership linking individuals and families with multi-disciplinary services for developmental evaluation, treatment, education and support.

The vision is to ensure that individuals with developmental needs and their families reach their full potential. The CDS partner agencies (*BabyNet* of First Steps; Clarity: the speech, hearing and learning center; Family Connection of SC; Greenville County Schools; Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital; KidVentures of the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board) collectively serve more than 6,000 children and families each year. The
CDS partnership serves children from all over the upstate of South Carolina. It is the only center of its kind in the nation.

Jamie Moon, Executive Director will discuss the public/private partnerships at CDS and the give you a tour of the facility.

1:00-4:30pm: Maxim Williams, Director, Community Relationship Building, Bon Secours Healthy Communities Leader, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and Giovanna Burgess, After School Director, Sterling Community Center. Tel: (864) 477-0844. Sterling Community Center is located at 113 Minus Street, just across from Bon Secours St. Francis hospital off Dunbar Street.

Mr. Williams will meet us at the hotel and drive us/or walk through the historic Sterling community. Once a vibrant African-American community full of fellowship and pride, Sterling has been in the midst of a downward spiral that has negatively impacted all areas of life in the neighborhood. For the last 40 years, the community has faced gentrification, poverty, high crime, poor infrastructure, isolation, and poor health.

The Sterling Community Center houses the program of over 50 elementary age youth and almost 30 teens.

At 3:30pm, we can enter in the historic community center and Giovanna Burgess can connect the delegation for a hands on volunteer opportunity with the youth for tutoring and homework help, arts and crafts, recreation, and whatever else they have going on that day.

It will be a great opportunity for the group to learn about the strategic yet grassroots work, leveraging public and private partnerships to turn around the conditions that are keeping groups pinned under poverty while also getting to interact with the youth on a very personal level.

5:00pm  Return to the hotel.

6:00pm  Home Hospitality will be offered to:

Ms. RAMAMURTH, Ms. PARTHASARATHY and Ms. SHAIKH.

Jo Prostko and Charlie Fritz will pick you up at the hotel and take you to their home for dinner (19 Sevier Street, 864-423-5924). They will transport you back to the hotel afterwards.

Should you be interested in contacting the Islamic Society of Greenville, their telephone number is: (864) 292-2219. They are located at 96 Meridian Avenue, Taylors, SC.
**Saturday, February 11 2012**

You have a free day to explore Greenville. Mr. Kopinski will have access to transportation to take you to see the sights and sounds.

The Michelin guide in your packet gives you ideas on dining, touring, shopping and the arts.

**5:30pm** Home Hospitality will be offered to:

Ms. RITAMBHARA and Mr. MUKHERJEE. Bill and Kelly Taylor will pick you up at your hotel and take you for dinner in their home (415 Jones Avenue. Tel: 864-283-0571). After dinner they will bring you back to your hotel.

**Sunday, February 12 2012**

**12:00pm-3:00pm**: The local Indian community is hosting a luncheon for you today. Dr. KALIASH KHANDKE and Dr. VEENA KHANDKE will be your hosts. Mr. Kopinski will drive you to and from the event.

The address is: 204 Bennington Way, Greer, SC 29650

Telephone numbers are:
- Home: **864-268-9465**
- Kailash cell: **864-915-8635**
- Veena cell: **864-414-2133**

Should you be interested in attending church services, please see the list below for some that are near your hotel.

First Presbyterian Church  
200 West Washington Street  
(864) 235-0496

Christ Church Episcopal  
10 North Church Street  
(864) 271-8773

Downtown Presbyterian Church  
435 West Washington  
(864) 525-2536
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Monday, February 13 2012

8:30am: Furman University. Bianca Walker will pick you up at the hotel and take you to Furman University for a full day of activities. 3300 Poinsett Highway.

Furman University is the oldest, largest and most selective private institution in South Carolina. Founded in 1826, Furman is located on 800-acres location on the outskirts of Greenville with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Today Furman offers majors and programs in 42 subjects and is one of the select group of colleges that qualify for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s most prestigious academic honorary society. Undergraduates come from 46 states and 31 countries.

8:50-9:20 am: You have been invited to speak in Dr. Savita Nair’s History of Modern South Asia class in Furman Hall 207. Students are very interested in learning about you and your work in India. Dr. Nair is Associate Professor, Departments of History and Asian Studies.

9:30-10:20 am: Dr. David Gondolfo’s Introductory Poverty Studies class in Furman Hall 108 will be ready to hear about your work in India. Dr. Gondolfo is Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy.

10:20-10:45 am: Break

10:45-12:20pm: Furman University and Community Partnerships – informal conversations with representatives of Riley Institute, Dr. Kailash Khandke, Assistant Dean, Office for Study Away and International Education, Dr. Kate Kaup, Professor, Department of Political Science and Chair of Asian Studies, and Mr. Boyd Yarborough, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services. The meeting will be held in the Haynsworth Room in Furman Hall.

12:30-2:00pm: Drop-in Reception hosted by Asian Studies at Haynsworth Room in Furman Hall. Ms. Missy Hammer is the contact person, tel: 864-294-2878.

2:00-3:00pm: Campus tour. You will meet your tour guide in the Admissions Office and they will give you a tour of Furman’s beautiful campus.

3:00-3:45: Dr. Savita Nair’s Asian Colloquium class in Furman Hall 201 is very interested in learning about you and your work in India.

4:00pm: Return to hotel.

5:00pm: Reception at Furman in Younts Conference Center. The President of Furman University, Dr. Rodney A. Smolla, as well as faculty and staff at Furman, have invited you to a reception. This is an opportunity to meet informally with leaders in our community, some of whom you will or may have already met during your stay in Greenville.

7:00pm: Bianca Walker will take you back to the hotel.

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**Tuesday, February 14 2012**

*Happy Valentine’s Day!*

**8:15-11:45am:** Paul Clay will pick you up at the hotel and take you on a Poverty Tour at United Ministries. Hosts will be Paul Clay, Community Resources Associate and Brian Habig, Pastor at Downtown Presbyterian

Tel: **864.232.5287**, 606 Pendleton Street.

Founded in 1970, United Ministries provides life-changing opportunities and advocacy for people in our community who lack education or employment skills, who are in financial crisis, who are homeless, and those who can help.

After the Poverty Tour you will meet in the United Ministries offices to discuss volunteer management, public/private partnerships and how United Ministries continues to work towards poverty alleviation. Mr. Clay will bring you back to the hotel.

**12:00-2:30:** This afternoon you will be at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Tel: (864) 242-1050. 24 Cleveland Street. Your hosts will be Russell Stall, Executive Director and Brock Koonce, Program Director of Greenville Forward.

Greenville Forward enhances the quality of life for greater Greenville by engaging all citizens in continually updating, promoting, and facilitating a community vision for 2025 and beyond.

Greenville Forward was created in January 2006 to help Greenville achieve Vision 2025, the bold, comprehensive, and aggressive plan to create a vibrant Greenville in the next generation. By having a group like Greenville Forward, whose sole purpose is to facilitate, coordinate, and communicate the ideas from Vision 2025, the plan will be kept vibrant, alive, and attainable.

Greenville Forward will host lunch for you and after lunch you will have a panel discussion with:

- Russell Stall, Executive Director of Greenville Forward and Chair of Leadership Greenville,
- Derek Lewis, Executive Director of Greenville County First Steps and Chair of the Non Profit Alliance,
- and Rebecca Ellefson, Manager of United Way Hands on Greenville

Panelists will discuss how community leaders, both in the private, public and non-profit sectors work together to meet the needs of the Upstate community.

**2:45:** Return to Hotel. You are on your own this evening. Be sure to use the Michelin guide to help you with your dining and entertainment needs.

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**Wednesday, February 15 2012**

**Travel Day** – Your flight to New Hampshire is at:

11:56 am                     Depart Greenville, South Carolina: (GSP) *U.S. Airways 3839*

Please give yourselves 45 minutes to 1 hour to return the van and get to the airport. The Enterprise offices are located at: 531 Woodruff Road Greenville. Your contact is Ryan Fligg, Assistant Manager, tel: (864) 297-5579. Once you return the van he will take you (in the same van) to the airport.

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*Thank you for coming to Greenville South Carolina!*