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South Carolina Walk to School Day: March 7, 2012

This year the Resource Center is holding the first annual SC Walk to School Day. The event will be held on the first Wednesday in March. Please join all of the schools in SC as students walk and roll to school on this day!

Partners can use this event to progress their SRTS Resource Center Partnership level! [Click here](#) to register your event and to learn more!

Funding Opportunity: Mary Black Foundation

The Mary Black Foundation focuses on active living and early childhood development. In Spartanburg County, their footprint is hard to miss. In 2011 alone, the Foundation has supported SPARK training for PE teachers, a Boundless Playground, a solar kiosk for Partners for Active Living's B-cycle rental program, Safe Routes to School programming, and more. Their goal is to promote the health and wellness of the people and communities of Spartanburg County.

The Mary Black Foundation accepts applications for innovative active living programs in Spartanburg County



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2011 was a very successful year for the Resource Center, and we have many wonderful things planned for 2012.

Ninety-four schools signed on as Partners with the SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center in 2011. Additionally, 58 community organizations became Friends of Safe Routes. For 2012, our Outreach team will continue to develop resources, expand safe and healthy transportation options for children and share the Safe Routes to School Program information and strategies with schools, community organizations, municipal organizations, parents, and children throughout South Carolina. Make sure your school is a Resource Center Partner to take full advantage of all that

on a quarterly basis, with the next deadline coming up on March 1st. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.maryblackfoundation.org>.

Spotlight on a Friend: Charleston Youth Marathon

The Charleston Youth Marathon was held on Friday, January 13th. Congratulations to all of the students statewide that completed 25 miles of training for the event, and an even larger applause for the students who finished the last mile! Students, school running clubs, and families signed up for the modified marathon and logged their miles prior to race day. On January 13th, all participants completed the last 1.2 miles together on the official Charleston Marathon Course.

The Charleston Youth Marathon is a free event open to all children ages 7-17 years old who are in good health. The program provides an online and paper mileage logging tool, and every participant also receives a marathon medal. The event promotes active living, community participation and sponsors fine arts programs in local schools. For more information please visit: <http://charlestonmarathon.com/charleston-youth-marathon>

we offer. Go to our web site, www.scsaferoutes.org to see many of our resources and feel free to contact our School Outreach Coordinators. Make sure that your calendar is marked for South Carolina Walk to School Day on March 7th. And remember, take every opportunity to encourage Safe Routes to School.

