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**September *Charleston* Magazine Announces 2008 *Giving Back Awards*
*Editorial Mix Includes Annual Charitable Events Calendar and Local Luxury Finds***

September 1, 2008 – Charleston, South Carolina – *Charleston* magazine's September issue features the annual "Giving Back Awards" honoring the area's outstanding individuals and local businesses that make this city rich in philanthropic spirit. Created in partnership with the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina, the "Giving Back Awards" recognize winners in several categories including: Benevolent Spirit, Creative Spirit, Philanthropic Spirit, Community Spirit and Readers' Choice.

Editor-in-Chief Darcy Shankland elaborates, "Our local non-profits address so many needs within our community. This is one of my favorite issues because we are able to acknowledge often unrecognized talents living among us. The 2008 winners represent the best of our many deserving Lowcountry volunteers and philanthropists."

Additionally, the magazine's 2008-2009 ***Charitable Events Calendar*** – a must-have resource - is a yearly supplement with listings of fundraisers, galas, parties and celebrations. The pull-out book provides a comprehensive look at local events complete with pictures and detailed descriptions.

Writer Stephanie Hunt profiles classic realist painter and local resident Jill Hooper in "Depth Perception." Hooper's still lifes, portraits and landscape paintings have received international praise from curators and collectors alike. In "Hidden Treasures," Harlan Greene of the College of Charleston uncovers the Addlestone Library's world-class collection of priceless artifacts and antiquities. An abundance of ancient coins, rare books and original manuscripts fill a climate-controlled vault which is open to visitors who wish to witness these important pieces of history.

For some Charleston residents, luxury means wearing the best in fall fashions. Style editor, Ayoka Lucas, scoured the runways and retail stores for "Raising the Bar" (page 198) where she showcases haute couture and ready-to-wear finds for the most discerning shopper.

Charleston magazine reflects the city, her people, culture, traditions, architecture, and natural beauty. Our continued goal is to cover the evolution of this diverse community – its local icons, pressing issues, style, food, entertainment, and more – while preserving its historic traditions. For more information or to subscribe, call (843) 971-9811 or log on to www.charlestonmag.com. Charleston magazine is available at area newsstands for a cover price of \$4.95.

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