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## College Transition Connection, Inc.

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### Winter Newsletter 2009

We are pleased to bring you our second edition of our semi-annual newsletter from the CTC. We would like to update you on how all the LIFE™ programs are doing, let you in on some exciting news on upcoming projects.

#### Current Programs

This spring marked a milestone in South Carolina. The University of South Carolina's program, Carolina LIFE™, completed its first full academic school year! They currently have five students enrolled in Carolina LIFE™'s third semester. Visit [www.sa.sc.edu/sds/carolinainlife/index.htm](http://www.sa.sc.edu/sds/carolinainlife/index.htm) for more information.

Clemson LIFE™ is currently in their second semester and has ten students. Their website is [www.clemson.edu.culife](http://www.clemson.edu.culife).

Coastal LIFE™ began their program this August. They have created a four year program that offers both residential and non-residential options for students. Their program is structured around a schedule that includes college classes, career exploration, functional living skills training, campus events, job training, community experiences, and extracurricular activities. For more detailed information go to [www.coastal.edu/cec/LIFEprogram.html](http://www.coastal.edu/cec/LIFEprogram.html).

#### Future Programs

We are pleased to announce the addition of another university to the LIFE™ programs. The College of Charleston has been chosen to be the next recipient of our Transition and Postsecondary Education Program Grant.

The C of C LIFE™ program is planning to accept its first students in the fall of 2010. Their program is designed to be a four-year inclusive program. Students will have the opportunity to participate in academic, residential, social, and cultural experiences offered by the College of

Charleston. LIFE™ students will participate in mainstream classes, but will be responsible for a subset of material (as appropriate for their specific level), and will earn a LIFE certificate rather than a traditional diploma. To learn more visit [www.cofc.edu/newsandevents/news/new-l.i.f.e.-program-benefits-community.php](http://www.cofc.edu/newsandevents/news/new-l.i.f.e.-program-benefits-community.php)

#### How you can help!

Over the few years the general assembly has awarded CTC funding to help our colleges and universities create sustainable programs. Unfortunately, the economy has created some uncertainty with regard to future funding. The state is projecting a significant shortage again this year. We have done a good job living on a budget but are concerned about what may happen next.

Please consider a donation to CTC so we can continue helping South Carolina's colleges and universities create model programs for our young adults with intellectual disabilities. We are a 501-c3 non-profit organization. We are most appreciative of any consideration.

We are also accepting donations for the CTC Scholarship Fund. The tuition of each LIFE™ program far exceeds the standard tuition at each university. These scholarships will help students and their families with the financial strain that accompanies such a cost.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 31656, Charleston, SC 29417 and our phone number is 843-763-4169. Thank you.

CTC would also like to wish all of you Happy Holidays and we hope you have a wonderful new year.