



Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc.

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CHEC's mission is to raise public awareness of the values of our natural and cultural resources by providing environmental education, recreation, research and management of conservation lands.

Press Release — For Immediate Release

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Local residents will continue learning about the area's natural resources through hands-on experiences, informative presentations, outdoor adventures, habitat tours and more thanks to a grant from The Mosaic Company Foundation. The Foundation's \$40,000 grant is integral to continue the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Watershed Education Programs into 2014.

The media is invited to attend a kickoff event at the Young Children and Nature Adventures Program on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Alligator Creek Environmental Center, 10941 Burn Store Rd. Punta Gorda. Local resident Kaley Miller, Mosaic manager of communications, will be onsite assisting CHEC staff with the program.

"We are so grateful to receive this grant and for the continued support of The Mosaic Company Foundation," said CHEC CEO Jim Thomson. "This funding will help CHEC continue its education programming, which is so important to teach residents and visitors about the area and to help them develop an understanding of human impacts on local systems. Through education, CHEC hopes to bring about positive behavior changes."

Beyond the Young Children and Nature Adventures, CHEC's Watershed Education Program offers residents and visitors Water Ecology School, Up & Down River Educational Bus Trips, Estuary Seagrass Wading Adventures, Speaker Programs and Boat Journeys.

"The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center is a cornerstone non-profit promoting conservation and environmental education from the greater Charlotte Harbor watershed to Lemon Bay," said Gary N. "Bo" Davis, Mosaic senior vice president of phosphate operations and board member of The Mosaic Company Foundation. "The Mosaic Company Foundation is proud to support this watershed education program that reaches thousands of local residents."

Programs funded through The Mosaic Company Foundation grant are posted on the CHEC Website calendar (www.checflorida.org) and Facebook page, and in CHEC Points E-newsletter and public service announcements.

About the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

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values of our natural and cultural resources by providing environmental education, recreation, research and management of conservation lands. For further information please call the Alligator Creek Preserve office at 941-575-5435.

About The Mosaic Company and The Mosaic Company Foundation

The Mosaic Company is the world's largest combined producer and marketer of concentrated phosphate and potash, two essential crop nutrients. Driven by its mission to help the world grow the food it needs, Mosaic is committed to strengthening global food security and protecting critical water resources. The Mosaic Company and The Mosaic Company Foundation make investments in and partner with best-of-class leaders in the focus areas of food, water and local community investments. More information about Mosaic is available at www.mosaicco.com/florida.

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