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## Media Release

### **Chapman awarded Good Citizen award for Eagle Scout project**

**North Charleston, SC** – Owen Chapman was awarded the Daughters of the America Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award this month, in part for his Eagle Scout project collecting hearing aids for refurbishment and distribution to those in need.

Chapman, a senior at Academic Magnet High School, explained that the hearing aid collection drive was part of the overall public service announcement of "Hearing Loss Awareness."

Chapman suffers from hearing loss and since he was two-years-old, has undergone 11 surgeries. He now has prosthetic hearing bones.

Through his collection drive he was able to donate 63 hearing aids and donated them to the Lions Club Vision and Hearing Services where they will be refurbished and distributed.

This year-long effort began with public service announcements airing on various radio stations in the area. Initially collection boxes were going to be placed around town but COVID-19 thwarted that. Instead he personally conducted a reach-out and collection campaign.

"Despite COVID-19 it turned out very successfully," said Chapman. "I'm pleased with the collection totals and I appreciate everyone who supported me. I am also honored to be recognized by DAR."

Chapman is undecided on where he will attend college and is weighing his options. He hopes to major in international economics, or something similar.

For more information, contact Principal Catherine Spencer at (843) 746-1300.

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**About the Charleston County School District**

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CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.