



**Charles Pinckney  
Elementary School**

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## Media Release

### **New Club at Charles Pinckney Elementary Providing “Warmth” for Community**

**Mount Pleasant, SC** – Charles Pinckney Elementary School (CPES) has created a positive school culture, and staff and students are showcasing it on social media with the hashtag #BeTheOnePinckney. One of the most recent results of this positive atmosphere is the blanket project through the Student Ambassador Club. Paige Hoagland, a guidance counselor at CPES, and Assistant Principal Tiffany Henderson helped start the club this year to promote kindness and service throughout the school and community.

The CPES Student Ambassador Club partnered with Youth Service Charleston for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service project: making fleece blankets for Project Linus and local hospice agencies.

[Project Linus](#) is a non-profit organization that, according to their mission, provides love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.”

“This project went along great with the mission of the club,” explained Henderson. “I am so thankful to Youth Service Charleston for the guidance and help in creating this project and teaching our students the importance of kids helping kids. One of our students remembered her sister receiving one when she had surgery and was so happy to be able to provide that level of comfort for other kids.”

Youth Volunteer Corps of Charleston supplied materials and resources for the project. The students worked for two weeks and completed 25 no-sew blankets. Now they can’t wait to get them to children, especially those in hospitals.

“We hope these blankets help bring joy to other kids and make their day,” said fifth grader Maggie Welch.

To learn more about this service project at Pinckney Elementary, contact Assistant Principal Tiffany Henderson at (843) 856-4585.

## Photo Captions

**Blanket Photo 1** - Back row (left to right): Tiffany Henderson, Audrianna Amara, Callan Potter, Carter Walrond, Daniel Paradise, Mckenna Garrett, Maria Francesca Picone, Ella Troy, Emma Brooks, and Paige Hoagland

Front Row (left to right): Izzy Pessillo, Emma Grace Bradford, Kelsey Cribbs, Avery Bessho, Emi Larsen, Lucy Solomon, Emma Cosgrove, and Maggie Welch

**Blanket Photo 2** - Left to right: Callan Potter, Emma Grace Bradford, and Ella Troy

**Blanket Photo 3** - Left to right: Maria Francesca Picone, Natalia Klein, Lucy Donohue, and Izzy Pessillo

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.