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Celebrity Soirée – SRNS serves for a cause

AIKEN, S.C. – (June 26, 2025) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employees recently gathered at Newberry Hall in Aiken, South Carolina for Children’s Place, Inc.’s 30th annual Celebrity Waiter Night. This year’s theme, Atomic Outlaws, brought a wild west flair to an evening of rounding up donations to support the community.

Children’s Place, Inc. is a local non-profit child and family development center dedicated to protecting, healing and strengthening children and families from the impact of trauma and other adverse experiences. Since 1968, they have been a beacon of hope and healing for Aiken County’s most vulnerable populations.

Celebrity Waiter Night is a signature fundraiser that allows Children’s Place, Inc. to continue running their Therapeutic Child Care (TCC) program, which is one of only two in South Carolina and the sole provider in the CSRA. It specifically serves children under the age of six who have been exposed to trauma and other adverse experiences, providing vital mental health counseling and rehabilitative therapies.

As a diamond sponsor, SRNS donated \$10,000 to sponsor a Celebrity Waiter Night event, and additionally raised \$65,000 through sponsorships, online, silent and live auctions, and tips for the waiters. This event was successful, exceeding the \$55,000 goal resulting in a total of \$75,000 donation to Children’s Place, Inc.

“As a company rooted in safety and security, we believe our responsibility extends beyond our site boundary— it includes supporting our community,” said Janice Lawson, SRNS Senior Vice President of Environmental Management Operations. “We strive to be a trusted neighbor, investing not only in a safer environment but also in the future of our communities. By supporting causes that uplift children and families, we aim to foster a culture of compassion, connection and care—values we cherish deeply.”



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employees presenting a check to Children’s Place, Inc.

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SRNS employees, Tori Slate, Sarah Brunson and Khaki Byers served as co-chairs for the event once again, collectively putting in months of hard work to plan this annual fundraising event.

“SRNS has always seen itself as more than just a site operator,” said Tori Slate, SRNS Senior Emergency Preparedness Specialist. “Supporting Children’s Place, Inc. has been one of the ways that we can directly impact the lives of the vulnerable children and families in our region. For SRNS, the partnership also aligns with its broader mission to promote safety, stability, and goodwill in the region.”

SRNS Director of Operational Excellence and Quality Assurance, Kevin Whitt, stated “SRNS has partnered with Children’s Place Inc. for 16 years. The company’s continued involvement in charitable efforts reflects its deep commitment to giving back and making a positive difference in the lives of those around us.”



Artwork showcased in the silent auction.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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