

The Cosmopolitan Woman's Club sponsored their annual luncheon and fashion show this past Monday at the Keowee Key Country Club. It was a spectacular spring day and I surely felt the ambiance of spring inside the beautiful clubhouse. From the butterfly themed decorations at each table to the colorful clothes and accessories worn by the beautiful volunteer models, the event was like a welcomed breath of fresh air – invigorating! Now all I can think about is how much I want the warm days and bright colors to stay!

Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Cosmopolitan Woman's Club who continue to out-do themselves each year to benefit the children and teenagers who live at Collins Children's Home. We are blessed by these wonderful ladies in so many ways, through the club and also through their personal gifts to our ministry.

I loved the butterfly theme this year and was reminded of an anonymous poem I once read, "Like a butterfly, I am growing and changing and finding my true colors in life. I am finding my wings so I can fly and soon be on my way." I couldn't help but think of the butterflies being symbolic of our children and how important it is for us (me, you, our community) to give our children the opportunity to grow and thrive despite their circumstances.

So, the next time you see a butterfly fluttering by, please take a moment to pray an intentional prayer for the hurting children all around us...and for the adults who were once hurting children who never had the chance to live in a safe and loving home environment.

Tomorrow, Saturday April 1st is THE BIG DAY FOR B.K.! We are celebrating Brian Keith Seabolt's "50TH" birthday! If you don't know B.K., you are

missing out! He was the fourth child to come live at Collins Home in 1980 and has lived on our campus ever since. We hope to make his "50th" memorable for him with a 'drop in' celebration at Bounty Land Baptist Church tomorrow from 2 - 4PM. Please take a few minutes to drop by to wish him, "Happy Birthday" and you'll make his day!

Attention: Golfers and Event Sponsors.... Our 15th Annual Stancil Cooley Estep & Stamey Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Plantation is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017. Mark your calendars for a fun day of golfing and a delicious dinner reception. Contact me at 864-882-0893 or apelfrey@collinschildrenshome.org for details if you would like to participate as a golfer and/or a sponsor for this vital fundraiser. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.