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## The Pickens County Performing Arts Center Welcomes Miss America 2017 to the Dream Big Showcase and Arts Center Grand Opening

Pickens County, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - The Pickens County Performing Arts Center, formerly known as the Liberty Civic Auditorium, welcomes Miss America 2017 to the Dream Big Showcase and Arts Center Grand Opening.

The showcase is an opportunity to be inspired to dream and grow... personally and collectively as a community. Eight year old Riley Fincher-Foster's life challenging stories will show us how a little girl is living her dream every day and sharing her amazing talent. Together with our reigning national and local queens, they will inspire and entertain. We'll hear how young girls became beautiful women crowned home-town queens on the Arts Center stage that was once a high school auditorium.

The renovations bring back fond memories and give future hope. Residents have said the auditorium represents pride and remember when it was the Liberty High School auditorium. Former Mayor George Jackson said, "It was a feeling of pride to be at the high school and on that stage. I remember people filling the auditorium and watching their home-town favorites win the crown, title of Miss Liberty. The auditorium was the center of activity and life in the community."

The Dream Big Showcase and Performing Arts Center Grand opening is free to the public with proceeds benefitting our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, through partnership with the Miss America Organization.

We need the support of our community... greater Pickens County, area business and economic development partners, and state and local leaders.

Together, our commitment has the power to create positive growth and opportunity to energize our community through the arts, technology and philanthropy.

The event begins with a 7:00 PM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the doors to the new Pickens County Performing Arts Center, and usher in a spirit of success!

Join us on August 17th from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at 314 W. Main St. in Liberty.

The Dream Big Showcase features:

- \*8 Year Old Riley Fincher- Foster, Children's Miracle Network
- \*Luke Brazinski, Young Appalachian Musician/Guitar & Fiddle
- \*Savvy Shields, Miss America 2017
- \*Suzi Roberts, Miss South Carolina 2017
- \*Ali McCaslin, Miss South Carolina Teen 2017
- \*Daja Dial, Miss South Carolina 2015
- \*Dawn Smith Jordan, Miss South Carolina 1986
- \*Sherry Thrift Bradshaw, Miss South Carolina 1985

A Donor reception and meet and greet follows this wonderful event. We are thankful for our generous donors who are making this dream a reality with every contribution.

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