

## Canines look for luck

Onlookers didn't need their four-leaf-clover-shaped glasses to see how adorable the dogs from the **Humane Society of Charlotte** were on St. Patrick's Day as they walked the parade route. These well-behaved canines were decked out in their best green gear: Some sported bandanas, others had "Adopt Me" vests on and one poodle showed off its green-tinted fur. The dogs' emerald show of force was not just for St. Patrick's — green is also the official color of the Humane Society of Charlotte.

"Our vision is to put all animals in safe and loving homes," said Donna Ragan, Marketing and Public Relations Manager for the Humane Society. "This vision will be accomplished by providing care and compassion for all animals physically and emotionally; education and information on the humane and responsible treatment of all animals; respect for animals and people; integrity in word and deed; collaboration with the community; and being fiscally responsible and accountable to the community."

### get involved

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## Elegant ball helps musicians

One hundred and fifty guests attended the 2013 **Nautical Ball** on March 23 at the Myers Park Country Club, benefiting **Charlotte Concerts** and its educational programs.

The gala raised \$90,000 to support its musical instrument donation program for students in underserved schools, free tickets for middle and high school students to attend the concerts, and the sponsorship for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Middle Schools' Honors Orchestra, Middle Schools' Honors Band, and Middle Schools' Honors Chorus.

"I was completely amazed at the rich, elegant and regal look of our evening, A Nautical Ball Aboard the Queen Charlotte," said Aynsley Wade, who was the Gala Chair for the second year in a row. "I was blessed to work with such a great committee and I am so thankful that we were able to raise money to support the many students in our area schools."

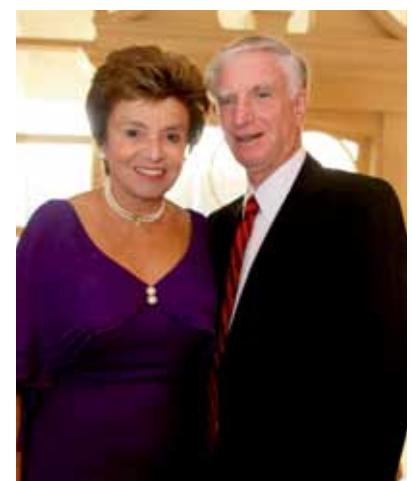
Charlotte Concerts, the original presenting arts organization in Charlotte, was founded in 1930 and is in its 84th season. Performances take place in the Halton Theater on the Central Piedmont Community College campus and include symphonies, orchestras, ballets and soloists. In addition to performers from the United States, Charlotte Concerts has drawn groups from Iceland, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Russia, China, Slovenia, Norway and many other countries.

Charlotte Concerts also features "Informances," hour-long informal performances the day of the show that are free and open to the public. ■

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