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**Greater Columbia Marine Foundation and Columbia Opportunity Resource Call for Volunteers
for USMC Mud Run October 13**

*Greater Columbia Marine Foundation and Columbia Opportunity Resource Partner for One of the Midlands Largest
Volunteer Engagement Efforts*

September 25, 2012 - COLUMBIA, SC – Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) and the Greater Columbia Marine Foundation have again joined forces to recruit more than 500 volunteers for the USMC Ultimate Challenge Mud Run Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Sandy Run. The USMC Mud Run, a bi-annual event, raises money for the families of Marines who have been injured or killed in action and funds scholarships in memory of Marines who gave their lives defending our freedom. Volunteers may sign up online at ourcor.org/mudrun.

The USMC Mud Run is one the largest single-day volunteer recruitment efforts in the Midlands. Volunteers are needed to support 9,000+ runners completing the 5.2-mile all-terrain course, a series of 36 boot camp styled obstacles that have been surrounded by (or consist entirely of) mud. While Marines are stationed along the course, civilian volunteers help with a variety of activities from the course registration to the finish line.

“Columbians are remarkably generous with their support of our servicemen and women. Volunteers enjoy the opportunity to assist participants who run the course, and help to Marines and their families at the same time,” said Chakisse Newton, chair of the COR Board of Directors.

“The Greater Columbia Marine Foundation is excited to continue the partnership with COR to recruit volunteers for the USMC Mud Run. COR’s involvement will ensure that we have the volunteers needed to successfully produce this large event,” said 1st Sgt. Bill Toomey, who serves as event director for the USMC Mud Run.

Volunteers may sign up for one of two shifts (6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) or volunteer all day. All volunteers will receive a free lunch or dinner depending on their shift, a free t-shirt and an invitation to the volunteer appreciation after-party. Volunteers must be at least 13 years or older (with ages 13-17 accompanied by an adult). Groups are encouraged to participate in the USMC Mud Run.

For more information, contact Nick Gentry at 803.733.2511 or mudrun@ourcor.org.

About COR:

COR | Columbia Opportunity Resource connects young, talented professionals in the greater Columbia area to diverse and meaningful networks for leadership, service and fun. We believe: Vibrant networks attract, retain and motivate talented people; Motivated and talented people create exciting communities; and Exciting communities continually renew their talent pool. Our vision is an innovative, energized and successful Columbia community that attracts, inspires, develops and retains the best talent in the world. Ourcor.org

About the Greater Columbia Marine Foundation:

The Greater Columbia Marine Foundation is organized to promote the values of the United States Marine Corps within the Greater Columbia area through its leadership and actions. The Foundation activities will provide the state with a greater awareness of the presence of Marine Corps organizations and promote the important functions these organizations serve relative to the social and economic welfare of the Greater Columbia area and when feasible South Carolina. www.columbiamarine.org

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