



THE PONDS

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Public Domain Art Integrated into Community Canvas at The Ponds

Greenwood Communities & Resorts Supports Community, Culture through The Ponds Conservancy

Summerville, S.C., Feb. 23, 2009 – [Greenwood Communities and Resorts](http://www.greenwoodcommunities.com), developer of [The Ponds](http://www.theponds.com), has made its first artistic contribution to the 1,950-acre master-planned community located just outside historic Summerville. Through purchase of “They Are Waiting,” a sculpture created by Nigerian artist Nnamdi Okonkwo, Greenwood continues its tradition of creatively weaving cultural pieces into the public areas of its resorts and communities. (Editor Note: Photo of the artist with his sculpture is available at www.corderphilips.com/pr/nnamdi_bw.jpg.)

“We are thrilled to have this wonderful sculpture here for our residents to enjoy,” said Greenwood’s president, Jay Nexsen. “When we purchased The Ponds property in 2005, we made a commitment to protect the land and do it justice, and to support our residents and the surrounding residents of Summerville through educational and cultural initiatives. Acquiring ‘They Are Waiting’ allows us to do both.”

The sculpture has a permanent home adjacent to The Ponds’ outdoor amphitheatre overlooking one of the property’s ponds. The piece itself features three women in various stages of waiting, subtly depicting variations in depth and intensity. “People can relate to and identify with this sculpture, because the women reflect basic human emotions that are ever-present in our lives,” said Okonkwo, who is an active participant in Summerville’s annual “Sculpture in the South” event and currently resides in Fayetteville, Georgia. “We have all waited for something at different times in our lives.”

Greenwood believes the quality of life in a community is enriched by public domain art, and supports this philosophy through gifts of art in its communities. The company also has offered major community support to the Arts Council of Greenwood County and the Reserve at Lake Keowee Foundation.

Greenwood will continue to honor commitments to the wellbeing of its residents through [The Ponds Conservancy](http://www.thepondsconservancy.com), a not-for-profit organization created to enhance the quality of life and sense of community at The Ponds, which will be activated March 1, 2009. Major functions of The Conservancy will include educational programs, social events, cultural endeavors and environmental stewardship. While protecting

nature and the beauty of the land at The Ponds is an important responsibility of The Conservancy, its overriding purpose is to become a thriving resource for community activity and spirit. Residents of The Ponds will benefit for years to come. Look for upcoming Conservancy events this spring, including a special reception for artist Nnamdi Okonkwo at the site of “They Are Waiting.”

About The Ponds

The Ponds is a 1,950-acre master-planned community set between the town of Summerville and the Ashley River Historic District. In addition to a 1,100-acre nature preserve, residents of The Ponds will enjoy the benefits of a newly completed onsite Summerville Family YMCA and EMS/Fire/Sheriff’s substation, as well as a planned village center. Greenwood has also set aside land for a proposed K – 8 public school.

The Ponds’ residential offering includes custom homesites and single-family homes built by our exceptional builder team. Several homes are now complete, and the first residents have moved in. Also complete is the community’s core amenity area, which includes a pool, outdoor pavilion, waterfront outdoor amphitheatre, 11-acre multi-purpose field and a restored historic farmhouse. A 60-plus-mile sidewalk and trail system connecting to The Ponds’ 1,100-acre nature preserve will be phased in as development progresses. An early part of the system, however, linking the community trail head at the restored farmhouse to hundreds of acres of woods, pastures and ponds, is complete and in service. For more information, please call 843.832.6100 for details, or register online at www.DiscoverThePonds.com for ongoing updates.

About Greenwood Communities and Resorts

Greenwood Communities and Resorts, based in Greenwood, S.C., is a leader in the creation and management of award-winning residential and resort communities in the southeastern United States since 1978.

The company has achieved success over the years because of steady, consistent and reliable service to its customers and its communities. Beginning with the award-winning Palmetto Dunes Resort at Hilton Head Island and evolving to current communities like The Ponds, Big Canoe near Atlanta and The Reserve at Lake Keowee, Greenwood’s mission has remained the same: Create memorable places that foster meaningful and fulfilling lives.

Greenwood has been actively involved in the Charleston market for almost 20 years, successfully completing Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston and Beresford Hall on the Cainhoy Peninsula in Charleston.

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