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## Would You Eat A Bug For Charity? You Can This Weekend

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**Greenville, SC** – Gregory Pest Solutions announced today that it will be making cash donations to the South Carolina Make-A-Wish® Foundation for every person who is brave enough to eat a bug at their booth (#191) during the Southern Home and Garden Show this weekend March 6-8 at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, South Carolina.

“The Southern Home and Garden Show is such a great event for our community that we wanted to do something different this year. We want to do something meaningful for one of our favorite charities,” said Tim Baumgarten, Director of Business Development for Gregory Pest Solutions. “Make-A-Wish has done so much good for so many families in South Carolina. We wanted more people to be aware of the great work they do. And we want to support their efforts. Just yesterday, we had ninety-five people eat a bug for charity at a trade show in Myrtle Beach. We think the Greenville community is just as adventurous, if not more so. We hope many will be able to come to the show and stop by Gregory’s booth to eat a bug for charity!” Phil Gregory, Chairman & CEO of Gregory Pest Solutions, sits on the Board of Directors of Make-A-Wish South Carolina.

Is eating a bug safe? Surprisingly, it is—at least the way they will be offered for this charity event this weekend. The products that Gregory will be using as part of the charity fund raiser are from actual food suppliers who specialize in edible insects that are prepared, inspected, and marketed under the same guidelines and governmental oversight as other commercial-grade food products U.S. families consume every day. Gregory Pest Solutions does not recommend that you eat bugs right out of nature, however. As strange as it sounds, it’s probably best to source your edible bugs from food suppliers with experience in proper insect preparation.

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## **About Make-A-Wish® Foundation in South Carolina**

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

Make-A-Wish® South Carolina got its start with the first wish on November 10, 1984 with a child named Louis. Louis, age 5, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. His wish was to see “a big time football game.” He attended a home game at the Citadel in Charleston. He was presented with his own team uniform and was able to run out onto the field with the players. Louis watched the game not in the stands like the other fans, but on the benches with the players. Since then, the chapter has granted 2,000 wishes and continues to grant over 130 wishes throughout the state each year.

## **About Gregory Pest Solutions**

Gregory Pest Solutions has been a part of the Upstate of South Carolina since its founding in 1972 in Greenville. Since then, Gregory has grown quickly to cover eleven states throughout the Atlantic and Southeast regions and has become the thirty-seventh largest pest control company in the country.

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