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### **Sumter Senior Services - Holiday Extravaganza**

SUMTER, SC – On December 17, 2024, Ms. Gail Wilson, Executive Director of Sumter Senior Services, and staff planned a holiday extravaganza for the \_\_\_\_ seniors who attend the center. When you entered the room, it was filled with pure love and excitement. The seniors spent several days decorating their tables and making so-called “ugly sweaters” and beautiful hats for the event, which were judged by a panel for prizes.

CMSgt (Ret) Cheryl R. Moye, Vice Chair Sumter Senior Services, said, “Today was absolutely phenomenal! In my 6 years on the Board of Directors, I have never seen our seniors experience such pure joy. They had an absolute blast, from a very competitive Christmas table decorating contest to confidently walking the runway, showing off their gorgeous hats and handmade “ugly sweaters”. The energy was unbelievable! It was simply heartwarming to witness the youthful fun, family, and fellowship. Seeing our seniors so happy was the best day ever. Wishing each and every one of them a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!”

Ms. Carol B. Gailliard, SSS Board of Directors Secretary, said, “The SSS Christmas event was one you should not have missed. The seniors at this center are very creative, fun, and full of energy.”

Ms. Janae Stowe, Santee-Lynches Area Agency on Aging Director, said, “I was so inspired by Ms. Irene, who is 98 years old. She lit up the room in her hand handmade sweater today. I cannot thank the staff and volunteers at Sumter Senior Services enough for cultivating an environment where our seniors are happy and thriving!”

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