



"Empowering people through encouragement, education, and employment"

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The 2016 Ornaments are here!

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2016 Mobile Ornament:
the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion



2016 Pensacola Ornament:
the Barkley House

GOODWILL EASTERSEALS ANNOUNCES 2016 CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST ORNAMENTS

Goodwill Easterseals of the Gulf Coast is proud to announce its 22nd annual Christmas on the Coast ornaments for Mobile and Pensacola. The limited edition, brass- and gold-plated ornaments have become collectors' items for many Gulf Coast residents.

Revenue generated from the sale of Christmas on the Coast ornaments allows Goodwill Easterseals to provide services in our community that encourage, educate and employ individuals with disabilities and others in need, helping to build stronger families and communities. Programs include early care and education for children of all abilities, family support and respite, adult education and GED services, job search assistance for individuals with disabilities and free income tax preparation services for low-income households.

The 18th-Annual Christmas on the Coast ornament for the city of Pensacola is *The Barkley House*, a historic treasure to Pensacola, Florida. Located at 410 S. Florida Blanca Street, it is one of the oldest masonry houses in Florida and the last remaining early 19-century example of a "High House" in Pensacola. The Barkley House was built in 1825 by George W. Barkley, an English trader/salesman, from bricks salvaged from Pensacola's British fortifications. Because of its beautiful grounds and spectacular view, The Barkley House is a popular venue for outdoor weddings, receptions and special events. Mitzi Holt, known for her series of limited-edition drawings called "I Remember Pensacola," designed the artwork for the ornament. Goodwill Easter Seals thanks Mitzi for donating her talents and design to this edition of the "Christmas on the Coast" ornament.

The 2016 ornament for the City of Mobile is the *Bragg-Mitchell Mansion*. Once more, "B" Sumrall, known for her paintings of Mobile and Baldwin County landmarks, designed the ornament's artwork.

Ornaments are now available for order on the Goodwill Easterseals of the Gulf Coast website and at Goodwill Easterseals retail stores and select Gulf Coast businesses. For a complete list of retail locations, or to order ornaments online, visit <http://www.gescg.org/store/>. The price is \$15, plus \$2 shipping and handling. In addition to the 2016 ornaments, a limited supply of ornaments from previous years is available online.

For more information, questions, or to place an order, please contact Charlene Rains: 251-380-7183 or charlene@gescg.org.