



Discover Jesse's House



August 2004

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

A JESSE'S HOUSE GIRL

How Jesse's House helped me

I am going to miss Jesse's House. You have inspired my life in so many ways. I am so thankful for everything you have done for me. I may not show it all the time, but I have learned so much from my time here. You help teenage girls out when there is nowhere else to turn. I think I have made some lifelong friends here. I wanted you to know how much I am grateful that God has put you in my path. I love you and will always keep in touch.

14 year old resident

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Building our new shelter involved the hard work of several individuals, groups and businesses. One such business, located here in Forsyth County, is **Murphyletric**.

Matt Murphy, the owner, read about our need in the Forsyth County News. He immediately called to donate his company's electrical services. Murphyletric was one of the many angels who made our new shelter possible. His company specializes in residential, commercial and industrial services. We are truly grateful for companies and individuals such as Matt, who donate their specialized services in order to help our girls.

JESSE'S HOUSE NEEDS

- Frozen meats (to fill freezers at the new shelter)
- Canned goods for pantry
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper goods (towels, toilet, plates, napkins, etc.)

Gift Certificates (Wal-Mart, Target, grocery stores, office supplies stores) are always helpful for unexpected needs throughout the year.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

On March 8th we moved into our new shelter. Approximately 5 months later, many have asked about the adjustment. As we had anticipated, our larger space filled up quickly with girls in need of emergency placement. Since the March opening, we have served 28 females, ages 11-17.

The individual bedrooms have provided each girl with privacy and an opportunity to spend time alone reading and writing. The library and computer lab area contributed significantly at the end of the school year. Three nights a week the girls received tutoring and academic assistance. The results were significant for increasing each girl's enthusiasm and confidence in her school work. The game room has provided the girls opportunity to play carefree and to interact with one another. And finally, our new common room area has provided a great atmosphere to enjoy weekend movies.

It has been an exciting transition. As the summer comes to a close we look forward to the new school year and to the ability to serve a larger number of youth.

Sincerely, Julie Barry

Volunteer Luncheon

On June 29th, Jesse's House held our annual volunteer luncheon to recognize the dedication and commitment of our volunteers. The luncheon, hosted by Martha Lappe, provided an opportunity to acknowledge the critical part volunteers have in Jesse's House success. As a token of our appreciation, each volunteer received a memento of the girls they have worked to help.

The volunteers (see page 3 for a list of attendees) included tutors, mentors, fundraising chairmen, repairmen, pet therapists, those who cook meals and prepare crafts for the girls we serve. We are grateful for their continued commitment.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Keyana Brown at 678-947-6217.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ahhh, the hazy, lazy days of August. I hope you all have enjoyed the summer and know that everyone is busy planning the start of the school year. Is it the end of summer already?!

I think this is the perfect opportunity to brighten everyone's day with a recap of the amazing first half of 2004 for Jesse's House.

- **OUR NEW SHELTER** – With the help of so many businesses and our supporters throughout the area, we opened the doors to our beautiful, new shelter in March. As you well know, growth does not present itself without growing pains; however, we made a smooth transition in affording our larger home with the help of our volunteers, Board of Directors, staff and financial supporters. On a special note, I am impressed with how much this home means to the residents - they pay their respect and thanks every day by keeping their home beautiful and clean.
- **MATCHING DONATION GOAL MET!** – As many of you know, last year we were blessed to receive an anonymous donation to match every dollar raised up to \$100,000. I am pleased to announce as of recently this goal was accomplished and our matching funds have been donated! I cannot express how much this anonymous supporter has helped Jesse's House not only succeed, but prosper in our fight to provide for and protect our residents.
- **KAISER PERMANENTE CHOOSES JESSE'S HOUSE** – On July 28th, Julie Barry and I were invited to attend the open house for Kaiser Permanente's Forsyth location. At this ceremony, Jesse's House was the fortunate recipient of a \$5000 donation. We feel honored to be the sole charity picked for this Community Goodwill Gift. I would like to welcome Kaiser Permanente to the community and thank them for their support and generosity!

As we near the Labor Day weekend, please enjoy the long days and nights knowing that you are all doing so much to enrich the lives of the Jesse's House family!

Jason Dudley,
President of the Board of Directors

A DAY AT THE LAKE WITH THE GIRLS

The day broke with warm sunshine and a light breeze over Lake Lanier. We loaded ten girls and two staff members into boats and cruised to a sandy beach on an island. We anchored down, unloaded all our coolers and snacks and the fun began. One boat took the girls tubing. The girls even got to drive which turned out to be a highlight and led to screams of delight.

The girls swam and relaxed, snacked and drank, tubed and swam, talked and joked, etc. After a few hours of enjoying the beach we motored back down to the south end near the dam area where we just drifted enjoying the sun, the breeze and the peace of the water on the lake. There we were able to practice diving from the boats and many were outstanding – knees together, toes pointed and vertical entry – well maybe not perfect but it was perfect fun for all the girls.

We had a wonderful day. I am thankful for the opportunity to share my boat with the girls so they could have a great day at the lake. Thanks also to Richard Tidwell for helping so much and sharing his boat too.

Lynn Howard

Staff Announcements:

Jesse's House would like to welcome our new Volunteer and Activity Coordinator, **Keyana Brown**. Keyana has coordinated activities and afterschool programs for the YMCA. She holds a B.S. degree in Psychology from Fort Valley State University. Duties of the Volunteer and Activity Coordinator include regular contact and outreach with volunteers and creating activities that meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs for our girls. We are very pleased to have her with Jesse's House.

A longtime staff of Jesse's House, **Christy Moore**, was recently promoted to the position of Case Manager. The Case Manager serves as direct liaison and advocate for the girls we serve. Duties include preparing intake of new residents, ensuring their physical, mental and academic needs are met and completing treatment goals for every youth served. We are very excited to have Christy in this position.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities—

The time has come for us to ask you for more of your precious time. We are looking for volunteers to help us with the following upcoming events:

- The 4th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes at Polo Golf and Country Club
- 2005 Golf Tournament
- Someone with Physical/Recreational Education to work with the girls of Jesse's House to develop athletic comfort and ability and to build upon teamwork activities.
- Volunteers for the fund raising committee

All interested volunteers should call 770-947-6217 and speak to Keyana Brown.

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Volunteer Luncheon Attendees—

We are so very grateful for the support of our volunteers. Much of the warmth and support of Jesse's House comes from these folks.

Molly Lins, Fran House, Wanda Lamb, Jim Rewalt, Dennis Lee, Jackie Cheeks, Debra Baranco, Glynnell Ellis, Heather O'Conner, Whitney Schuckle, Beth Friedman, Linda Ray, Judy Labesky, Michele Morris, Mark Baade, Maria McLemore, Jeanne Sheahan, Cyndy Daly, Marsha Tremonti, Linda Jones, Melody Parker, Lori Anders, Jeannie Akoubian, Pat Groman, Sherry Abney, Joy Kenyon, Don Reese, Deborah Farrell, Cheryl Fleming, Lisa O'Saben, Allison Roberts, Rose Thomas, Gail Bailey, Kathy Sakal, Cynthia Pelligrino, Pat Bradley, Marietta Burgess, Maggie David, Jeri Lynn Caruso, Anne Ammons, Carolyn Timmons, United Way of Forsyth County, Forsyth County Commissioners

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In Memory of:
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By Adrienne A Grantham

In Honor of:
Lynn Howard
By Anne, Rachel & Jason Howard

IN MEMORY OF

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