



Discover Jesse's House



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Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that another year has passed us by and school is starting again. At Jesse's House, we will be starting the school year with not one, but two new mini-vans! As we have previously announced, the increase in residents has brought our transportation needs to new levels and thankfully, our generous supporters have given us the opportunity to meet this demand. We would like to thank our friends at Jim Ellis Mazda and Milton Martin Toyota for helping us out with these purchases.

On another note, I am please to announce that our Executive Director, Julie Barry has been accepted into the 2006 class of Leadership Forsyth. Julie has been an integral part of our team and we are looking forward to her attendance in this highly beneficial program. In addition to Julie, one of our Board members, Jeanne Marie Cowdrey, will also be a student in this class. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish Julie, Jeanne Marie and the rest of the 2006 Leadership Forsyth class the best of luck.

Thanks for all you do,

Jason Dudley,
President of the Board of Directors

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jesse's House continues to expand our facility and programs to better meet the needs of the youth we serve. We are always working to strengthen our programs, accountability and mission. With the support of individuals like you we have worked hard to affect the lives of over 300 of Georgia's youth.

Presently, we are working on several projects toward the above goals of improving programs and program accountability. A grant in combination with **Ed Isakson YMCA** allows us to provide a wellness program for the youth we serve. This program includes healthy eating habits, nutrition and proper exercise. This program will benefit the female youth we serve by providing education on body image and healthy eating habits that can benefit them for a life time.

We are working on measuring the outcomes for the youth we serve. Specifically, we are examining which services and programs benefit our youth most. A computerized test provided to each youth upon arrival and again when leaving, will help us determine if they have made progress while at Jesse's House, in what areas they have shown the most progress and recommendations for their future growth. Through outcome measurements, we can share these results with outside individuals and groups.

Lastly, Jesse's House has long considered the addition of two long-term beds. Therefore, providing space for youth who have shown considerable progress and who could benefit significantly from remaining in the community. Examples include youth who are involved in extracurricular sports team, who are finally excelling at school and would be severely affected by a disruption or who are showing significant improvement in other areas.

Our mission remains to provide emergency beds for youth in need. The addition of two long-term beds, however, enables us to provide a greater amount of service for some of these individual youth. We are very excited about this progress and sharing it with the many people who have invested in Jesse's House.

I would like to close with expressing my appreciation for Jesse's House dedicated Board of Directors. Jesse's House is a direct result of this dedicated group who work tirelessly for the mission and progress.

Sincerely,
Julie Barry
Director

WHAT IS JESSE'S HOUSE?

Jesse's House is a place where teenage girls come to get help. It is a loving place that shows you kindness, love, trust and how to be a family. It also shows teenage girls responsibility. Someone is always there for us when we need them. No matter why we are here, they don't judge us of our past and they give us a chance to prove who we are and can be. They help us succeed in our goals and in our lives as well.

Jesse's House is a good place for girls who don't have a great chance in life and who need a little direction to be on the right track. They care a lot about us and what our plans are when we leave. They have taught me how to trust people again. They have taught me to be a better person and most of all how to be me!

- 16 year old resident



Christmas is Coming...

... and you may be thinking of a special gift for that special someone to put under the tree. The Jesse's House cookbooks will be available in several local stores soon. Be on the lookout. Or you may purchase them from **Terry Morgan** of the Board of Directors directly. You may reach her at 770.532.0451 x 18.

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JESSE'S HOUSE WISH LIST

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper

Cleaning Supplies: All-purpose Cleaner, Pledge, Bathroom Cleaner, Pine Sol, Windex

School Supplies: 3-ring binders, paper, graph paper, markers, colored pencils, gift certificates for supplies.

MOTHER'S DAY

Alice Mashburn
By *Martha Lappe*

This Mother's Day contribution was inadvertently omitted from our last edition. We apologize.

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SUMMER GARDENING HELP

In May, **Master Gardener's** started work on our previously planted garden. The work included raising the garden bed, preparing the soil, planting vegetables and flowers, and regular watering of the plants. The girls participated in each part and learned a lot through the process. We look forward to the fresh food and to preparing it in our regular menu.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

To all deserving persons out there who were inadvertently not listed. We will continue in our goal to improve our efficiency.

JASON DUDLEY & JULIE BARRY ACCEPTING OFFICE DEPOT GIFT CERTIFICATE



Office Depot held the grand opening ceremony for their Cumming store on June 2nd. As part of **Office Depot's** commitment to community, Jesse's House was awarded a gift certificate for school supply needs. The certificate will assist in providing supplies for some of the 65 youth served during the upcoming school year. Thank you **Office Depot!**

SPECIAL THANKS

Jesse's House girls enjoy a variety of summer activities as the result of several dedicated volunteers and contributions. Among this summer's outings, the girls enjoyed a day on the lake. The outing was hosted by **Martha Lappe**, a Jesse's House Board of Director. The day offered the girls an opportunity to canoe, kayak, fish, swim and their most favorite, a rope swing. After several hours of swimming, canoeing and having lunch, the girls had spent a good bit of energy. And fortunately, the weather cooperated for a sunny and warm day.

This outing was among many that provided a memorable summer for the girls served at Jesse's House. Canoeing and kayaking were a first for many. Among other new activities tried this summer were ice skating, jewelry making, sewing, book club, theatre, and horse back riding. We appreciate all of the people who make these opportunities available and to the many volunteers who dedicated their time and energy.

The **Cumming Kiwanis Club** works with local Key Clubs for the mission of serving the community. Recently, the **South Forsyth Key Club** worked very hard selling candy at their school and collaborating in a local garage sale to work on raising funds for Jesse's House. Thank you to this group of dedicated young people for their hard work and contribution to Jesse's House.

Aetna held their Join Hands Day on May 4th and May 5th to benefit the surrounding community. During this time, the Alpharetta office held a used book and media sale as a fundraiser. The funds raised were then matched by the **Aetna Corporation**. **Aetna** selected Jesse's House as a recipient charity. **Aetna's** donation contributed to meeting our summer activity needs. In addition, **Aetna** donated the remaining books to the Jesse's House library. The multiple copies of books allowed Jesse's House to hold a book club during summer activities.



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