



Discover Jesse's House



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Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

**Check out the new Jesse's House Blog
www.jesseshouse.org**

With the help of **Clearbuilt Technologies**, Jesse's House has created a weekly blog detailing events and daily life for the girls at Jesse's House. Come check it out! Below is an entry from June's blog.....

Week of June 23, 2006

This is the quietest I've heard this house in months! The girls are in the living room watching a movie. It's rather difficult to come up with a movie that all of the girls are happy to sit and watch. They took a trip to the video store, and apparently they managed to find something good.

The house is also a little more quiet because we are down to eight girls. I'm sure it's the calm before the storm. One of our ladies has had the pleasure of being out on a pass for most of the week with a potential foster parent. They're getting to know each other, and hopefully this situation will work out for both of them!

We have another 18th birthday on the horizon. We have had two in the past few weeks. This is a fairly rare occurrence for us. When children in foster care turn 18, they have the option of either staying in care or signing themselves out. Those who choose to stay in care remain under the care of DFCS. They receive all of the same benefits that those under-age are receiving. After their 18th birthday, the girls do not stay at Jesse's House. In most cases, they move to an independent living facility that will help them to finish their education and begin to work on those major life-skills needed to be an independent adult.

Those who choose to sign themselves out of care generally have people in their communities who are willing to lend a helping hand so they can land on their feet. These young adults do have the option of signing themselves back into care until the age of 21.

*Our newest member to the adult world is very excited about her upcoming move. She has made it clear to staff that she has thought through her decision, and she seems to have a pretty good plan in place. We are excited for her, and we hope to hear lots of positive things from her in the future. **Tammy Shirley** took her out to celebrate yesterday for a day of beauty. We will give her a great send-off/Birthday party on Sunday. (Cont'd next column)*



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*The girls took a trip down to the Bremen Museum on Monday. They all had a fantastic time. They were very impressed with their tour guide. He had quite an extensive knowledge of Atlanta. It was a full day, as that evening, the **Calzone** family came and brought dinner. On Tuesday, the girls headed back to Atlanta for a trip to Atlantic Station. Wednesday, **Amy from Club-Z** came for her final tutoring session with the girls. She will likely be back at the beginning of the school year to start again! Thursday, the **ladies from Laurel Springs** brought their weekly dinner. Tonight the girls will likely go skating at **Slapshots**. Tomorrow, the girls plan on going down to Centennial Park for Family Fun Day.*

Thanks for checking in!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you.

It seems like we use the term quite a bit at Jesse's House.

It's a natural saying that our mothers and fathers taught us at an early age. In fact, my mother always told me in order to be a true Southern gentleman that saying 'thank you' and 'you're welcome' was just important as opening doors for women and respecting your elders.

Recently, Jesse's House hosted a luncheon to honor our volunteers. It was incredible to meet some of the people who dedicate their time to our organization. As I welcomed everyone I had the chance to say some really nice words to these special people - thank you! Now for those of you who don't know me, I am rarely short on words. As I thought to myself "How did I let this opportunity go by without saying something more meaningful??" At that point I realized that 'Thank You' said it all. It wasn't just a term or saying that was robotic in nature, it was two words that implied "Without you, Jesse's House would not function and you are a wonderful person for what you do."

So, to all of our volunteers, donors and supporters - Thank You!

Thank you from our Board, thank you from our staff and most importantly, thank you from our residents.

Jason Dudley
President

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IN MEMORY OF

Mary Elizabeth Wiener
By *Dr. & Mrs. Pelaia*

Guitar Lessons from The Music Authority

Thanks to **Andrew Loggins**, owner of the **Music Authority** located in Cumming, Jesse's House found donated guitar lessons for a long-term resident interested in learning.

The **Music Authority** is a full line music store and teaching facility. Andrew said, "I felt like this was a good opportunity to give back to the community and help a child who was interested in music. It's been fun teaching her and I hope she gets all the benefits of playing guitar and learning music." We are very grateful for his providing this life-long skill and commitment to community!

Killer Creek Harley Owners Club

Killer Creek Harley Owners Club consists of approximately 150 members who meet for social activities, bike rides and fundraising for local charities. This year, Jesse's House became the recipient of the **Killer Creek Club**. And in July, the club came together to build a storage shed for the shelter. The shed will provide needed space for large donations and a safe storage area for the girls served. We are very grateful to be the recipient of this group's generosity and wish them all safe riding!

IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY

Mr. Buck Echols
By *Charlene Harrell*

Mr. T. S. Williams, Jr.
By *Melissa and Sky Williams*

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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



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Thanks for the Summer Fun

Outfitting Jesse's House girls for summer fun is always an adventure. We would like to thank the many groups and individuals who provided beach bags, bathing suits and summer outings for our girls. Thanks to your assistance, the girls had an enjoyable summer experience.

JESSE'S HOUSE WISH LIST

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper

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Bathroom Cleaner, Pine Sol, Windex

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for school supplies.